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Real Memory

Finally! Much thanks to Barbarella for her wonderful article on Tijuana ("A Tijuana Better Than in My Memory," August 25). It's nice to see the real Tijuana (not all Revolución and strip bars) portrayed accurately. *Muchas gracias.*

Marcela Gutierrez
via e-mail

Ignorance Emphasis

After glancing at the cover of the August 25 Reader and reading the cover story's title, I apprehensively searched for page 30, concerned about what an article titled "A Tijuana Better Than in My Memory" might say about my birthplace. Yes, I grew up in Tijuana, that dusty border town that "Barbarella" (the article's author) says she would visit when on drugs and looking to make a fool of herself (her words, not mine).

Unfortunately, there are many teenagers like Barbarella that come to Tijuana looking for cheap beer, free tequila poppers, and loud music. And yes, most of them do end up making fools of themselves. The worse part, however, is that when they finally leave in a drunken stupor they take with them the image of that small part of Tijuana that they saw and in their ignorance assume that the whole city, if not the whole country, is only more of the same. Hence Barbarella's quote: "TJ sucks. Unless you want to get wasted, laid, or annoyed, there's no reason to go down there." People like her make me sick. That's as outrageous as a foreigner spending a few nights barhopping in Ocean-side and then telling his friends that the only reason to visit San Diego is to get drunk in a cheap bar and/or get laid by a cheap hooker. The fact that she was so surprised at what she saw when

her friend Eddie insisted on bringing "Babs" to Tijuana eight years later only emphasizes her ignorance.

Most of the places she was surprised to see have been here all along.

Some examples:

The Plaza Rio Tijuana (the mall she visited) was built in 1979.

The CECUT (Tijuana Cultural Center) was built in 1982.

The Cinépolis Theatres were built in 1994.

The El Camino Real Hotel (the five-star hotel where she had breakfast) was built in 1996.

All these, along with many other Tijuana attractions that she still doesn't know exist, were here when she visited eight years ago. Maybe it was the ecstasy or the margaritas or just plain ignorance, but the "new and improved" Tijuana that she was so surprised to see has been here all along, just a few short blocks from the bars where she used to come to get wasted, laid, and annoyed.

Had she been looking for that side of Tijuana, she probably would have found it.

Luis R. Fitch
Tijuana

Great Job

Barbarella's current cover ("A Tijuana Better Than in My Memory," August 25) story about TJ is awesome! I've lived in San Diego for almost six years, and I've had the same preconceptions about TJ as Barbarella did from her earlier experiences. Because of those preconceptions, I have avoided TJ for all of those six years that I've lived here. I've only driven through TJ to get to Rosarito or Ensenada. I was sure that being over 18, TJ would hold no appeal for me. After reading her article, I think I'll have to give Tijuana a try — the Cervecería Tijuana sounds amazing, as does the Tijuana Cultural Center. And, okay, the VIP movie theater sounds pretty cool too! It's refreshing to pick up the Reader and find something that's entertaining and informative — you guys have been doing a great job lately of selecting writers and stories that bring attention to the lesser-known highlights of the area. Kudos to you, and kudos to Barbarella.

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via e-mail

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City Shells Out Millions to Mush Masters

By Don Bauder

Those who point fingers should have clean hands. But outside consultants pocketing big bucks to pinpoint San Diego's financial woes are themselves suspected of having sticky fingers.

Four law, accounting, and investigative firms have wangled contracts aggregating more than \$15 million to probe the city's concealment of pension and health-care deficits. Two of those firms and the parent of a third are under investigation for their roles in financial capers through offshore tax and secrecy havens.

The accounting firm KPMG won't certify the 2003 city audit because it believes that the Houston law firm Vinson & Elkins did an inadequate job digging into the pension mess. City attorney Mike Aguirre and pension whistle-blower Diann Ship-

ione agree that the two Vinson reports were whitewashes — just what the city wanted. Thus far, KPMG has positioned itself for more than \$3 million in payments, and Vinson will get more than \$6 million.

For a year and a half, a federal grand jury in New York has been investigating offshore-based tax shelters sold by KPMG from 1996 to 2002. Those shelters cost the government \$1.4 billion in lost tax revenues, says the Internal Revenue Service. Last week, it appeared that KPMG might avoid a criminal indictment by settling with federal regulators for \$450 million.

On August 11, a former executive with a German bank pleaded guilty to charges of

fraud, conspiracy, and tax evasion for his role in promoting and preparing papers for the allegedly abusive KPMG shelters. KPMG has been reticent with the press, but it has issued statements saying it takes responsibility for actions of its former partners.

Vinson represented Enron, which concealed its losses and debt in complex offshore partnerships. In 2001 alone, Enron shelled out \$35.6 million to Vinson, almost 8 percent of the law firm's revenue. Enron was the firm's biggest client. According to a May 22, 2002, story in the *Wall Street Journal*, Vinson sometimes raised objections to Enron's offshore deals but "didn't blow the whistle. Again and again, its lawyers backed down." Vinson partners represented Enron in Cayman Islands-based off-balance-sheet transactions, according to the *Journal*. Enron management and the board "relied heavily on the perceived approval by Vinson & Elkins of the structure and disclosure of the transactions."

In civil suits, financial institutions have now agreed to pay a collective \$7 billion for their roles in the Enron debacle. But

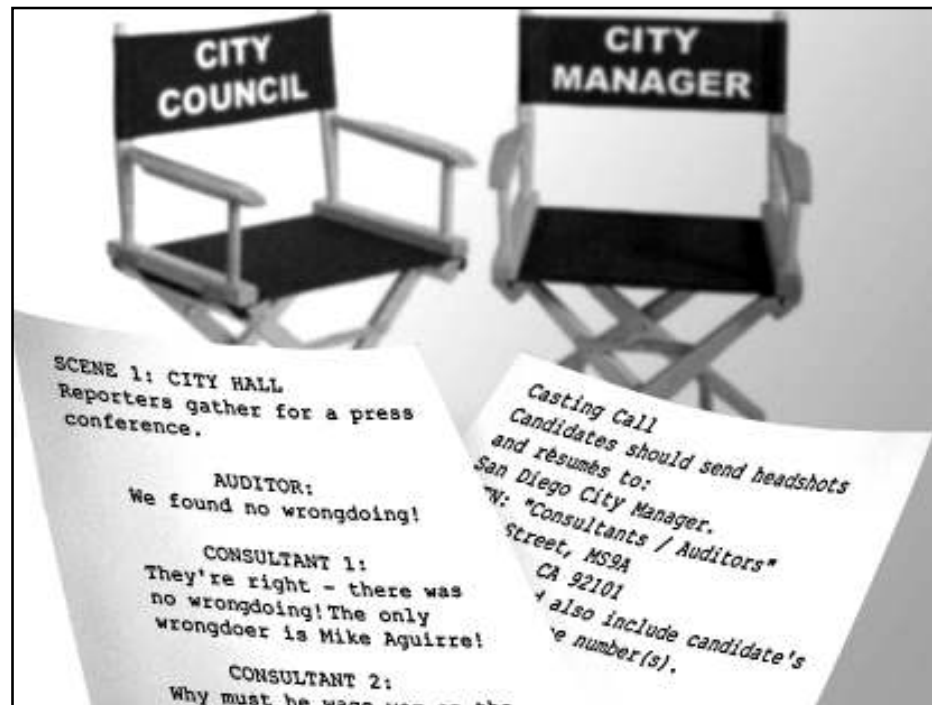


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Vinson and other institutions have not yet agreed to cough up, and San Diego attorney William Lerach, the lead plaintiff lawyer, warns that those who take their time settling may get squeezed. Vinson did not return a call for comment.

Kroll Inc. will receive at least \$3.55 million from the city. It is charging the city \$900 an

hour for the services of former Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Arthur Levitt, who is maneuvering to win himself "a plan that keeps him employed indefinitely at massive amounts of money," says Aguirre.

Kroll was hired to reconcile the Vinson whitewashes with Aguirre's tough probes. Aguirre

charges that ex-mayor Dick Murphy and former and present city councilmembers violated securities laws by hiding negative information from bond

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We Can't Reach Everybody

By Joe Deegan

"The survival rate for people who are mentally ill and have alcohol or drug addictions is terrible," said Mike Milsop, who

had been served with an eviction notice by the Shelter Plus Care facility on Streamview Drive in East San Diego. "We've had seven men die in less than four years that I've been here. It's not that they die on the premises. Sometimes they relapse and return to the bushes, where they get their heads bashed in."

Shelter Plus Care, a program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was funded in San Diego by the department with a \$5 million grant in 2000. A welcome addition to the social services community, it is administered locally by the San Diego Housing Commission and Pathfinders, whose 54 years of residential treatment for alcoholism is the oldest in town. The program serves men who, at the time of entry, have been

homeless for the equivalent of a full year, are mentally ill, and are alcoholic and/or drug addicted.

But when I talked to Mike Milsop last May, he alleged questionable management practices at the Streamview Drive facility. Milsop had filed complaints with Housing and Urban Development's Office of Inspector General, and in an April 7 letter, the office said that it would investigate the program.

"I started at the bottom," said Milsop, who thought his complaints had led to his June 30 eviction. "But Pathfinders, the Housing Commission, and the local Housing and Urban Development office ignored me. So I took it to regional HUD in Los Angeles. When they ignored me, I kept climbing the ladder all the way to Washington,

D.C., where I got the Inspector General's attention."

Milsop's initial complaints to Pathfinders concerned wet spots and mold under dilapidated carpeting in his apartment and the denial to residents of garage spaces. He worried especially about the mold, since medication he takes for rheumatoid arthritis weakens his immune system. Several times in the past, bouts of pneumonia had required him to get urgent hospital care.

Facilities maintenance, however, seemed the least of Shelter Plus Care's problems. Milsop alleged that Pathfinders allowed several of its employees to live in apartments that should have gone to homeless men. And it relied on the residents it served to manage the Streamview Drive apartments. Milsop said he had not been paid for work he had done there.

Milsop, who is alcoholic and bipolar, was living on the streets in August 2001 when he sought help from Shelter Plus Care. By the following spring, he was performing the on-site managerial functions

at Streamview. He took over the job suddenly, after the previous manager, Randall Dawson, suffered several strokes at the apartments one day. "The Pathfinders people claimed

for working. "I liked doing the work a lot," Dawson said. "After I recovered from the strokes, I didn't know what to do with myself and went out and got drunk. It was my fault. But the



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Bob Dietrich

Randall had relapsed because of the funny way he was talking and staggering around," said Milsop. "They wanted to throw him out of the program."

By phone, Dawson told me that he remembered his pay for the managerial work being "about \$120 per month." He said that several resident managers before him also got paid

program ended up treating Mike Milsop in a very shabby way."

Early this year, Milsop filed a complaint with California's labor commission alleging that Pathfinders owed him \$400 a month in unpaid wages over a three-year period, for a total of \$14,400. After a May 27 hearing, the commission ruled that

it could do nothing about the problem and that Milsop would have to seek federal help since the work he had done was for a program funded by the U.S. government.

In a September 1, 2004, letter of recommendation, Richard Burtz, who is the director of the two local Shelter Plus Care facilities, itemized the tasks Milsop had been performing. "He monitors...daily routines and conformance to resident guidelines," wrote Burtz, "helps facilitate groups, tracks residents' appointments, shuttles residents to meetings and activities, helps newcomers in their orientation and access to social services, monitors building maintenance needs and services and reports pertinent information to staff."

Especially in the beginning, said Milsop, "I didn't know what I was doing. I had no training." Yet in his work capacity, Milsop eventually received from Shelter Plus Care inti-

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Matt Potter
is on vacation.

How Did They Get Up on the Roof?

By Ernie Grimm

Early one morning in May, Padre Gabriel Rodríguez walked out the front doors of downtown Tijuana's San Francisco de Asís

Catholic Church. When he reached the sidewalk, he turned and looked up to admire the tall, narrow neo-Gothic church, considered one of Tijuana's most beautiful. "I was surprised and uncomfortable and mad," he confesses.

Indecipherable black spray-painted characters stained the top 2 feet of the entire 150-foot length of the church's east wall. Shading his eyes from the morning sun, Padre Rodríguez scanned the edifice's upper reaches and grew angrier when he noticed that the tile dome atop the more western of the church's two belfries had also been tagged.

Padre Rodríguez. Every wall and building in the neighborhood bears some amount of it. "But not the church," he says. "We have another building that fronts the street, and they paint on that from time to time. But the temple itself? No. Not until now."

Asked why the church has been spared heretofore, the handsome square-faced priest shrugs his shoulders. "Logically, it would be out of respect — respect for the church. The graffiti is all over the city, but churches usually are not touched."

But even in Mexico, which is 88 percent Catholic, respect



San Francisco de Asís

a church right across the street, and it gets tagged all the time."

When Padre Rodríguez's anger subsided that first morning, amazement replaced it. "How did they get up on the roof?" he wondered. "They don't make ladders that tall. And once up there, how did they get over the side and up on the dome to paint?"

Back inside the friary, Padre Rodríguez told his confreres about the graffiti. "First we were afraid," he recalls. "We thought that they must have gotten into our house and somehow climbed from roof to roof. But then all the friars thought about it, and we thought that they either broke into the church or maybe were hiding in the church when we locked it up. Then they went up into the bell tower. But they would have had to go past another locked door to get into the tower. So, really, we still aren't certain how they got up there."

Padre Rodríguez reported the graffiti to Tijuana police. "They asked us not to erase anything. They wanted to come out and take photos so that they could identify the gang that did this. They say it's usually gangs who do this."

The police needn't have worried. None of the friars fancied climbing the rickety belfry stairs to the roof, then hanging over the edge like a rock climber rappelling a cliff. But during the next few days, Padre Rodríguez and the other Franciscan friars found themselves leaning their heads back, trying

to read the scrawl 100 feet up. "We couldn't make most of it out. It seems to be some kind of code. The one word we could make out was *crimen*, which means crime, but it was spelled with a K"

From the street looking up, a few other words, neither English nor Spanish, can be picked out: ROKET, EL REKOR, STOREK, TEK, and DREK. "Those are graffiti names," Ochoa, the graffiti artist, explains, "the names used by the individual taggers. The K stands for 'Krew.' It was probably a group of guys who did it. The police know that, and they assume that means they're some kind of street gang, but that isn't necessarily the case. They're definitely kids who hang out together. Maybe they

all go to the same school or live in the same neighborhood. Maybe they're just friends. That doesn't make them criminal gang members."

Ochoa knows the graffiti scene on both sides of the border. He was born in East Los Angeles and lived there until, when he was seven, his parents were deported. As a youth in the 1960s, he began painting on walls around Tijuana. But, he insists, he wasn't simply tagging his alias, Kosmos. "I came up in the social justice era," he says. "I would use Old English script to paint messages, stuff like 'Abajo con la migra,' Down with the Border Patrol."

He insists that he would never have tagged a church, but he understands why Krimen,

Roket, and their crew targeted San Francisco de Asís. "The new generation is going for fame," Ochoa explains. "And the more important the building, the more your fame if you tag it. I know that church. It's one of the most prominent churches in Tijuana, and it's very tall. Getting your graffiti name way up there at the top is an accomplishment for these guys that gives them street fame."

Asked whether he feels solidarity with the kids who tagged the church, Ochoa pauses to think. "I do," he answers. "I feel

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Padre Gabriel Rodríguez

"This church is one of the oldest churches in the city. That is why it is considered one of the monuments of Tijuana, and now it has been violated."

Graffiti is nothing new to

for churches is apparently waning. "I have a house in Tijuana," says Chicano Park graffiti artist Victor Ochoa, who grew up in Tijuana. "It's in Colonia Buena Vista near the racetrack. There's

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investors and granting enhanced benefits to pension board members who could wield their influence so that pension underfunding could continue. "We

found that Kroll had been working with Vinson & Elkins on a report that cleared everybody except some subordinate employees," says Aguirre. That was just what the council, paying Kroll's bills, wanted.

Levitt has snowed the city council with platitudes. In one

speech aimed at Aguirre, he rhapsodized, "It's a choice between personal grudges and the community's well-being, between arguing about the past and finding solutions for the future, between cynicism, skepticism, and hope." Ugh. Such Fourth of July oratory would

get laughed off Wall Street, but the *Union-Tribune* lapped it up and Councilmember Jim Madaffer called it "one of the best speeches I've ever heard." As Eskimos say: mush, mush, mush. Levitt's team did not respond to numerous calls for comment.

Despite its professed Batman mission, Kroll is hardly a paragon of cleanliness. It began in 1972 as a detective agency, employing former federal gumshoes. In the 1980s, it did its snooping in the takeover madness, becoming known as "Wall Street's private eye." Its supercozy client: Drexel Burnham Lambert, the junk bond/takeover firm that employed Mike Milken, the kingpin. In 1988, the Securities and Exchange Commission accused Drexel, Milken, and others of insider trading, fraud, stock manipulation, and other offenses. Later that year, Drexel pleaded guilty to six felonies and paid a \$650 million fine. In 1990, after the junk bond market collapsed, Drexel filed for bankruptcy. That same year, Milken was sentenced to ten years in prison.

According to Connie Bruck, author of *The Predators' Ball*, Kroll was first hired in the early

1980s "to do background checks on Drexel clients." James B. Stewart, author of *Den of Thieves*, wrote that Drexel hired Kroll to dish up dirt on Ivan Boesky, the Milken collaborator who also went to prison. Boesky eventually wound up in La Jolla, which he still uses as his base for his world travels. Kroll spied on other Drexel associates, too, said Stewart.

But did Kroll ever peer into Drexel? That Wall Street junk bond/takeover firm was close to entrepreneurs with gambling-industry and organized-crime backgrounds. For example, as the government was investigating Drexel, big swingers would take out full-page ads lauding the firm. One such ad featured two characters who had been instrumental in funding Carlsbad's La Costa, then an organized crime hangout, with money from the Teamsters Central States pension fund. Another

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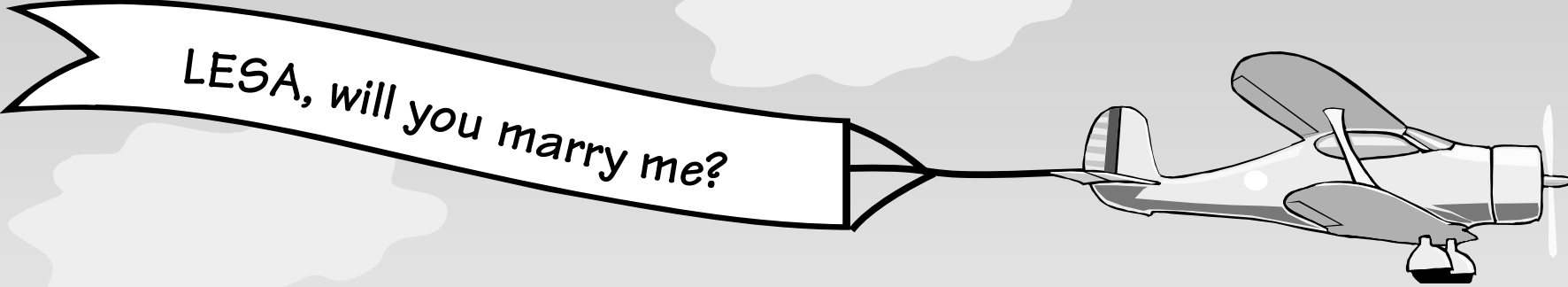
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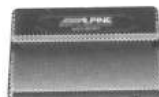
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ad featured eight casino owners and executives.

Kroll has branched out from detective work to forensic accounting, personnel back-

ground screening, drug testing, security engineering, corporate restructuring, and electronic data recovery. Jules Kroll, the company founder, stayed close to Frederick Joseph, former head of Drexel. Joseph and his minions, now with another firm, assisted Kroll

Inc. in its 2003 buyout of Zolfo Cooper, which is handling the Enron reorganization, as well last year's deal in which the insurance broker Marsh & McLennan purchased Kroll for \$1.9 billion.

After Drexel's demise, the detective firm, then called Kroll

Associates, ran into financial trouble. According to press reports, it was bailed out by insurance giant American International Group, with which it still has a snug relationship. A Kroll spokesperson acknowledges that in 1993, American International had a minority position in Kroll and remains a client today.

Both American International and Kroll's parent, Marsh & McLennan (called Marsh Mac), are being investigated by Eliot Spitzer, New York's attorney general. Last October, Spitzer accused Marsh Mac of fraudulent self-dealing and bid-rigging. American International was one of the companies said to be involved in the bid-rigging that included a Bermuda insurance company. Early this year, Marsh Mac settled the charges with a payment of \$850 million, but Spitzer is still investigating.

American International (the same firm that refused to fully fund any settlement San Diego may make with Roque de la Fuente) is under investigation by both Spitzer and the Secu-

rities and Exchange Commission. One subject is dubious accounting that may have inflated earnings by \$3 billion in the last five years, according to the *Wall Street Journal*. Part of the probe revolves around another Bermuda-based insurance company in which the company has a 50 percent stake.

Offshore intertwining is incestuous in the insurance industry. Spitzer told a U.S. Senate subcommittee last year that Bermuda insurance operations created "numerous opportunities for secrecy and insider dealings." Insurance companies do business in "offshore havens" to evade state regulation, Spitzer said. He pointed to four offshore companies that Marsh Mac had helped create.

There is a subplot that *Forbes* says is "worthy of a private-eye novel." After Marsh Mac bought Kroll, it ousted its chief executive and put Kroll's top exec, Michael Cherkasky, in the top job at the parent. Cherkasky was formerly Spitzer's boss in the Manhattan district attorney's office, is his tennis pal,

and has contributed to his campaigns. "Did Marsh Mac buy Kroll thinking it was an insurance policy against an impending crackdown by New York attorney general Spitzer?" asks *Forbes*.

Will Kroll's sleuths look into that? ■

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mate details about at least 25 of his fellow residents. Other resident employees and volunteers had received the same information. Milsop showed me a list of program participants living at both the Streamview facility and the second Shelter Plus Care residence facility, which is on Grimm Street in North Park. Next to each name were several items of personal information, including financial sources and social security numbers. Another list displayed the psychoactive medications that each resident was supposed to be taking.

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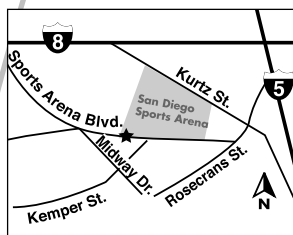
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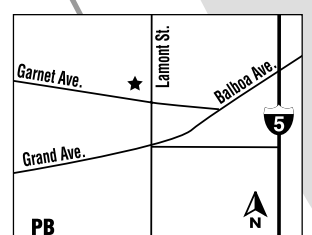
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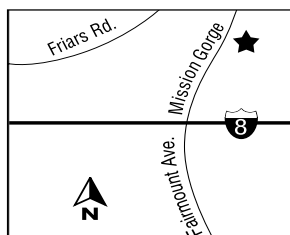
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Can't reach everybody

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Milsop managed the records of resident Bob Dietrich, and the two later became friends. Milsop said he noticed that Dietrich's rent was being covered by several different sources, eventually provoking him to include misappropriation of funds in his complaints to the Inspector General. Dietrich picked up the story, saying that the San Diego County Serial Inebriate Program ordered him to enter Shelter Plus Care in 2000 or else go to jail. He thought the Serial Inebriate Program paid all his rent but that Housing and Urban Development was kicking in too. For food, Dietrich said he relied on general relief checks of \$150 a month. But Shelter Plus Care, he says, took \$48 of that as well. "I had to go out," he said, "and scrounge around for food in Dumpsters and other places like I did when I was homeless."

Burtz, the program's director, said that Housing and Urban Development requires that 30 percent of any income Shelter Plus Care residents receive be

used to pay for their housing.

Milsop also challenged a Shelter Plus Care promise that each of its residents would receive personal "case management." No one from Pathfinders even made a hospital visit to a resident who had to have cancer surgery, Milsop said. "What kind of case management is that?"

Does the program contract with psychiatric social workers to monitor residents? "No, I do it all myself," said Burtz, going on to indicate that he was responsible for monitoring sometimes more than 30 residents.

"But not all the time," said Milsop. "Burtz has hung up on me when I've called him on weekends. Then I ended up taking the guys who get suicidal to the crisis center by myself."

Burtz works out of an office at the Grimm Street facility. He is a California-certified alcohol and drug-abuse counselor. Burtz admitted that "suicidal ideation is not uncommon among alcoholic and drug-addicted men, especially when they are also mentally ill. They might go off their medication, or its effects start to wear off,

making the dosage wrong."

But the case management that Shelter Plus Care provides is substantial "to the degree that residents accept it," according to Burtz. He cited referrals he makes for residents to vocational training programs at San Diego City College and the Regional Occupational Program. He said he makes sure they get appropriate medical attention and mental health assistance through such facilities as UCSD's Gifford Clinic. And he collaborates with the Solutions Consortium and St. Vincent de Paul's How to Live program.

In early June, two months after the Inspector General's office opened its investigation, Milsop finally received answers to complaints he had first made in December 2002. The letter denied the legitimacy of the complaints about Pathfinders' staff living in quarters earmarked for program participants and about withholding case management services from tenants. The letter did not respond to Milsop's allegations of fund misappropriation.

Although Burtz said he could not comment on the case his-

stories of individual residents, he clearly was frustrated with Milsop, Dietrich, and others who had complained loudly in the past. "You have to understand," he told me, "where these people are in life. We can't reach everybody. It's too bad."

"The Pathfinders people ask us," said Milsop, "Where's your gratitude? And they say our complaints stem only from alcoholic resentments." The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, which inspires regular early-morning meetings at Streamview, maintains that resentments are the greatest incitements for recovering alcoholics to drink again.

The last point addressed in the June 3 letter Milsop received from Housing and Urban Development concerned a claim that his eviction was unfair. The letter cited Milsop's relapse into drinking as the real reason for his eviction, not retaliation over his complaints, as he contended. Milsop admitted that he had relapsed but claimed he recovered quickly and had remained sober since then.

Bob Dietrich, contacted last week, said that Milsop challenged his eviction in superior

court and lost. Dietrich believed that after Milsop was evicted, he left San Diego to live with family members in Lake Tahoe. Dietrich has not heard from his friend since. ■

Up on the roof

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solidarity with them in the fact that they want to express themselves. I feel solidarity with them in the art form that they've chosen. I don't feel solidarity with them when it comes to vandalism."

Ochoa, whose works can be seen at Chicano Park, Centro Cultural de la Raza in Balboa Park, and the Chula Vista Library, paints only on what he calls "permission walls." At one time, he sat on the City of Tijuana's graffiti commission. During his tenure, he organized GraffCon 2000. Hundreds of graffiti artists descended on Tijuana to paint the six miles of fence surrounding Tijuana International Airport. "We had guys come down from Los Angeles and from as far away as Arizona, New Mexico, even New York, as well as a few hun-

dred Tijuana artists," Ochoa boasts.

Despite that success, Ochoa resigned from the commission in frustration. "The other members," he recalls, "kept referring to graffiti as shit: 'What are we going to do to get this shit off our walls?' 'How are we going to stop these gang members from painting this shit all over our city?' I tried to tell them, 'It's not shit to them. Ask any kid what he's looking at when he rides the bus to school in the morning. He tells you he's looking at the fresh tags on the walls. Because for them it's art, it's beautiful, it's legitimate self-expression.'"

Legitimate or not, Padre Rodríguez and his confreres didn't want it on their church. But to clean it off or paint over it themselves would be too dangerous, to pay professionals too expensive. They must have committed the matter to prayer, because God sent a savior. "We have a very wealthy family in our parish," Padre Rodríguez explains, "and one of the daughters is getting married soon. The family has offered to pay to have the church painted before the wedding." ■

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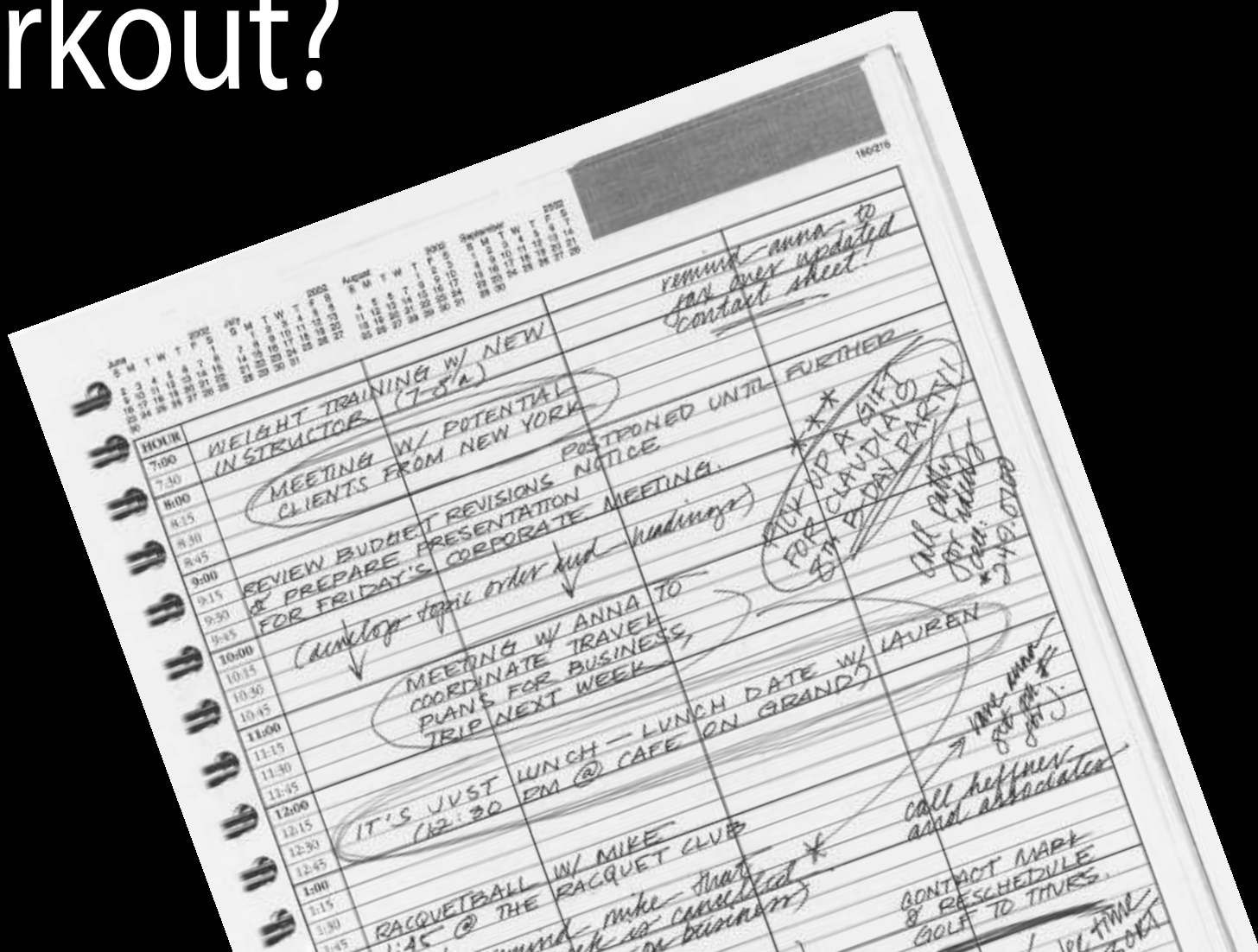
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By Patrick Daugherty

Pigskin Preview

College football, hereabouts, kicks off on Saturday with UCLA (6-5 last year) playing San Diego State (4-8 last year) at Qualcomm. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

We need to clear the decks, people. There's a lot of chickenshit to swamp out of the hen house by game day. As you've probably surmised, I'm talking about the NCAA mascot situation.

Football fans are familiar with the NCAA's recent ban on mascots. Here's their official communiqué: "The presidents and chancellors who serve on the NCAA Executive Committee have adopted a new policy to prohibit NCAA colleges and universities from displaying hostile and abusive racial/ethnic/national origin mascots, nicknames or imagery at any of the 88 NCAA championships."

Show your ethnic mascot and go to jail or, at least, be barred from competing in 88 NCAA national championships, being on national TV, and taking home large manila envelopes filled with somebody else's money. The NCAA not only listed 18 schools in violation of their new policy, but printed the name of each school's abusive racial/ethnic/national origin mascot alongside its sponsor.

I can tell you it was ugly, adults-only reading. Still, after I recharged my chakra with a bacon burger, I discovered that all the criminal universities had one thing in common — their banned mascots were connected to Native Americans. From the generic ("Indians" — seven universities) to the specific (Chippewas, Utes, Chocktaws, Seminoles, Illini) on down to the unique ("Savages," which, I grant, appears to be a bit over the line), all offending mascots had to do with Native Americans.

I am appalled by this myopic, parochial list. Yes, I agree, ill-named mascots are a maggot-infested open wound; indeed, ill-named mascots are a national emergency that requires legislation and police oversight. Sports fans *and their children* attend collegiate sporting events, watch collegiate sporting events on TV, listen to collegiate sporting events on the radio, and let's not forget those diminishing few who read about collegiate sporting events in newspapers, magazines, and on the Internet. Here's the point: All of us are having our minds destroyed by unregulated hostile and abusive racial/ethnic/national origin mascots 24-hours-a-day. AND IT'S STILL GOING ON AS YOU READ THIS!

Funny, don't you think? That the NCAA Executive Committee list of criminal university mascots only include American Indian mascots while overlooking every other racial/ethnic/national origin group on the face of this earth! Coincidence? I think not.

What about the "Fighting Irish of Notre

Dame"? As an Irishman, I am sickened by this ongoing calumny, perpetuated by the NCAA, that says Irish-Americans are quick with their fists and, *let's say it out loud*, quick to fisticuffs due to their love of drink. This slander has cost me employment opportunities and deserved promotions. Yet, the NCAA doesn't care about my situation. I can't stress this enough.

How about the Ithaca College Bombers? The NCAA takes care of their Native American pals while allowing terrorist mascots to run free, befouling the minds of friend and foe alike.

Here's another mascot from the terrorist crowd. Regard, the Millersville University Marauders. Marauder, the dictionary says, is someone who attacks in search of booty. NCAA wants this message sent into every sports-loving living room in the country: "IT'S OKAY TO ATTACK IN SEARCH OF BOOTY." How long are we going to put up with this?

And while we're at it, what about the North Carolina Wesleyan College Battling Bishops? Are we going to fight the whole separation of church and state thing on the playing fields of America? Civil war. Is that what this is about?

University of Dallas Crusaders is not the mascot image we want to show to the voters of Iraq. And what the hell is this? The Alverno College Inferno. What kind of devil-worshipping, party-on message does this communicate to our teenagers? And Humpback Whales. The University of Alaska-Southeast Humpback Whales. Now they're killing whales on the campuses of America.

Why can't we all get along? Why can't criminal university mascots be like the Whittier College Poets or the Heidelberg College Student Princes? Wouldn't it be a better world?

Some criminal universities have appealed the executive board's judgment and others are considering an appeal. Florida State University won their appeal after the Seminole Tribe of Florida said they were honored to be associated with the school.

The NCAA Executive Committee, which, at first glance, appears to be made up of nonnative Americans, might have asked Native Americans associated with university mascots what they thought about the use of their name before deciding what was good for them, but that would have shown respect.

Which brings us back to San Diego State University and their Aztecs, which got a pass from the executive board because, according to wire reports, the board could not find any organized tribe or group related to the Aztecs. In other words, San Diego State can keep their mascot because nobody cares.

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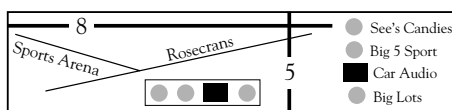
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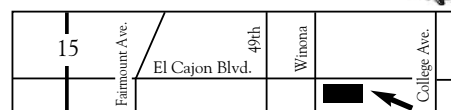
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"People keep saying that Muslims are not voicing their opinion by condemning terrorism. This is because *Fox News* is not coming here to ask us our opinions," said Usman Khan, a volunteer and congregant at the Islamic Center of San Diego (ICSD). "Ask anyone here what they understand Islam to be, and they will condemn terrorism."

Khan often speaks at local colleges and high schools about Islam. "We want to represent the peaceful faith. Yes, there are bad Muslims, but you can't fault Islam for that. There are bad Christians and bad Jews. Do we fault Christianity with Hitler, who used the Bible to justify his actions? Do we blame Christians because of the KKK? Do people hold the Jews accountable because of Baruch Goldstein?" (In 1994, Goldstein killed 29 Arab worshippers and injured 100 in the Cave of the Patriarchs, a site holy to both Muslims and Jews.) Khan said that 1.2 billion Muslims should not be blamed for the action of a few extremists.

Part of the problem, stated Khan, is that the media indicts Muslims. "I listen to local talk radio, such as Roger Hedgecock and Rick Roberts. They misquote Islam and spread false ideas about what we believe. I have tried to call them, but they either hang up on me or leave me on hold," said Khan. "Muslims get blamed more than any other group. After the Oklahoma bombing, people instantly accused Islamic terrorists. But there is no such thing as Islamic terrorism." Khan said the terrorists are motivated over political issues. "The problems in the Middle East that cause terrorism are because the people are oppressed by dictators and past western colonization. It is a political issue. There is nothing Islamic about terrorism. We don't call the IRA bombings Catholic terrorism." Khan said that the beliefs of Islam are not compatible with terrorism.

Khan, who brought up these topics, began to steer the conversation from terrorism. "I get tired of every interview or speech I do that focuses on terrorism," said Khan. "When I visited a local high school, a student asked, 'Is Saddam [Hussein] your uncle?' When I spoke at a nearby college, someone asked if I knew where Osama Bin Laden was. Everywhere I go I'm asked, 'How do you feel about 9/11?' Any American would be saddened

by what happened."

Khan spoke about the relationship Muslims have with other faiths. "Muslims have a special respect for Jews and Christians. We believe in many of the same principles," said Khan. "But we believe the message of Jesus was distorted [by Christians] to make Jesus into God. Muslims do not believe a human should be worshiped. Jesus was a prophet who was born to a virgin. Jesus called people toward righteousness. The Bible is proven to be edited and revised."

ICSD's small parking lot filled quickly. Most worshippers parked several blocks away to attend the Friday prayer service. As people moved toward the building, chanting echoed through the speakers: prayers were about to begin. Men bowed and prayed before they entered the Masallah. (Masallah, the room where prayers are conducted, means "place of prayer" in Arabic.) All the men removed their shoes, a requirement to enter the room. A washroom allowed the men to wash their feet before they entered. Women are not allowed in

the Masallah, but take a separate staircase to a one-way mirrored balcony where they are not visible. Women wore head coverings and most wore face-covering veils.

Inside the Masallah, red carpet dominated the room, which was void of furniture. After the chanted prayer, Imam Taha Hassan led the congregation in prayers as they faced the eastern wall, toward Mecca. The men responded to Hassan's prayers as they kneeled and bowed their heads. "Fear Allah as he should be feared," began Imam Hassan's message. "Today's talk is about a subject that concerns all of us. It is a message about marriage. In Islam, the family is the heart of the Muslim community," Hassan's message outlined the responsibilities of men and women in marriage. These responsibilities included loyalty, honesty, love, mercy, and good manners to one another.

After service, most of the men left the Masallah, although several stayed to continue to pray. Many congregants gathered in a cafeteria for lunch. "I've been here for almost a year," said Imam Hassan, who moved from Denver. "The Muslim community is much larger here in San Diego than in Colorado. The local mosques serve a community of 60,000 to 100,000 Muslims." Muslims attend the mosques that are closest to them. "If I am closer to another mosque at prayer time, I will stop and pray there."

I asked Usman Khan what he believed about the afterlife. "I don't know if I am going to heaven. That is why I'm doing good deeds now. You have to do good deeds to go to heaven," replied Usman Khan. "Heaven will be a place no eye can imagine or ear hear. The women will be beautified in heaven. Men can have more than one woman in heaven. The women of paradise are something that is there for you if you want that. But the most beautiful thing in heaven is seeing your Lord."

— Drew E. Goodmansson

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IMAM TAHA HASSAN, USMAN KHAN

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Dear Saffron,

My wife and I have a friend who's always doing wonderful things for other people. He's very helpful to his fellow humans; a constant do-gooder. The problem is he endlessly boasts about his charitable deeds. Obviously he wants credit for being generous, kind, such a good citizen, but his endless bragging is so heavy-handed that we're starting to have trouble respecting this guy, despite his excellent record. It's great that he's so giving, but some of us who know him are wishing he'd be a little quieter about it. How to get him to tone down the self-praise?

OVER HIS BRAGGING IN LEUCADIA

Dear Over,

Your friend is looking for his reward. He wants to be recognized (maybe canonized?), loved, valued, applauded. He wants to impress you. Maybe he feels a little inferior and is secretly hoping that if he broadcasts his good works, others will look up to him and that will help him think better of himself. You can indulge him and try to build him up even more, let him know you really do think he's an absolutely amazing guy with a heart the size of Antarctica, and see if he satiates on the admiration and relaxes after a while. If he can't seem to ease up it might be time for a private talk in which you acknowledge what a good soul he is, but also let him know that good deeds which are not overhyped by the doer shine the brightest.

Dear Saffron,

My best friend from college spent five years trying to write and make a film. He finally succeeded in making a small indie movie, relying on private investors. I invested a little money with no strings attached and no expectations. After much fanfare I saw a screening of the film, and I'm sad to say it is terrible. Clunky, boring, one-dimensional, amateurish. Of course my friend wants to know what I think of his opus. Should I be honest?

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Dear Disappointed,

You are now called upon to perform one of the delicate balancing acts that friendship requires. Think long and hard, and decide what you can say that's honest, but not destructive. Were there positive moments you could mention? Did the film make you think about anything interesting, lead your brain to new places, bring up questions worth considering? This is not going to be easy. You're going to have to be careful. Remember that this is your friend's first effort. Hopefully the work will get stronger and more mature with subsequent projects. Ask your pal what kind of feedback he wants. That way you can tailor your comments to what

he needs to focus on. Hopefully you know this person well enough to make a good guess about how much constructive criticism he can take. If he wants a film career he's going to have to get used to sifting all sorts of reactions to his work — positive, negative, and just plain wacky — so he may as well start now with a friend. He might learn something.

Dear Saffron,

Your response to the person who wrote in about her newly widowed friend giving away all her photos of her dead husband was good. You counseled the writer to accept the gift of some of these photos and save them for her friend because she might want them back someday. I would like to add a comment. Most of us inherit photos that may be interesting but have no notations regarding dates, location, names of people, etc. It would be a great favor for the friend who wrote in to note whatever detail she can on each of the photos so that they will be more valuable to someone one day. This suggestion applies to the other family members who received envelopes of photos the widow was giving away. I have been working on my memoir for a couple of years using whatever I can to bring back memories that I think would be helpful to those who follow. Most of the old photos are worthless in this regard because of the lack of notation. Word-of-mouth histories are usually gone within two generations. That is a great loss when you consider how much change is made each decade and generation. Putting memories into print with photos can be helpful to following generations and keep the memory of a loved one alive.

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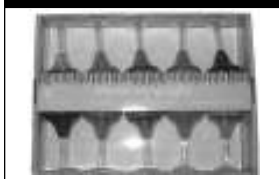
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—EVE KELLY

One thing I know that Mom never said to Pop: “Dear, don’t you think you need a hobby?” The old man has been a hobby nut ever since I can remember. When I was a child, it was model trains in the basement rec room. As I lurched into adolescence, it was ships in bottles. Now, Mom tells me that he’s “into stamps.” Perfect. My nine-year-old adores his grandpa, and stamp collecting is something they could do together without Pop fretting about Liam breaking his mainmast.

Down past the Mission, I found Larry Keene holding the fort at Henri’s Stamp Shop (619-280-4460) — the oldest in San Diego. “Basically,” said Keene, “all you need to start is a stock book that has pockets in it. And stamp tweezers — they’re specially made for holding stamps. That way, you don’t get finger marks on them. Never use eyebrow tweezers — they have sharp edges, and if you twist them a little, they’ll poke a hole in the stamp. The stamp tweezers don’t have those sharp points.” Keene sells three styles of stamp tweezers, all priced at \$3.95: a round, wide-headed model, a square-head, and a narrow-head. “The wide, round-headed ones are especially good for beginners or children,” he noted. “The narrow ones are a little more advanced. Sometimes, what’s best is whichever you first start using, because you get used to it.”

The cheapest way to store stamps, said Keene, “is with a display page. They fit into any three-ring binder, which most people have kicking around the house. I sell display pages for \$4.50 for a package of five two-sided pages. The seven- and five-pocket arrangements are the most popular, because they hold the most single stamps.” (The Post Office, he noted, will sometimes sell a sheet of stamps that includes an extra picture around the border, so that the collector is encouraged to keep the whole sheet intact.) “When you get more advanced, you can get illustrated albums — you match up the right stamp with the right picture on each page. The smallest albums, semi-illustrated, run around \$25, and they can get up into the thousands. World album sets, which have 38 parts and start in 1840 with the first stamp ever made, can cost \$3000. Or, you can specialize in a country — say, Italy — and they sell the album in sections by date. The sections run around \$40 each, so some countries might run into the hundreds.”

But he was quick to remind me that “you don’t have to spend a lot of money. You can take those three-ring binders and attach the stamps with hinges in any order you want. A stamp hinge [\$2.25 for a package of about 1000] is a little peelable sticker with a folded tab on it. You attach the sticker to the album and then moisten the tab and lay the stamp on the tab. They’re used mostly for inexpensive or used stamps. They allegedly don’t do any damage to the stamp, but they do leave a mark in the gum of an unused stamp. For valuable stamps, that bothers some people.”

In that case, mounts might be a better option — mounts are individual clear plastic

“Airships...stayed popular with the stamp-collecting public, even after everybody else forgot about them.”

pockets that can be stuck to an album via a sticky backing. “Some people put everything, used and unused, in the mounts. But is it worth it to put a stamp that’s worth \$.05 or \$.10 in a \$.07 or \$.08 mount? Maybe it is, if it’s aesthetically more pleasing to you. But in general, unused stamps that have never had a hinge mark should be placed in mounts.”

When it comes to finding out about the stamps themselves, there’s pretty much one authority, said Keene: The Scott Stamp Catalog (\$56.99). “The catalog lists all the different stamps that are kept and issued by all the different countries. It gives a description of the stamp, tells the year issued, the value for used and unused — used means it’s been cancelled and taken off an envelope.” The values, he explained, “are assuming the stamp is in good condition. If it’s torn or creased, it’s worth less.”

The catalog also includes the perforation measurement. “That means the number of teeth along the edge of the stamp in a 20-millimeter length. Stamp collectors use a perforation gauge to measure this, since the same stamp will sometimes have been released with different perforation measurements. Back in 1908, the U.S. had a stamp that was Perf 12, but the sheets came apart too easily. They changed it to a Perf 10, but the sheets were too hard to tear apart. So they moved to a Perf 11, which seems to be ideal.” And the differences are part of what keeps the collecting interesting.

I knew Liam would start dreaming about super-valuable stamps like the ones in *Charade*, so I asked Keene about them. “Most stamps are probably in the ‘few cents’ category. But they can go up. There are rare stamps worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. Still, there’s a big bridge between inexpensive and even medium-expensive stamps. We rarely run into stamps that are even \$100-\$200. Supply and demand determines the price. You could have a stamp from a country that hardly anybody collects, and even if there were only 1000 ever made, it might be worth only \$4-\$5. But a popular stamp might be worth \$30-\$500, even if 100,000 were made.”

Subject matter also helps dictate price. “There’s a set of stamps from the ‘30s showing the Graf Zeppelin. The U.S. issued them in a \$.65, a \$1.30, and a \$2.60 stamp. There are probably 35,000 to 45,000 complete sets, and they get \$1500 to \$2000,” because people want them. “Airships were a popular subject, and they’ve stayed popular with the stamp-collecting public, even after everybody else forgot about them. The two most popular subjects for collecting now are trains and birds.” These days, said Keene, “What a lot of countries are doing is issuing sheets of 10 or 20 stamps that have four or six different pictures on them per sheet. They do a lot of topical things, like dinosaurs or flowers. Even poor countries put out gaudy stuff like that, and it’s just to get collectors’ money.”

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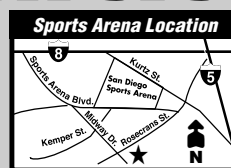


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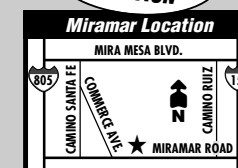
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Thirty Years Ago

The one guy dragging along his backpack on the floor has an Ocean Beach look about him — disheveled, sleepy eyes, blissful expression. It turns out that the O.B. guy has spent most of his time scamming in front of the Spreckels Theatre. Both guys are from Canada, and the other one is going back home soon but is staying for the Rod Stewart-Faces concert.

— **"BLOOD MONEY,"** Randy Luce,
September 10, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Sure, I was the one what done it. I was the one what started all this gee whiz watch 'em splash rough water swim business.

I'd been shut out and a damned near thumb-sucker when the farm was repossessed and I had to hit the road. Barely had clothes. But what I did have was a cock. A rooster, that is. Name was Jack, after Jack Johnson the fighter.

Me and Jack hopped freights headin' west. The Great Northern, the Southern Pacific, the B&B, we rode 'em all. Jack became a helluva fighter, and he 'specially liked fighting *men*. I got tired'da throwing guys out of box cars, the ones that didn't jump out, all scratched and cut and shredded like old pant legs.

— **"THE LA JOLLA ROUGH WATER FABLE,"**
Neal Matthews, September 4, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

"You sad to see it close?" asks a man whose scuffed roller skates are thrown over one shoulder. The round-faced woman pushes his ticket between the iron bars guarding the Palisade Gardens box office. "Can't you see the tears?" she says, her finger tip tracing the wet trail down her cheek.

A hot Sunday afternoon, three o'clock, July 7. Inside the two-story skating rink, the lightboard flashes: "TODAY IS THE END-ALL SKATE." Sixty-six-year-old Johnnie Wright, Palisade Gardens Roller Skating Rink manager and executive vice president of his family's corporation, which owns the rink, is retiring. "Going fishing," he says.

— **"THE LAST SKATE,"** Judith Moore,
September 5, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

I decided to live for three days on food that I bought in my supermarket labeled "Fat free and no cholesterol" or "Reduced fat, low cholesterol." I spent \$40 on these products and read the labels with the care of a scientist, but I managed to finish only two items from my stockpile. The rest were inedible.

— **"OF PUMP AND PACKAGE,"** Eleanor Widmer,
September 6, 1990



San Diego Reader, September 5, 1985

Ten Years Ago

I moved in with a streetwise woman named Brenda who lived in a crackerbox apartment on Ulric Street in Linda Vista. She was a petite blonde who worked as a cocktail waitress at the Showboat nightclub on Broadway.

Brenda's husband, a man I knew before I went to prison, no more deranged than anybody else I knew in Linda Vista, had been to Atascadero State Hospital for the criminally insane.

Brenda was opposed to drugs. One time we were at a party, and someone she knew fired up a fatty in front of her. She made a comment about never associating with that person again, then demanded we leave.

— **"SLIMEBALL,"** John Olson, August 31, 1995

Five Years Ago

On Tuesday, June 19, 1999, the San Diego City Council went into secret session to consider concessions demanded by San Diego Padres owner John Moores. Although the closed-door meeting had been billed as a discussion about "real property interests in the East Village area of downtown San Diego," the topic was the granting to Moores of almost \$5 million worth of "modifications" to the Padres lease at Qualcomm Stadium in Mission Valley.

Confidential minutes of the meeting show that all councilmembers except Juan Vargas attended, including Valerie Stallings, who, later disclosures reveal, had 90 days earlier, on March 31, reaped thousands of dollars by selling stock in Neon Systems, a Texas company controlled by Moores. In November 1999, four days before the council again secretly considered granting the Moores concessions, Stallings again purchased stock in Neon.

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MR. AND MRS. DOWNER

by Josh Board

I found out about a retirement home having a party on the beach in Oceanside. The idea of old guys on the beach didn't sound appealing, but the party was for the employees, not the residents. There weren't many people there, but it was fun.

They tried to get a volleyball game going, but that never happened. There was a tug-o-war, which was fun to watch. I hadn't been in one of those since my boyhood neighbor, David Boyett, gave me rope burns. I tried throwing a Frisbee with someone. I hadn't thrown one in years. Most times it veered into the parking lot. (To the person with the silver Cadillac whose alarm went off — sorry.) I got the last laugh when the "expert" ended up throwing it onto the roof of a gazebo. I watched him attempt to get it with a jump rope tied into a lasso.

One couple tried playing badminton, but it was so windy, the shuttlecock flew all over the place. A few guys were throwing a football, but we didn't have enough people to get a game going. I decided:



screw the activities, I'm going to eat. I grabbed a hot dog and hamburger, and then a friend and I walked down the beach to get some ice cream.

We got back to the party in time to see a woman get a cooler of water poured on her by her kids. I had a flashback to the time in high school when my buddy and I tried to pour a cooler onto Paul Thurgood.

"Hey, party crasher dude, take a picture of this!"

The cooler slipped out of our hands and damn near broke my foot. To top it off, as everyone was laughing at us, Paul picked me up like a rag doll, carried me down to the water, and threw me in.



(If you're reading this, Paul, I'm not through with you; you're going down.)

Later that same day, I went to a party in National City. When I showed up around 7:00 p.m., the



to a club to drink and dance. I wondered what they would do with the three kegs that were left.

Since this party was cancelled, I decided to head to Carlsbad with a few friends. A woman was having her birthday party at Fidel's Mexican restaurant. I had met the woman once. She's a writer. She appeared to be in a bad mood, but one person at the party told me, "Oh, she's always like that." She didn't even smile when she was opening presents. (She did laugh at a few of the cards.)

The meal was the worst Mexican food I've ever eaten. But the waitresses were nice, and the drinks worked.

I was talking with the birthday girl's husband, who was a nice guy, but depressing. He reminded me of Debbie Downer from *Saturday Night Live*, who only talks about depressing things. We talked for 10 minutes, and my friend invited him to join us at our table. He pulled up a chair and talked about how he hasn't been able to work because of his back pain. I asked how he got the back pain, and he told me about his car accident on the freeway. He was hit from behind, and the other driver left the scene. Every time he'd go into another misfortunate thing that happened to him, I'd kick my friend under the table.

The last party I went to that day was at the VFW hall in Pacific Beach. It was easy to park, since the VFW's in east PB, away from the clubs.

I got there as the band Split Finger was leaving. They gave me one of their CDs. A DJ was playing dance

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tunes, and half the crowd seemed to be drunk. The music was so loud I could barely hear the people I was talking to.

I found out this was a party for Richie's 35th birthday. I asked him how much it cost to rent the hall and was told it's \$180 for nonmembers and \$80 for veterans. All the people at this party were between the ages of 25 and 35. I doubt any of them were veterans.

I met a guy who works on the show *Punk'd* on MTV. He told me stories about the show, but because of confidentiality agreements, he told me that I couldn't write about any of them. (Ask me about them at a party sometime.)

Another thing I can't print are the photos one guy wanted me to take. He was drunk and would say, "Hey, party crasher dude, take a picture of this!" He'd have his penis out of his pants. I asked his friends if he always took it out at parties. I was told he did. I stayed away from the punch.

One drunk guy was dancing and fell against a trash can, both falling to the floor. He was laughing for a minute, and then he passed out.

There was a couple at the party who were engaged and planning to get married in Hawaii. I thought it was a great idea but wondered how many friends would fly there to attend a wedding. I believe etiquette dictates that when you invite somebody, you are supposed to offer to pay for them to fly out, which can get expensive.

There was a redhead at the party named Randi. She had a noticeable scar on her forearm. I said, "It looks like Zorro got to your arm." I asked her how she got it. "I walked through a glass window. A piece of glass got left

in my arm. Almost four months later when I continued to complain about the pain, they took another X-ray. They saw the glass and took it out, but it left this scar." She also told me she can no longer use

two fingers on that hand.

I remembered a guy I worked with at the post office who had a small scar on his arm, and he had a tattoo of a lightning bolt put over it. I asked her if she

thought about doing something like that. She said, "I don't want a tattoo."

As we were talking, Penis Boy showed up. I asked him what time it was. He said, "I can't read my watch. Can you

tell what time it is?" As I glanced at his arm, which was at his waist, I noticed he had his penis hanging over it. Someone told him to keep it in his pants, and he said, "He's the party guy. I'm sure he's seen

dicks before." ■

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by Barbarella

The Lost Art of Conversation

Conversation about the weather is the last refuge of the unimaginative.

— Oscar Wilde

When people are yapping away, verbally masturbating about something for the lack of anything better to discuss, my eyes glaze over.

I was on my second chocolate martini with a shot of espresso; they were still at it. *I'm going to have to say something*, I thought. *How can I do this without being rude?* I had already tried my standard silent recourses — reciting state capitals, counting various objects in the room and gauging each total's divisibility by three, and rehearsing what I would say if I were to meet Tom Robbins. *I can't take this anymore.*

"Can we talk about something else?"

"What do you mean?" Ellen asked. For a moment I felt selfish.

"Well, it's like..." *think before you speak.* "I can't

participate in this conversation. Haven't you noticed? I've just been sitting here. I have no idea what you guys are talking about," I complained. It was part lie — I would have had to have been in an isolation tank for the past five years to truly have no idea. But though I had figured out they were not talking about dear friends for the last hour but had actually been fretting and speculating over strangers who star on reality TV shows, I only recognized two of 20 names and one of half a dozen program titles mentioned.

"You told me you saw *American Idol*," said Ellen, a hint of accusation in her tone.

"You're right. I did see the final episode this season," I confirmed. "But

that doesn't mean I *care* about it, certainly not enough to let it dominate a conversation among friends." *Point made, point taken.* The conversation carried on. As the odd fifth in a group of four people intent on discussing whether or not what's-his-face deserved to win the public-rat-race-of-the-moment, I retreated to my inner dialogue with Tom.

"Your last book was alright," I said in my head. "But I much preferred the main character Switters in *Fierce Invalids Home From Hot Climates* to that freaky, bestiality-inducing Tanuki from *Villa Incognito*."

"Whatever," my imaginary Tom answered. My creativity was stunted by alcohol and desperation set in.

"Tell me about your house, Scott!" I interrupted him in the middle of his *Survivor* synopsis. Caught off guard, but delighted to redirect his words toward something he cared about more than a bunch of fame-hungry people trying to vote each other off the island, Scott launched into a description of his new home.

If I sense that a subject is significant to someone, I will shut my mouth and pay attention. I'll even care. But when people are yapping away, verbally masturbating about something for the lack of anything better to discuss, my eyes glaze over. I don't judge people who get emotionally invested in the lives of celebrities, nor do I condemn those who spend hours talking about

sports. But when I am around them I can't help myself from drifting off, allowing their voices to blend into a background drone similar to the WAH WAH sound teachers and parents make in Charlie Brown's world.

I don't consider myself a self-centered bitch, but I am finding lately that I am less and less inclined to actively participate in discussions that are uninteresting to me. On the other hand, there are subjects I find fascinating but pointless to talk about with certain people, like religion and politics.

I had a coworker once try to save my soul on the way to a training seminar out of town. Despite my scholastic interest in theology, rituals, cultural diversity, and personal values and beliefs, I would have rather been forced to walk to L.A. in 6-inch platforms than ride to Irvine with this woman who felt it was critical to control my opinion before we reached our exit. While I'm sure she truly believed she was doing God's work (bless her heart), my coworker's insensitivity to my own beliefs and her desperate need to ensure me a place in heaven only served to grant me a day in hell.

I'm always curious about people's values, but I only inquire when I am comfortable in the knowledge that a debate won't ensue. I don't want to spend energy trying to alter anyone's faith in their deity of choice, and I bristle at anyone who tries to

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change mine. Thus this is a subject best avoided, especially in the workplace, as any good human resources rep will tell you.

I also avoid topics of conversation that could lead to heated exchanges over government policy, especially between two people who haven't bothered to get involved and try to change anything. You hate Bush? Great. Got a thing against liberals? Fine. Don't sit around blowing hot air in my face, join a select few of my friends and do something about it. You will never hear me bring up the subject of politics in conversation. My opinion is just that — the opinion of someone who does not have all of the information and who has no intention to do more than engage in casual banter over a glass of wine with friends.

Though my social abilities allow me to conversationally cross-pollinate, my ideal subject matter lies somewhere between the "superficial" (television shows, hairstyles, and other people's appearances) and the "serious" (state-of-the-world, politics, and religion). People who spend the majority of their time talking about superficial matters are too flighty and shallow for me to connect with, and those who lean toward serious topics, with the weight of the world on their shoulders, are simply no fun to be around.

Miss Manners would be relieved to learn that the subjects I enjoy discussing in social situations fall right in line with proper etiquette. As a social bird, it's important to me that no one (me included) is left out of a conversation. What I talk about depends on who and how many I am hanging out with and their interests. I wouldn't talk to Holly Homebody about traveling, just as I wouldn't strike up a conversation about my favorite lip-gloss with most of my male friends.

The purpose of conversation in polite society

is to entertain and stimulate the mind. Truly, it is an art. I recently saw a guy rambling on and on at a party to three people who were obviously not interested in what he had to say. Their faces were drawn, their eyes were wide with

boredom, they looked *trapped*. One by one, they found excuses to step away from the speaker, who was oblivious of their plight.

This guy's mistake was that he was speaking for himself and not for his audience. In the days

before television the ability to be witty, clever, and thus entertaining while speaking was a highly prized characteristic (think Oscar Wilde and Dorothy Parker). Sometimes I wish I were a child of that time, when people actually

thought about what they said and whom they were saying it to.

Until we have some kind of conversational revolution, I think I might write the president of whichever network *Survivor* is on and suggest

that in the next season castaways compete for the conch by summarizing Wilde's *Importance of Being Ernest* in 200 words or less. If the network adopts my idea, I'll be the one bringing up reality TV at dinner. ■

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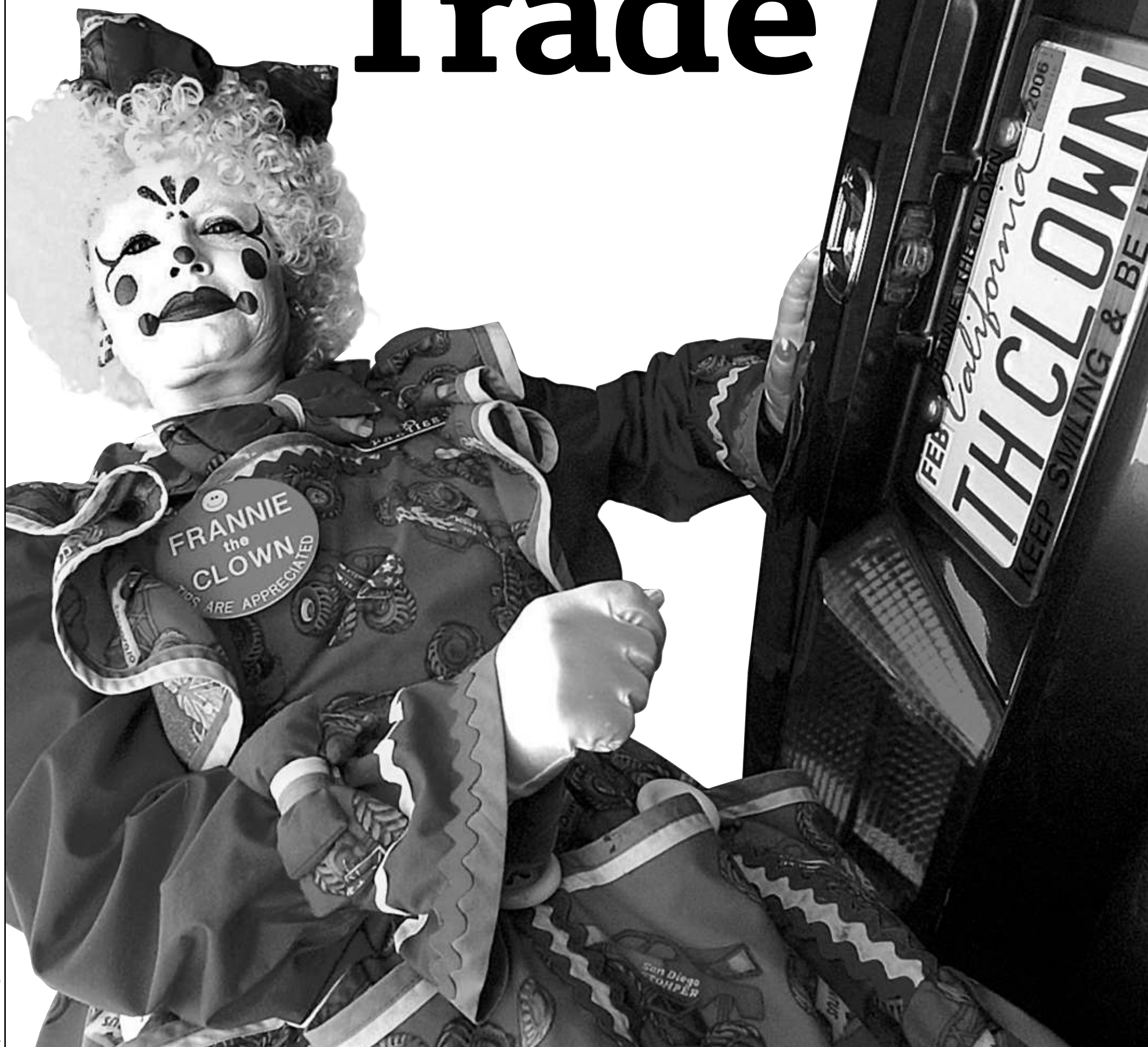


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Tools of the Trade



"WHAT I TAKE TO A HOSPITAL IS DIFFERENT FROM



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Have your friends and neighbors looked weighed down, put upon, or bent low to the ground lately? Perhaps they are!

After all, many of the people we see around us tote a good deal of gear around with them: Chainsaws and helmets, toolbelts and chests, clown shoes and rubber noses. These are just some of the implements people use to earn their daily bread.

To find out more about the tools people use, and the ways they use them, I tracked down seven men and women working in seven different professions and asked them to describe their jobs, the tools it took to do them, and any rituals and superstitions that might have built up around those tools. Then, in order to see just how burdensome those jobs could be, I calculated the precise weight of those tools — down to the nearest ounce. Below, my results:

FRANNIE
Clown

When I get started doing my make-up, I give myself an hour and a half just to put on my face. I need another 15 to 20 minutes to put on my costume. Then I gather my things and pack up my car. I allow myself at least an hour to get to a program. I'm always fashionably early.

I put my makeup on more or less the same way every time. After you "cut out" the white design you use for your base, you put the colors on, and after the colors, you have to set it, because it's all greasepaint. You set it with baby powder, then you brush that off and start applying sparkles. A clown is supposed to be completely covered when he or she goes out to be a clown. No skin

showing through; it's all makeup and costume. Once in a while I'll take off my gloves to do some face painting, or something like it.

My costume goes: blouse, bloomers, apron, socks, shoes, collar, and wig, in that order. Then I fill my pockets. Balloons and squeakers, little noisemakers, differ-

FRANNIE'S EQUIPMENT:

- Clown shoes: 1 lb. 8 oz. each
- Yellow wig: 8 oz.
- Blue blouse: 1 lb.
- Blue bloomers: 8 oz.
- Red apron with big white buttons: 4 lbs. 8 oz. with all four pockets full
- "3-carrot" plastic ring: 1 oz.
- 500 multicolored, multishaped balloons: 2 lbs. 2 oz.
- Baggie of pecans: 2.3 oz.
- White gloves: 1 oz.
- Magic tube (for injecting small objects into balloons): 0.8 oz.
- Bag of pennies: 5.3 oz.
- Business cards: 1 oz.
- Sharpie and ball-point pens: 0.2 oz. each
- Gum, candies, and breath mints: 2 oz.
- Noisemakers and squeakers: 4 oz.
- 2½-inch fake diamond ring: 1.1 oz.

ent types of clown rings, business cards, stickers. That sort of thing. Then I have to load my car up. I put in table and chair, my bubbles and balloons, my electric pump, and the cart I use to push this stuff around in.

Of course, what I take to a hospital is different from what I'd take to a birthday party. I do lots of room visits in the hospitals, so I don't need my table and my chair. A lot of times, I'll prepare 200 balloons before I leave in the morning. I get them ready beforehand because I sometimes do three or four hospitals back to back, and I'll do dozens of balloon animals in each one.

When you're a clown, you stay in makeup until you get home. So driving home from work, you're still a clown. And, trying to drive in clown shoes, let me tell you.... When I do get home, I take the wig off first, then the costume. The makeup is greasepaint, so getting it off involves baby oil and baby wipes. And the older and more wrinkled I get, the longer it takes. These days, it takes me anywhere from 20 minutes to a half an hour.

My character, Frannie the Clown, is the child I never had. So trust me, if there's something out there Frannie wants, then Frannie gets it. I have pretty much all of the state-of-the-art equipment. When I have old things I don't want or need anymore, I'll give them to new clowns. Frannie the Clown gets a new wig every month or two months, and I give my old wigs to churches, children, other clowns. I used to wear red hair all the time. These days, I have bright yellow hair. I used to say, "Blondes have more fun, but redheads get the job done." And now that Frannie's a blonde, I say, "Blondes have more fun *and* they get the job done!"

DAN WHITE
Mountain Rescue
Team Leader

I've been a team member of San Diego Mountain Rescue for 13 years. I'm a systems analyst for

Xerox by day, but I'm always on call, and I participate in roughly 30 rescue operations a year.

A mountain rescue team is composed of the leader, a gofer, a litter attendant, a hauler, a rigger, and a safety man. Aside from the team leader, everyone can do everyone else's job. There are no specialists. When I'm called for a job, I first have to come home and put my pack together. And what I pack depends on the nature of the operation. If I know that it's going to be a technical call, I'll pack the majority of my rock gear. Sometimes we do urban searches, where we just walk down streets and alleys. In that case, I'll bring a much lighter pack. But we do have what we call a standard field pack, which includes things like a first-aid kit, a compass, map, GPS, a Swiss Army knife. It's a basic, self-sufficient kind of pack.

When I assemble my pack, I organize it a specific way. That way, when I'm in the field, if I need my first-aid kit, then I know right where it's at, or if I need my technical gear, it's always there for me to find it right away. When you're packing, you want to think about evening out the weight distribution and about getting the weight-center of the pack to be lower and closer to your back. My heavy, technical gear will typically go in first. And you always want the stuff that you're going to need quickly on the top. The first-aid kit is always on the top and ready to grab. Also my food, because we rarely stop and have lunch; it's we more like graze on power bars and trail mix, stuff like that. Water should always be handy. Sometimes I use water bottles, and sometimes I use a device that has the hose connected to it.

The pack itself is just a typical internal frame backpack. When we go out in the field, we wear blue pants, a warm shirt, and boots, plus the backpack. That's about it. It doesn't take me long to get ready, because the stuff in my garage is pretty well organized. Usually, from the time I get home to when I'm packed, changed, and ready to go,

DAN WHITE'S EQUIPMENT:

Sky-diving goggles.... 1 oz.
1 nut tool.... 2 oz.
1 belay device.... 1 lb. 3 oz.
A set of nuts.... 1 oz.
2 ascenders.... 2 oz.
15 cams.... 2 oz.
Heavy-duty gloves.... 2 oz.
Three dozen carabiners.... 2 oz. each
Ice axe.... 1 lb. 1 oz.
50 feet of rope.... 1 lb. 12 oz.
65 feet of tubular webbing.... 1 lb. 7 oz.
Battery-operated head lamp.... 8.3 oz.
3 accessory cords.... 6 oz.
High-density plastic helmet.... 1 lb. 1 oz.
Leather hiking boots.... 5 lbs.
Climbing harness.... 15 oz.
Belt for carabiners, cams, and nuts.... 6 lbs. 6 oz.
Internal frame Gregory backpack.... 4 lbs. 8 oz.
Fold-up saw.... 4 oz.
Signal mirror.... 4.5 oz.

about half an hour goes by. Most times, it has to be quick. I don't unpack after a job, because usually when I come home from a search I'm pretty beat. It's not uncommon to get a call at 10 o'clock at night. Then we'll go

out, search all night, and get home first thing in the morning. You just crash out.

My favorite piece of gear, I think, is my ice axe. We were on quite a few rescues in the San Bernardinos this year; it

came in handy. But all of my equipment is easy to use and lightweight. Because when you're on an operation, you're always concerned with volume and weight. Whether you're on a technical rescue or you're out in the field, you always want the smallest and lightest. And San Diego has a lot of brush, so we often find ourselves brush-crawling. We call it "manzanita stomping." So if you have a big old pack that weighs a lot, you'll feel like you're dying. I'd say my average pack weight is 30 to 35 pounds, depending on the rescue. (Unless you're doing winter rescue, in which case the pack weighs quite a bit more, because you have to have a stove, a shelter, and warmer clothes on top of all the other stuff. The winter pack is closer to 50 or 60 pounds.)

I've had a lot of my equipment for a while, so



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Dan White

it's kind of older and heavier, but it's still in pretty good shape. There's always something lighter and smaller. Some new titanium gadget, something ultralight that's just been invented. But I have to wait until

something breaks before I buy the nifty new version. One of the things that you specifically think about when you pack your pack is that you don't want anything that you're not going to use. Typically if I have

something that I haven't used in a couple of years, then I'll either sell it or give it away.

It's about efficiency. Having what you need but not having too much.

Dan Hollister
Police Sergeant

I've been on the San Diego police force for over 20 years. Thirteen on a SWAT team, and the last 7 on a motorcycle squad. I follow a definite routine when I get ready for work; everything goes on in a specific order, especially during the winter months when you're putting on additional layers of clothing. The motorpants go on first. If it's cold enough, I'll put long underpants on before the motorbritches. Then comes a T-shirt and bulletproof vest. Cold mornings I might put on a turtleneck on top of that. Then comes the uniform

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Kevlar bulletproof vest.... 3 lbs. 10 oz.
Motorola police radio.... 2 lbs. 1.2 oz.
Police baton.... 1 lb. 5.3 oz.
Motorola pager.... 4.5 oz.
Handcuffs.... 9.1 oz.
Buck knife.... 4.4 oz.
Keychain.... 4 oz.
2 ball-point pens.... 1.4 oz.
Police belt.... 5 lbs. 5 oz.
Motorcycle boots.... 2 lbs. 15 oz. each
G-Shock wristwatch.... 2.4 oz.
Prescription sunglasses.... 1.1 oz.
Leather gloves.... 8.8 oz./pair
Motorcycle helmet.... 3 lbs. 6 oz.
Pepper spray.... 4.6 oz.
Leather parking ticket book.... 2 lbs. 4.5 oz.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Dan Hollister

shirt, then the leather jacket and the police belt.

I don't have any superstitions when it comes to getting ready. As long as everything goes on, fits correctly, and feels good, then it's good to go. I mean, you double check everything;

you don't want to walk out of your house without your gun, but if everything is where it's supposed to be, then that's enough for me.

Motorcycle officers don't forget things as often as patrol officers, because motorcycle offi-

cers get ready at home and then ride into work. Patrol officers come to work in their civilian vehicles and then get ready in the locker room. Me, I have a walk-in closet in the master bedroom where I store everything so that it's out

of reach of my kids.

Everything I carry to work with me is special; it all has a purpose. But if I had to pick a favorite tool, it would have to be my firearm. That's the bread and butter. The motorcycle isn't a luxury; it's something I need to

do my job. But I think if you ask any law-enforcement officer to pick one tool, then the firearm is the one that makes all the difference in the world.

I've used my gun, but I've never had to fire it. I'm lucky. I've used the gun to gain compliance in various situations. Knock on wood, the bulletproof vest is the one thing that I've never had to use. Yet.

PEACHES

Prostitute

I've been hooking on and off since 1989, and every night when I go to work, I make sure I have protection: I carry a pair of scissors, a screwdriver, and a water gun filled with bleach and rubbing alcohol.

I used the water gun once; squirted a guy in the eyes. That's the only protection I carry. But in my purse I have cosmetics, a pen and paper to

write with, condoms, my cell phone... That there's my wine. Gets me in the mood, sometimes. It's Cisco!

I wear different outfits depending on the weather, but I don't dress too obvious. I want to draw some attention to myself, but not too much, so I dress conservative. I'll be walking and I'll get that eye contact with that person, you know, it's something. We'll have a kind of way of knowing what's going on. Sometimes it takes me a while to get out of the house when I go to work at night, and sometimes I can get ready real quick. Like 15 minutes. It depends on my mood.

On the weekends, or when it's payday for people, I'll start work at, like, 10 at night, and it'll be daylight when I finish. I usually stay in a hotel, but the last few days I've been living with someone in an apartment. And when I get home

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from working, I just throw my stuff down next to the bed. Or wherever. It don't matter.

I can't carry too much on me, just my purse, but I do love my cell phone. I got a Nokia phone, and my service is with Cingular. I got unlimited minutes after 7. And, I got gum. Today it's extra spearmint, but my favorite is Dentyne Ice, the Arctic Chill gum. So I also carry gum, a comb, a brush, my shades, cosmetics, and my perfume. I wear Sparkling White Diamonds by Elizabeth Taylor. I used to carry a vibrator, you know, for me. Some guys did like it, though. But I don't

carry that no more; it got stolen. I done lost so many purses out here, I can't even tell you.

And, you know, I guess my body is one of my tools. My body is my best tool. Guys really like that tool the best.

I work for myself. I never had a pimp. I been told that I'm disrespecting the game by not having a pimp, but nobody's ever hurt me, not really. Like I said, I did have to use my water gun once, because this guy had, like, a screwdriver or a stick or something up to my neck. Actually, he was, like, raping me. He didn't want to pay for the services. He just



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JAKE SHELTON'S EQUIPMENT:

Fins.... 1 lb. 12 oz. each
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Mask.... 7 oz.
Knife.... 7 oz.
Light.... 2 lbs.
Gloves.... 4 oz.
Hood.... 9 oz.
Whistle.... 1 oz.
Snorkel.... 5 oz.

to do when you're getting ready to dive is hook up your dive gear. You don't want to do it after your wetsuit's on or you're roasting. So you put your dive gear together first and you make sure that it's working. After your dive gear's hooked up, you put your wetsuit on, you put your dive gear on, and then you head into the water.

You want to spend as

little time as possible on land with your wetsuit on and your dive gear on your back. Once you're in the water, it gets a lot lighter, so you want to get ready as close to the water's edge as possible. Getting ready for diving only takes about six or seven minutes, and after you get done diving, you can take off your dive gear at the water's edge, then walk back to the car

PEACHES' EQUIPMENT:

Payless purse filled with gum, comb, brush, perfume, cosmetics, pen, pad, Nokia cell phone, tissues, and a ten-pack of Trojan lubricated condoms (eight are left).... 2 lbs. 1 oz.

Body.... 134 lbs.

wanted me to give it to him. So I got him in the eyes. Anyway, everything in my purse, I use. I just bought this purse at Payless. It's a Payless purse!

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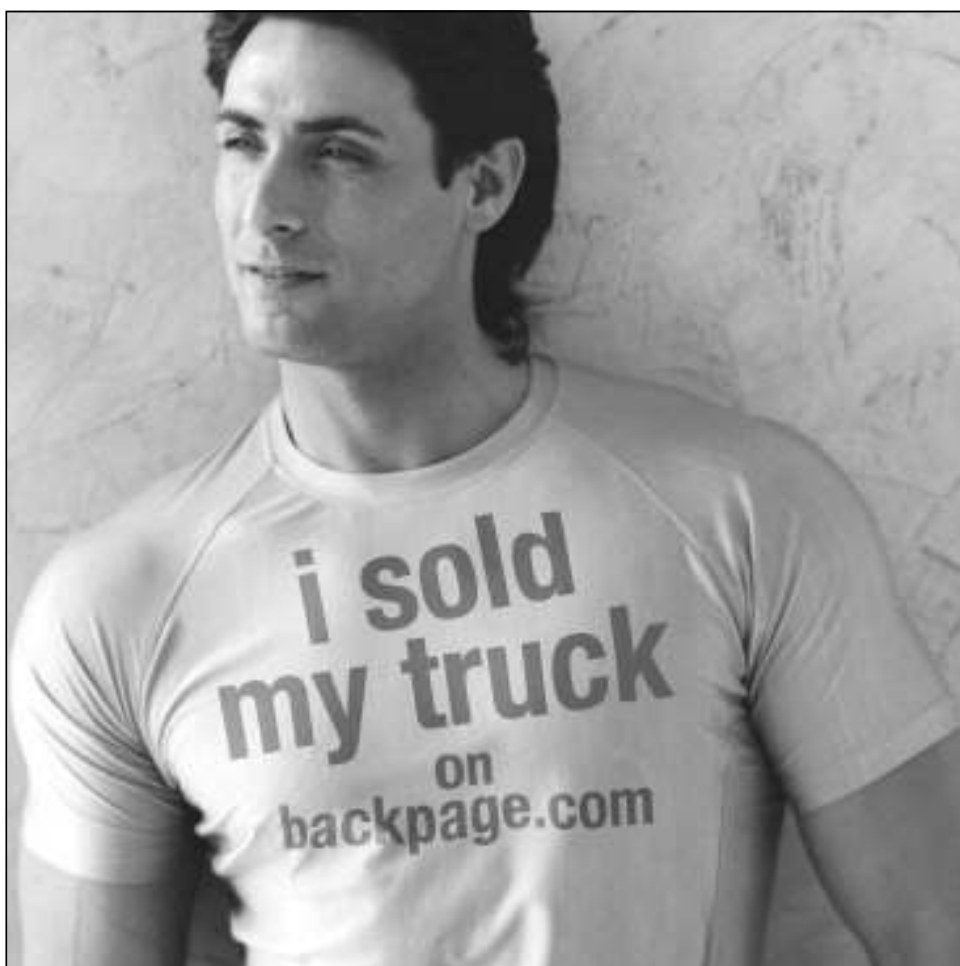
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I really like my dry-suit, which is exactly what it sounds like. It's a dry suit. It keeps all the water off you so you stay totally dry. It means you can get dressed up in nice, warm, fuzzy underwear at home, go down to the dive site, leave your clothes on, and just put your suit over them. That's a lot more comfortable.

There isn't any equipment that I wish I had. I own a dive store. I've got all the toys I want! But the things I have that I never use are

my knife and my emergency backup tank. I always carry an extra tank with an extra regulator, just in case mine goes bad. But so far, in 18 years of diving, I've never had to use it. The knife I have just in case. You wouldn't fight a shark or anything with it, but maybe I'll have to cut myself out of fishing

line someday — you never know!

MICHAEL EARLY
Owner, Michael Early
Construction Company

I've worked in construction for almost 30 years, starting with geodesic domes I built in Michigan at the age of 15. My tool belt — con-

struction workers call them "bags" — are usually set up beforehand. I know where all my parts are, I don't even have to look. I can just grab anywhere and I know what I'm going to find.

So you put your bags on first, because you're going to need all those hand tools. Beyond that, you have to decide what

MICHAEL EARLY'S EQUIPMENT:

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Scribe compass.... 0.6 oz.
Chalk box.... 5.5 oz.
Speed Square.... 7.8 oz.
Green hammer.... 1 lb. 8.9 oz.



Michael Early

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tools are going to be necessary for the job. Certain tools you'll need to have with you, and everything else you can just leave in

the truck.

I'll walk under ladders; I don't have any of those issues. But my green hammer has to be

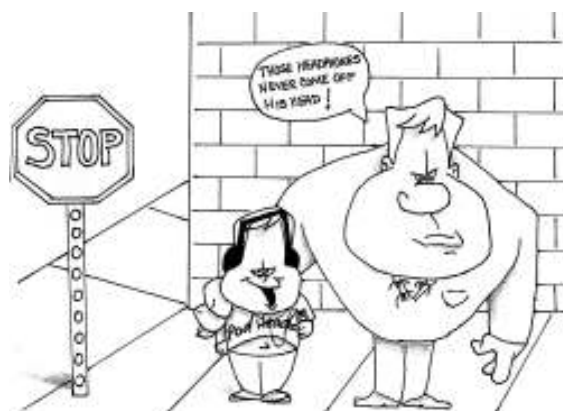


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with me at all times. Everybody laughs about it, but it's been with me for 20 years. I do everything with it, and I can't lose it, or I actually freak out.

I only leave my tools lying around after work if the job site's really secure.

Otherwise, you'll get ripped off. I've had stuff stolen on jobs in this town. For instance, we're in another room, in a big house in Hillcrest, and we come back, and a chop saw's stolen. So I advise all my employees, every day, to spend the extra 15

minutes, roll their tools up. Otherwise, sure enough, another tradesman will steal them. And in this business, that's your life, you know? You make your earnings based on what tools you own.

My green hammer is

one of my favorite tools, of course, but another one of my favorites is my Porter-Cable four-and-a-half-inch trim saw. That's a tool. I do everything with it. I can do it all with this little thing, like cut finished panels with it. But I own a lot of tools; I

have thousands of dollars in tools. I used to like to get tools for the fun of it. But now that I'm managing a construction company, I want to see how much I can do with the least amount of tools. So I'm kind of working it backwards and trying to

be more efficient. If your team's portable, you can grab a couple of things and do more with less.

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you clamp and use with a screw gun. So that's a good example of a tool that I wanted and got but didn't really need, and now that I have it, I don't like it.

You never sell your old tools. I've done it before, but when you sell them, you go, "Gosh, I wish I had that staple gun back." On the other hand, when you acquire a new tool, you can't really get the money back for it. I have this thing called an electric shear, which you use for cutting metal. I haven't used it for three years. I'm going to use it again in the next couple of days, and then I probably won't use it again for another five years. But it's a \$200 tool, and I'm glad I have it.

MARK SERRITELLA

Comedian

I've been doing comedy for six years, and my comedy show runs every Tuesday at Lestat's



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

Mark Serritella

Coffeehouse in Normal Heights. So I write all week long and go through my jokes, list them, and I categorize them by women, politics, inventions, animals — you know, whatever themes seem to be

emerging in the jokes that I'm doing. Before each show, I rehearse them once or twice. I used to rehearse all week long, probably 50 times. But lately, I've been doing my rehearsing about 20 minutes before each

show, running through it twice, just before I go onstage. Even the new material. I write new stuff all the time, and your brain just becomes more attuned to memorizing stuff.

I don't have any superstitions about my preparation, but I do like to wear the same shoes and socks. You can't do comedy in uncomfortable shoes! If your shoes are really heavy, your mind focuses on that — you can get bogged down by the weight of your own feet.

I just bought a new pair of performing shoes. I was at the mall in these dress shoes. Doing jumping jacks in them. You know, they almost have to feel like sneakers. And I wear these black dress socks. They're not long, so they're not hot, and I wear the same pair every time I do an important show. Actually, they just ripped, which kind of sucks, because now I'll

MARK SERRITELLA'S EQUIPMENT:

Reason.... n/a
Fear.... n/a
Memory.... n/a
Emotions.... n/a
Planning skills.... n/a
Right brain.... 1.5 lbs.
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have to quit comedy.

At the end of each set, I take a notebook of the jokes I just did and put a star next to the ones that worked. I write a new ten-minute set every single week, so I have to keep track. By putting a star next to the jokes that work, I remember them, so that the next time I'm going to do a 40-minute set, I can take all my best stuff from the last three or four months and put it

all together to make a headline set.

My favorite piece of specialized equipment is definitely my brain. You know, the left side of the brain is for planning and goal-setting. I plan out my entire career with the left side of my brain: What managers I would like to manage me. How I can go about getting them. If I want a new CD to come out. Where I'm going to work. Which clubs I like. Who I need to talk to. Whether I need to mail out a demo. And so on.

The right side of my brain is for emotion and creativity. When you're onstage, those are the

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things you use. The right side is probably my favorite part because it's for performance. The right side is also for consciousness — when you're onstage, you have to be really focused on the room. You have to be in the room. You have to be totally present. There's a part of the brain that controls reason, but when you're onstage, you can get unreasonable, so I think that reason's a tool I could learn to use better.

Fear and memory are also important tools that you have to know how to use to do comedy. There's a lot of fear onstage, especially when you first start, and one of the first things that you lose when you're afraid is your memory. Early on, I'd have to memorize three minutes' worth of jokes, but when I'd get up there, completely untrained and completely afraid, I'd forget two of the three minutes, and I'd have to just walk off the stage. I think that, as you get less fearful, your memory becomes much better.

I also bring a camcorder to every set. You get better by watching yourself, seeing all the little things you do with your body. Like, I did all this voice and speech work last year — I was losing my voice — and I noticed I was doing this puffy chest-thing, trying to keep my diaphragm out. It was like I was trying to look bigger than I am. When I saw it on tape, I thought, "I've got to stop doing that!"

I go through all the emotions onstage, so I use my right brain all the time. If there's a tool I don't use much, it must be a left-brain issue. Although, in comedy, I think you do use all of your brain all the time. If you're any good, I mean. A lot of comedians don't do a lot of planning. If you ask me, that's not a really good idea. ■

— Geoff Bouvier

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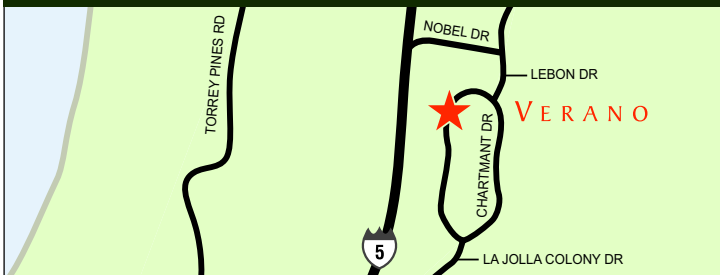
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For me, troubles with low self-esteem began in middle school, when I was taken out of my familiar elementary-school setting and placed into a world where beauty, dating, and fashion took on importance in the lives of the maturing students.

Who conceived the notion of cliques and gave preteens the idea of choosing companions based on appearance? Although I wasn't plagued by social isolation in middle school, I felt the pressure to be an ideal, someone that nobody would find fault with. I concentrated less on my positive qualities and more on little details about myself that other people may have found objectionable. By doing so, I set myself up for disappointment.

I'd like to say that my self-dissatisfaction was a phase that I grew out of after entering high school, but for a long time, high school and my innate perfectionism aroused greater self-scrutiny and denigration. It wasn't until later in my high school career that I began to obtain a sense of self, worry less about the prejudices of other people, and take pleasure in my individuality.

Although my family and friends helped remind me of the things I had to be thankful for, I believe that I had more to do with the elevation of my self-esteem. I have learned that the support of family and friends is invaluable, but in order for that help to be effective, one must have it in his or her own mind that they want to feel better about themselves.

— Dara Arikian,
El Capitan H.S.

In the past, I have had low self-esteem. Because of my name, I was always the one picked on in elementary and junior high with nicknames such as "Hollywood" and "Fender Bender."

That kind of hurt my self-esteem a little. It didn't help when the kids at school called me "stupid" because my grades were a little lower than theirs. I was an easy target because I am so shy and sometimes reacted negatively to their comments. My friends helped me overcome the low self-esteem sometimes by being nice to me and telling me that the other kids were wrong.

I moved to San Diego before ninth grade. On the first day of school, some students were nice to me, some not so nice — again, they made fun of my name. Two boys sang a little song about it. Because I reacted, they continued to make fun of my name. Most of the high schoolers were nice to me; they are more mature than elementary and junior high schoolers. The friends I made helped me overcome this (even though, at times, to tease me, they said the same things the meaner kids said).

My mom helped me by convincing me to buy two books about self-esteem, *You Are What You Think* by David Stoop, Ph.D., and *The Everything Self-Esteem Book*, by Robert M. Sherfield, Ph.D. Though I was a little embarrassed to purchase them, they have helped me a lot.

— Holly Benderman,
Mission Bay H.S.



Paris Hilton

Acceptance. To me, that's what brings me to the lowest point I can possibly go. My low self-esteem stems from a long time of knowing that I don't and won't always fit in. I'm 16 now, and I had to learn the hard way that the only friend that I could ever trust was myself. I have spent a few sleepless nights pondering whether or not I will be able to be accepted in today's society.

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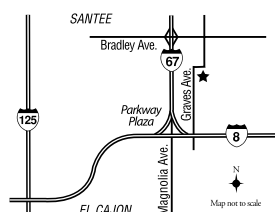
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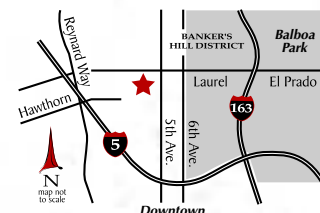
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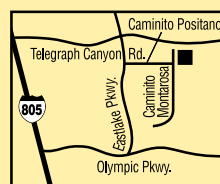
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usually get confused looks and the ever-popular, "Oh, please." (Sorry, guys, but that is the way I feel sometimes.) So, I pretty much avoid the subject of how I feel.

I remember a time

when a school mate said I should "get a life." Ouch! Ever since then, my self-esteem wasn't so high. My friends couldn't help me. Sure, I could have told them, but I think it would've caused an uncomfort-

able silence.

I don't have much of the things other teenagers have. I have many memories of craving something and not getting it. Kids my age have iPods and MP3 players, things I

cannot afford.

Sometimes I think of a scenario in which I have it all: fashionable clothes, "hot" shoes, and electronic gadgets. Then — bam! — reality kicks me. I'm no Paris Hilton, just a middle-

class girl wearing middle-class clothes and shoes.

My parents mean the world to me, and I know that the things they do and don't do for me are because they truly love me. One day,

I'll take Charles H. Spurgeon's saying to heart: "It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness." Until then, my self-esteem will fluctuate.

— Lee Ann Gonzales,
Monte Vista H.S.

Some of the reasons for my low self-esteem are because I'm not satisfied with the way I look or I don't feel smart enough. Then there are days when I wish I could crawl into a hole and die.

When I was 12, I sat with my "friends" when, all of a sudden, they started to talk about what a fantastic time they had over the weekend at a party one of them had held. I hadn't been invited. I felt like dirt — worse than dirt. I hated myself. Couldn't I even hold on to some friends? I believed no one liked me. I didn't like me! Of course, when I told my mom, she was there to say all the right things and to build me up. But she is my mom; I believed she was required to say those nice things. Then I had a real eye-opener at school.

I started to hang less and less with the ones who had snubbed me, and I realized that a lot of other people were ready and willing to be my friends. Suddenly, my self-esteem sky-rocketed. This showed me that self-esteem is affected a lot by others.

Now that I am a lot older and wiser, I feel the daily insecurities, but I find that friends and family that love me help keep my self-esteem way up. I don't care too much about what others think because I have a solid support system.

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Low self-esteem plagues my mind every once in a while. It's always the effect of a particular event that may or may not affect me directly. For example, if someone I don't know achieves success and fulfillment, I may feel happy or inspired by them. But, I might also feel jealous or inadequate.

On the other hand, a circumstance may hurt me personally. Once, I auditioned for a play. I felt assured that I'd get the part. But, after the audition and call-back process, I did



not make it in. I had placed myself before judges (or, directors, to

be more accurate), and I was rejected. That I had felt so

confident in my audition made the "fall" difficult. For a short peri-

od of time, I felt inadequate and inferior. These emotions caused me to have low self-esteem. I received comfort and advice from my family; they understood what was happening. They helped me through this phase and told me that I would grow from these experiences and that there were better things in store for me (which, to my surprise, turned out to be true).

— Derrick Sun,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

I have large thighs and a round rear and stomach, but

size-A breasts. I have narrow Asian eyes, chubby cheeks, and wear dark-framed glasses. I am clumsy, awkward, argumentative, and "technically retarded," as my friend once remarked (she meant that I was technologically inept). These physical features and aspects of my personality once bothered me (except the clumsiness; I am oddly proud of that). I grew up shy and never felt as though I belonged with any of the kids in my grade. I sort of felt like my oddities kept me on the side and if I could come

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a little closer to normal, I might be happier. I got used to not having many close friends and living life with my head in my books.

Unfortunately, my refuge of intelligence disappeared when I received a B in my freshman geometry class. Being smart had defined my individuality. But I returned to straight A's and decided that it was a fluke. By my junior year, most worries drifted

away.

I've always had the support of my family to reassure me and make

welcoming people, and I now feel as though I have people outside of my family who care

field-hockey with. With them, I can embrace my uniqueness and be just plain me. I no longer worry about whether I am pretty or smart enough for some boy or anyone else because as far as I am concerned, the most amazing people in the world love me.

Sometimes, I look in the mirror and wish I weighed a little less. Or, worse, school stress, exhaustion, and hormones sometimes cause a wave of insecurity to flood my body. I think I am not smart enough to pass my AP tests or not good enough to deserve love, and I look at all of the night's schoolwork and I fall on my bed and cry. But that's just teen angst. When I pull myself out of the slump, I am in my world of friends and family where I feel special and worthy.

— Megan Zapanta,
El Capitan H.S. ■

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In 1803, Coronado's North Island was a wide brown hump across the channel from the tip of Ballast Point. Ships entering the bay had to navigate through acres of kelp offshore, then a bottleneck between the island and the point. The passage was much narrower than today: "not a cable's length wide," said Captain William Shaler, of the *Lelia Byrd*, referring to woven hemp anchor-ropes that averaged 200 yards. Speaking from the safety of hindsight, since he had to run a gauntlet past the cannons, Shaler also recalled a "sorry battery of eight pounders at the entrance."

The battery was Fort Guijarros, a massive, earthen structure at the base of Ballast Point. A man-made ramp rose like a pyramid to 40 feet. Twenty feet above the ramp, cannons faced the channel from gunports. The merlons, battlement walls between the ports, stood eight feet high. Cannons were rated by the weight of the ball. At least one of them, called "El Jupiter," was a nine-pounder.

A nine-pound ball could put a good-sized hole in a ship. Cannoniers had other tactics. They'd link two balls

to a short chain, or flat metal bar. Fired from the same tube, whirling "chain shots" and "bar shots" could bring down a sail. Soldiers would also grill a cannonball over hot coals. The heated ball could hit the hull, or just a sail, and set a ship on fire.

"If they didn't have proper ammunition," says Ron May, board chairman of the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation, "they'd ram something down the barrel and aim for the ship's rigging. At Fort Guijarros, they'd try to disable the ship — slow it down so it could be boarded — but not sink it. The last thing they'd want is a sunken ship in such a narrow channel."

Although some could range up to half a mile, most cannons weren't accurate beyond a "half-pistol shot," about 100 yards. To improve distance and accuracy, especially for artillery at or near sea level, cannoniers would skip a cannonball across the waves. It might have been a "raking shot," fired "between wind and water," that struck the *Lelia Byrd* during the Battle of San Diego Bay.

For years after, Spanish officials referred to the 175-ton vessel as *papagayo*, which means "parrot," but also a red fish "full of venomous prickles."

The *Lelia Byrd* sailed into the bay March 17, 1803. As it passed the "hooked

promontory" of Ballast Point, Captain Shaler was surprised that no one greeted him from Guijarros. An hour later, around dusk, the ship dropped anchor about a mile from the fort — near the foot of Kellogg Street, some say — within "hailing distance" of the shore.

The next morning, thirteen soldiers on horseback stood in a formal row on the beach. Their leader, a solemn man in a silver-spangled uniform, shouted into a megaphone. "Send your launch," he said in Spanish, referring to a large utility rowboat. "We are coming aboard."

As they climbed onto the ship, the cavalrymen formed two lines facing each other. They drew their swords and doffed their hats. Then the leader came on deck. Shoulders back, chest forward, he pranced down the companionway between his escorts' rigid salutes.

"Another minor Spanish official," thought Richard Cleveland, Shaler's business partner. "Such a ridiculous display of a little 'brief authority,'" Cleveland added, quoting *Measure for Measure*, "I never before witnessed."

"More Boston traders... *Bostones!*" Don Manuel Rodriguez, Commandant of the San Diego Presidio, must have thought, as he and his soldiers tried to establish authority on the Yankee brig, "and more lies."

Spain permitted no foreign trade



Ballast Point lighthouse, c. 1900

on Pacific shores. But since 1800, three New England vessels had come to San Diego to deal, on the sly, for sea otter furs. They'd exchange trinkets, household goods, and blue ribbons with natives and the friars for a pelt worth up to \$80 — \$1000 in today's currency — in China.

Each vessel had an excuse for anchoring. On August 25, 1800, the *Betsy*, the first American ship to enter San Diego Bay, needed wood and water. In June, 1801, the *Enterprise* asked for "bread and other foodstuffs" before sailing to China. Both vessels left on friendly terms. If they smuggled furs, no one knew.

The *Alexander* arrived February 26, 1803, with an urgent excuse. Nine of its 19 crewmen had scurvy — or so their captain claimed. They *must* convalesce on land. Rodriguez gave them eight days, but they couldn't go near

QUOTATIONS:

1. Magdalen Couglin: "This is what makes early contact of American traders with the California coast so illusive. Smugglers do not register as such...they must be followed where they have tried to leave no trace."
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3. Richard Cleveland: "The *Lelia Byrd* was repaired by the King [Kamehameha of Hawaii, who bought it] and made two or three voyages to China with sandalwood. At length, worn out, and after being for a time a receiving ship for opium, she was broken up or sunk at Whampoa."



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the Presidio, three miles inland. On the fifth day, suspecting trouble, Rodriguez and an armed guard boarded the frigate. They found 491 furs in a storeroom near the main mast.

"*Contrabando!*" Rodriguez declared. He ordered the *Alexander* to leave at once, and locked the pelts in the Presidio warehouse. That was March 3. Two weeks later, the *Lelia Byrd* hove to off Point Loma.

As his soldiers stood at attention, Rodriguez inspected Shaler's passport and took the Captain's request for 24 hens, flour, salt, and four butchered cattle. Rodriguez said the crew could come ashore, but not go inland. And once they had their supplies, they must not "delay a moment in leaving the port."

To prevent another *Alexander* affair, Rodriguez ordered Sergeant Joaquin Arce and five soldiers to remain on the brig: Let no San Diegan on board. Inspect the launch and rowboats after every trip

ashore. If Arce found any furs, "I should be advised."

After the Commandant left "with great ceremony," Cleveland and a small party rowed to the beach. They "rambled" south, on a narrow, cobblestone path toward the fort. When no one met them, they went inside and "availed ourselves of the opportunity to ascertain its strength."

They found "eight brass nine-pounders" mounted on wooden carriages. (Cleveland tends to inflate numbers in his account; later he says there were only three, most likely a more accurate number.) The cannons were in good shape, "but there was no appearance of their having been used for a long time." Not wanting to get caught snooping around the battery, the party returned to the ship at sunset, "having had an agreeable excursion."

Back on board, Sergeant Arce, "an intelligent young man," told about the 491 furs in the warehouse.

The next time he saw

the Commandant, Cleveland suggested a trade. Rodriguez wouldn't listen. Cleveland became convinced that, "without it being known to the public," Rodriguez would have made the sale. But since San Diegans "were all spies on each other," he couldn't.

Richard Batman: "That Rodriguez was an honest man who believed in enforcing the rules didn't occur to Cleveland."

Rodriguez never sold the furs. They rotted in the warehouse. The putrid stench that seeped through the walls and permeated the entire compound — prompting grumbles from all 200 inhabitants — became a symbol of the Commandant's fortitude.

He finally ordered all 491 dumped in the bay.

On March 21, the *Lelia Byrd* had its supplies. Rodriguez came on board to receive payment. "The ship sails in the morning," he said. Then, in a grand flourish, he wished everyone well.

When he came ashore, rather than ride north to the Presidio, Rodriguez

went to inspect the fort. In the trunk of Jose Velazquez, the Corporal in charge of the battery, he found "19 rolls of counterfeit Bretona cloth, one of cheese-cloth, and about six yards of flannel." Foreign goods!

He also detected the scent of otter skins. A quick search uncovered a stack of 40: the New Englanders' share. "Suspicious" that more smuggling would happen after dark, Rodriguez, a cadet, and four soldiers began patrolling the beach on horseback.

Around 9:00 p.m., Cleveland feigned panic: a crewman was missing, he told Sergeant Arce. They couldn't leave without him! So Cleveland, the two cabin boys, and the ship's caulker lowered the launch and a small jollyboat and rowed to prearranged locations in silence.

Cleveland came back with several "mission furs." The launch never returned.

As the cabin boys guarded the launch in darkness, the caulker traded with Carlos Rosa, a soldier, for seven otter pelts. Then came the clack

of hooves on cobblestones. Rodriguez!

Rosa grabbed the furs and vanished into thick shrubs. Six horsemen surrounded the caulker and cabin boys. Furious, Rodriguez ordered the smugglers bound hand and foot — and to remain that way all night, guarded by three soldiers. In the morning, the Commandant would return and "reprimand the Captain of this ship for his procedure."

At sunrise, Shaler and Cleveland saw the empty launch beached abreast of their vessel. Cleveland snuck ashore. He spotted the soldiers and their prisoners. Since he had no weapon, and a rescue would have been "imprudent," he returned to the ship and told Shaler. They immediately disarmed the on-board guards and locked them belowdecks. Cleveland and four crewmen, "each with a brace of loaded pistols," rowed ashore. Antonio Guillen, one of the guards, went with them, possibly as a Spanish-speaking eye-witness.

The New Englanders

surprised the soldiers, shoved pistols at their chests, and demanded the prisoners released. "To prevent mischief," Cleveland dipped Spanish firearms into salty bay-water and tossed them on the beach.

As the Yankee party boarded the launch, Guillen broke free. He raced to Fort Guijarros. "The *Bostones* are sailing — with our men!" he shouted to Velazquez. "What should we do?"

The question was unique. Up to 1803, few ships visited San Diego Bay, and none had tried to escape. Though they hadn't done much lately, cannoniers practiced at small targets — out-of-range objects at North Island, chunks of kelp in the channel — but never an actual vessel. Plus, shooting at an American brig could constitute an act of war.

But the *Lelia Byrd* was kidnapping five fellow soldiers. To what purpose? A shanghaied crew? Slit their throats at sea? And then again: could Velazquez

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open fire on his comrades?

Shaler and Cleveland had no options. "Arriving safely on board," writes Cleveland, "our men [were] so indignant at the treatment of their shipmates, as to be ready for the fight." They had, however, a "hazardous" task ahead, "a failure in which would be attended with ruin."

The *Leila Byrd* was anchored a mile north of Fort Guijarros. To escape, it would have to sail through the narrow strait between the point and North Island, within close range of the battery. "With a strong wind," writes Cleveland, "the quick passage of the vessel would render the danger trifling, but unfortunately we had not but the last expiring breath of the land breeze." This would only give them "steerage way," only enough movement to keep the ship on course.

It would take almost 45 minutes to weigh anchor, come about, and sail past the fort against the incoming tide. The Battle of San Diego Bay, in other words, took place

in slow motion.

The *Leila Byrd* had six three-pound, portable swivel-guns. These made more noise than damage, even to nearby targets. Shaler ordered them armed and mounted along the ship's starboard side, facing the fort.

Corporal Velazquez, whose smuggling escapades helped trigger it, had an idea: prevent the confrontation without violence. When the *Leila Byrd* crew climbed to the upper yardarm and unfurled the topsails, Velazquez mustered troops at the battery and raised the Spanish flag. Then he loaded a blank cartridge into "El Jupiter" and lit the fuse.

Shaler and Cleveland saw the flash and heard the report rumble up the hillside. Smoke hung like a low cloud over the battery, and flocks of seagulls took flight. But the *Leila Byrd* continued toward the neck of the bay.

Velazquez reloaded, this time with a nine-pound ball. He fired the universal warning: a blast across the ship's bow. The

"solid shot" cracked the sky. But the *Leila Byrd* nudged forward.

During the next 30 minutes Velazquez fired several times. Though most shots missed, one snared some rigging, slowing the ship even more. The *Leila Byrd* didn't return fire. When it almost reached the fort, a missile struck the hull toward the stern, possibly a low, raking-shot, skimming across the waves.

Shaler and Cleveland quickly crammed the hole with oakum — tarred, old rope fibers. They also made a move to stop the bombardment. Cleveland: "We caused the guard in their uniforms to stand along in the most exposed and conspicuous station."

Cleveland neglects to say that he and Shaler turned the soldiers into human targets. They lashed four to the ship's starboard railing, facing the fort, and tied Sergeant Arce to the mainmast. The prisoners contorted, trying to undo knots. Some mimicked being shot. All begged Velazquez to cease firing.

Cleveland says the cannonade continued. Velazquez, who had shot eight rounds up to that point, says he stopped when Sergeant Arce promised the soldiers would be given their swords and set free.

A small crowd gathered near the fort — "came to see the fun," says Cleveland. When the *Leila Byrd* pulled even with the battery, the prisoners were still bound to the railing. Their screams and frantic twisting showed no hint of freedom.

Suddenly, *Leila Byrd* blasted a six-cannon broadside. Stones sparked and three-pound balls ricocheted up the ramp. Onlookers scampered away. But the volley did no harm.

Soldiers began to flee the fort. The *Leila Byrd* reloaded. The swivel guns roared again, this time with cannonballs and "grapeshot" — small, cast-iron pellets that erupt like shrapnel. Cleveland: the second salvo "caused the complete abandonment of their guns, as none were fired afterwards; nor could we see any person in the fort, excepting a soldier who stood upon the ramparts, waving his hat, as if to desire us to desist."

It was Velazquez. Soon

after, Rodriguez, who had ridden around the bay from the Presidio, reached the battery. The *Leila Byrd* was well past the breakwater at Ballast Point. Rodriguez rebuked Velazquez for opening fire and, after it had shot back, for not trying to "dismast" the vessel.

Velazquez said he couldn't; he had no "bar shots," referring to cannonballs linked by a metal bar.

"Can your guns reach the frigate from here?"

"No sir...out of range."

Battle over. Aware that different versions of what happened were bound to occur, Velazquez hinted that if Rodriguez wanted to get their story straight, just let him know.

The *Leila Byrd* moved on. Cleveland: "Having passed out of reach of their cannon, the poor guards saw themselves completely in our power, without the chance of rescue." As the brig rounded Point Loma, crewmen lowered the launch to row the guards ashore and tied their weapons in bundles. Even these signs of liberty couldn't keep the soldiers from "imploping for mercy...nor could they be made to believe, until they were actually on shore, that we intended them no harm."

On safe ground at last, the soldiers embraced each other, crossed themselves, and fell to their knees in prayer. Cleveland, who later boasted about his and Shaler's "humanity and generosity to the guards," says he heard them shout, *Vivan los Americanos*.

The *Leila Byrd* sailed south to San Quintin, for repairs, and eventually to Hawaii.

Five days after the incident — though Velazquez swears it was just a "friendly exchange of gifts" — Rodriguez jailed the Corporal for dealing contraband with the Yankees.

The Commandant sold the confiscated goods at an auction for the equivalent of \$212. He gave the money to four Spanish soliders. One would like to believe it was the four trapped "between wind and water," during the Battle of San Diego Bay. ■

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THE UPHOLDERS OF SLAVERY IN AMERICA — of the atrocities of which system, I shall not write one word for which I have not had ample proof and warrant — may be divided into three great classes.

The first, are those more moderate and rational owners of human cattle, who have come into the possession of them as so many coins in their trading capital, but who admit the frightful nature of the Institution in the abstract, and perceive the dangers to society with which it is fraught: dangers which however distant they may be, or howsoever tardy in their coming on, are as certain to fall upon its guilty head, as is the Day of Judgment.

The second, consists of all those owners, breeders, users, buyers and sellers of slaves, who will, until the bloody chapter has a bloody end, own, breed, use, buy, and sell them at all hazards: who doggedly deny the horrors of the system in the teeth of such a mass of evidence as never was brought to bear on any other subject, and to which the experience of every day contributes its immense amount; who would at this or any other moment, gladly involve America in a war, civil or foreign, provided that it had for its sole end and object the assertion of their right to perpetuate slavery, and to whip and work and torture slaves, unquestioned by any human authority, and unassailed by any human power; who, when they speak of Freedom, mean the Freedom to oppress their kind, and to be savage, merciless, and cruel; and of whom every man on his own ground, in republican America, is a more exacting, and a sterner, and a less responsible des-

pot than the Caliph Haroun Alraschid in his angry robe of scarlet.

The third, and not the least numerous or influential, is composed of all that delicate gentility which cannot bear a superior, and cannot brook an equal; of that class whose Republicanism means, 'I will not tolerate a man above me: and of those below, none must approach too near;' whose pride, in a land where voluntary servitude is shunned as a disgrace, must be ministered to by slaves; and whose inalienable rights can only have their growth in negro wrongs.

It has been sometimes urged that, in the unavailing efforts which have been made to advance the cause of Human Freedom in the republic of America (strange cause for history to treat of!), sufficient regard has not been had to the existence of the first class of persons; and it has been contended that they are hardly used, in being confounded with the second. This is, no doubt, the case; noble instances of pecuniary and personal sacrifice have already had their growth among them; and it is much to be regretted that the gulf between them and the advocates of eman-

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cipation should have been widened and deepened by any means: the rather, as there are, beyond dispute, among these slave-owners, many kind masters who are tender in the exercise of their unnatural power. Still, it is to be feared that this injustice is inseparable from the state of things with which humanity and truth are called upon to deal. Slavery is not a whit the more endurable because some hearts are to be found which can partially resist its hardening influences; nor can the indignant tide of honest wrath stand still, because in its onward course it overwhelms a few who are comparatively innocent, among a host of guilty.

The ground most commonly taken by these better men among the advocates of slavery, is

this: 'It is a bad system; and for myself I would willingly get rid of it, if I could; most willingly. But it is not so bad, as you in England take it to be. You are deceived by the representations of the emancipationists. The greater part of my slaves are much attached to me. You will say that I do not allow them to be severely treated; but I will put it to you whether you believe that it can be a general practice to treat them inhumanly, when it would impair their value, and would be obviously against the interests of their masters.'

Is it the interest of any man to steal, to game, to waste his health and mental faculties by drunkenness, to lie, forswear himself, indulge hatred, seek desperate revenge, or do murder? No. All

these are roads to ruin. And why, then, do men tread them? Because such inclinations are among the vicious qualities of mankind. Blot out, ye friends of slavery, from the catalogue of human passions, brutal lust, cruelty, and the abuse of irresponsible power (of all earthly temptations the most difficult to be resisted), and when ye have done so, and not before, we will inquire whether it be the interest of a master to lash and maim the slaves, over whose lives and limbs he has an absolute control!

But again: this class, together with that last one I have named, the miserable aristocracy spawned of a false republic, lift up their voices and exclaim 'Public opinion is all-sufficient to prevent such cruelty as you

denounce.' Public opinion! Why, public opinion in the slave States IS slavery, is it not? Public opinion, in the slave States, has delivered the slaves over, to the gentle mercies of their masters. Public opinion has made the laws, and denied the slaves legislative protection. Public opinion has knotted the lash, heated the branding-iron, loaded the rifle, and shielded the murderer. Public opinion threatens the abolitionist with death, if he venture to the South; and drags him with a rope about his middle, in broad unblushing noon, through the first city in the East. Public opinion has, within a few years, burned a slave alive at a slow fire in the city of St. Louis; and public opinion has to this day maintained upon the bench that estimable judge who charged the jury, impanelled there to try his murderers, that their most horrid deed was an act of public opinion, and being so, must not be punished by the laws the public sentiment had made.

Public opinion hailed this doctrine with a howl of wild applause, and set the prisoners free, to walk the city, men of mark, and influence, and station, as they had been before.

Public opinion! what class of men have an immense preponderance over the rest of the community, in their power of representing public opinion in the legislature? The slave-owners. They send from their twelve States one hundred members, while the fourteen free States, with a free population nearly double, return but a hundred and forty-two. Before whom do the presidential candidates bow down the most humbly, on whom do they fawn the most fondly, and for whose tastes do they cater the most assiduously in their servile protestations? The slave-owners always.

Public opinion! Hear the public opinion of the free South, as expressed by its own members in the House of Representatives at Washington. 'I have a great respect for the chair,'

quoth North Carolina, 'I have a great respect for the chair as an officer of the house, and a great respect for him personally; nothing but that respect prevents me from rushing to the table and tearing that petition which has just been presented for the abolition of slavery in the district of Columbia, to pieces.' — 'I warn the abolitionists,' says South Carolina, 'ignorant, infuriated barbarians as they are, that if chance shall throw any of them into our hands, he may expect a felon's death.' — 'Let an abolitionist come within the borders of South Carolina,' cries a third; mild Carolina's colleague; 'and if we can catch him, we will try him, and notwithstanding the interference of all the governments on earth, including the Federal government, we will hang him.'

Public opinion has made this law. — It has declared that in Washington, in that city which takes its name from the father of American lib-

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erty, any justice of the peace may bind with fetters any negro passing down the street and thrust him into jail: no offence on the black man's part is necessary. The justice says, 'I choose to think this man a runaway:' and locks him up. Public opinion impowers the man of law when this is done, to advertise the negro in the newspapers, warning his owner to come and claim him, or he will be sold to pay the jail fees. But supposing he is a free black, and has no owner, it may naturally be presumed that he is set at liberty. No: He is Sold to Recompense his Jailer. This has been done again, and again, and again. He has no means of proving his freedom; has no adviser, messenger, or assistance of any sort or kind; no investigation into his case is made, or inquiry instituted. He, a free man, who may have served for years, and bought his liberty, is thrown into jail on no process, for no crime, and on no pretence of crime:

and is sold to pay the jail fees. This seems incredible, even of America, but it is the law.

Public opinion is deferred to, in such cases as the following: which is headed in the newspapers:

'Interesting Law-Case.

'An interesting case is now on trial in the Supreme Court, arising out of the following facts. A gentleman residing in Maryland had allowed an aged pair of his slaves substantial though not legal freedom for several years. While thus living, a daughter was born to them, who grew up in the same liberty, until she married a free negro, and went with him to reside in Pennsylvania. They had several children, and lived unmolested until the original owner died, when his heir attempted to regain them; but the magistrate before whom they were brought, decided that he had no jurisdiction in the case. The owner seized the woman and her children its the night, and carried them to Maryland.'



Slave auction, late 1700s

'Cash for negroes,' 'cash for negroes,' 'cash for negroes,' is the heading of advertisements in great capitals down the long columns of the crowded journals. Woodcuts of a runaway negro with manacled hands, crouching beneath a bluff pursuer in top boots, who, having caught him, grasps him by the throat, agree-

ably diversify the pleasant text. The leading article protests against 'that abominable and hellish doctrine of abolition, which is repugnant alike to every law of God and nature.' The delicate mamma, who smiles her acquiescence in this sprightly writing as she reads the paper in her cool piazza, quiets her

youngest child who clings about her skirts, by promising the boy 'a whip to beat the little niggers with.' — But the negroes, little and big, are protected by public opinion.

Let us try this public opinion by another test, which is important in three points of view: first, as showing how desperately timid of the public

opinion slave-owners are, in their delicate descriptions of fugitive slaves in widely circulated newspapers; secondly, as showing how perfectly contented the slaves are, and how very seldom they run away; thirdly, as exhibiting their entire freedom from scar, or blemish, or any mark of cruel infliction, as their pictures are drawn, not by lying abolitionists, but by their own truthful masters.

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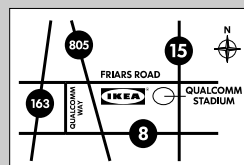
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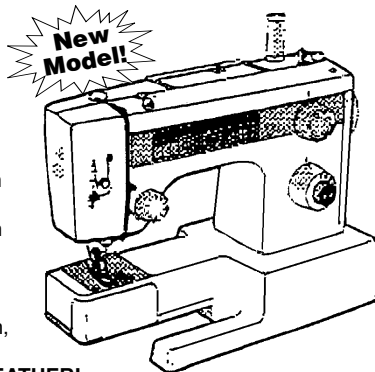
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'Ran away, a negro boy named James. Said boy was ironed when he left me.'

'Committed to jail, a man who calls his name John. He has a clog of iron on his right foot which will weigh four or five pounds.'

'Detained at the

police jail, the negro wench, Myra. Has several marks of lashing, and has irons on her feet.'

'Ran away, a negro woman and two children. A few days before she went off, I burnt her with a hot iron, on the left side of her face. I tried to make the letter M.'

'Ran away, a negro man named Henry; his left eye out, some scars from a dirk on and under his left arm, and much scarred with the whip.'

'One hundred dollars reward, for a negro fellow, Pompey, 40 years old. He is branded on the left jaw.'

'Committed to jail, a negro man. Has no toes

on the left foot.'

'Ran away, a negro woman named Rachel. Has lost all her toes except the large one.'

'Ran away, Sam. He was shot a short time since through the hand, and has several shots in his left arm and side.'

'Ran away, my negro man Dennis. Said negro has been shot in the left arm between the shoulder and elbow, which has paralysed the left hand.'

'Ran away, my negro man named Simon. He has been shot badly, in his back and right arm.'

'Ran away, a negro named Arthur. Has a considerable scar across his breast and each arm, made by a knife; loves to talk much of the goodness of God.'

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'Ran away, negro Ben. Has a scar on his right hand; his thumb and forefinger being injured by being shot last fall. A part of the bone came out. He

has also one or two large scars on his back and hips.'

'Detained at the jail, a mulatto, named Tom. Has a scar on the right cheek, and appears to have been burned with powder on the face.'

'Ran away, a negro man named Ned. Three of his fingers are drawn into the palm of his hand by a cut. Has a scar on the back of his neck, nearly half round, done by a knife.'

'Was committed to jail, a negro man. Says his name is Josiah. His back very much scarred by the whip; and branded on the thigh and hips in three or four places, thus (J M). The rim of his right ear has been bit or cut off.'

'Fifty dollars reward, for my fellow Edward. He has a scar on the corner of his mouth, two cuts on and under his arm, and the letter E on his arm.'

'Ran away, negro boy Ellie. Has a scar on one of his arms from the bite of a dog.'

'Ran away, from the plantation of James Surgette, the following negroes: Randal, has one ear cropped; Bob, has lost one eye; Kentucky Tom, has one jaw broken.'

'Ran away, Anthony. One of his ears cut off, and his left hand cut with

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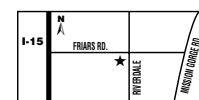
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Every study conducted by California Clinical Trials is staffed by a team of skilled and experienced physicians and medical professionals trained to place your comfort and well-being first.

Qualified participants:

- Will receive up to \$2450 for time and travel.
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Interfering
with Work?**



Work Interfering with Sleep?

Are you working 3 to 5 nights in a row or rotating shifts and experiencing excessive sleepiness? Is your sleep restless or do you wake up still fatigued? Most mistakes made working nights are due to worker fatigue. We're looking for volunteers 18-65, male or female, in good health, to take part in a clinical trial of an investigational medication being studied for *Shift Work Sleep Disorder*.

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Depression

Loss of interest or pleasure? Sadness or hopelessness? Sleep disturbance? Are you or someone you know over the age of 18 and suffering from Depression? If so, you may qualify to try an investigational medication being studied for Depression.

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If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:

- You will receive up to \$1000 for your participation.
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Schizophrenia

can tear families apart.

Do you or a loved one have Schizophrenia? Tried Haldol®, Prolixin®, Zyprexa®, Seroquel® or Risperdal®? Still feel hopeless, have side effects or continue to suffer from troubling thoughts or voices?

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If your loved one participates, there is no cost...instead:

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Anxiety

**doesn't just stress your mind.
We know it can ...**

- Decrease your immune response
- Decrease your physical and mental functioning
- Increase fats in the bloodstream
- Be mistaken for medical conditions
- Interfere with sleep



If you are between the ages of 18 and 64, you may qualify to take part in a research study of an investigational medication for Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

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Qualified participants:

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Creepy, Crawly, Nighttime Legs

Is a creepy crawly feeling in your legs keeping you up at night? If so, you could be suffering from Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS). If you are 18 or older, and are in general good health, you may qualify to try an investigational medication being studied for the possible treatment of RLS.

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If you participate, there is no cost to you...instead:

- You may receive up to \$350 for your participation.
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- No reports are made to employers, schools, or insurance companies.

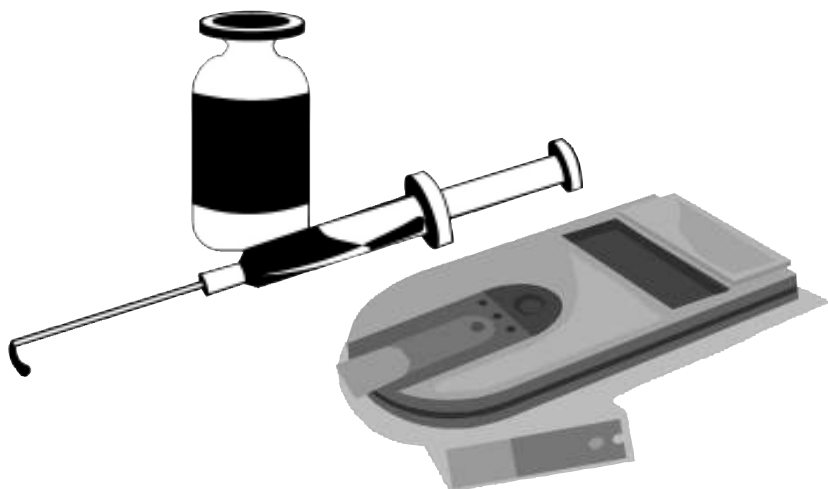
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an axe.'

'Fifty dollars reward for the negro Jim Blake. Has a piece cut out of each ear, and the middle finger of the left hand cut off to the second joint.'

'Ran away, a negro woman named Maria. Has a scar on one side of her cheek, by a cut. Some scars on her back.'

'Ran away, the Mulatto wench Mary. Has a cut on the left arm, a scar on the left shoulder, and two upper teeth missing.'

I should say, perhaps, in explanation of this latter piece of description, that among the other blessings which public opinion secures to the negroes, is the common practice of violently punching out their teeth. To make them wear iron collars by day and night, and to worry them with dogs, are practices almost too ordinary to deserve mention.

'Ran away, my man Fountain. Has holes in his ears, a scar on the right side of his forehead, has been shot in the hind part of his legs, and is marked on the back with the whip.'

'Two hundred and fifty dollars reward for my negro man Jim. He is much marked with shot in his right thigh. The shot entered on the outside, halfway between the hip and knee joints.'

'Brought to jail, John. Left ear crompt.'

'Taken up, a negro man. Is very much scarred about the face and body, and has the left ear bit off.'

'Ran away, a black girl, named Mary. Has a scar on her cheek, and the end of one of her toes cut off.'

'Ran away, my Mulatto woman, Judy. She has had her right arm broke.'

'Ran away, my negro man, Levi. His left hand has been burnt, and I think the end of his forefinger is off.'

'Ran away, a negro man, named Washington. Has lost a part of his middle finger, and the end of his little finger.'

'Twenty-five dollars reward for my man John. The tip of his nose is bit off.'

'Twenty-five dollars reward for the negro slave,

heavy menstrual bleeding

Do you experience heavy menstrual bleeding on 2 to 5 days of your regular menstrual period?

Does heavy menstrual bleeding keep you from your normal social and work activities?

If you answered yes to these questions, you may qualify for a research study of an investigational drug for heavy menstrual bleeding.

This investigational drug is not a hormone.

You must:

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- have regular menstrual cycles with heavy bleeding
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Asthma?



Radiant Research is seeking volunteers 18 years of age or older for a clinical research study for asthma.

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Look Familiar?



It was 2:15 the last time you looked. That seems like ages ago. Time is at a standstill and all you can do is lie in bed, staring into the darkness. By tomorrow you'll be so tired that you'll fall asleep at your desk, but chances are you won't sleep tomorrow night either.

We are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medicine for insomnia associated with Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD). Participants will receive study-related exams and study medication at no charge. Qualified participants may be compensated. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 64 and the study requires 8 office visits.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

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Experiencing severe mood swings?

Individuals with bipolar disorder seek control over their symptoms almost every day. Sometimes they may feel trapped in either a manic "up" episode or in a depressive "down" episode.

A nationwide clinical research study is now seeking volunteers with bipolar disorder. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication in treating individuals with bipolar disorder who are currently experiencing symptoms of depression.

If you are between the ages of 18 and 65, diagnosed with bipolar disorder, and currently experiencing symptoms of depression, you may be eligible to participate.



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- Must not be pregnant or breastfeeding

Qualified participants will receive medical exams, laboratory tests and medical treatment related to the study. All patients will receive either the new investigational treatment or an approved treatment for hepatitis B. All study-related visits and study drug are provided at no cost to eligible participants.

If you are interested, please call:
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(858) 277-7177

General Anxiety Disorder?

Millions suffer with General Anxiety Disorder (GAD) – constant worry, fear, and tension, often without an apparent cause. This constant anxiety can interfere with daily life and be harmful to one's well-being.

Medical researchers are enrolling men and women in a research study evaluating an investigational drug for GAD.

Participants must be 18 years or older and diagnosed with General Anxiety Disorder.

Participants receive supervised medical care and medical tests related to the clinical research study, investigational study drug and compensation for time and travel.



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Have you lived in the same Board & Care for the last 5 months?

Have you been diagnosed with Schizophrenia?

Has your medication been stable for at least five months, but you still suffer from the following:

- Difficulty holding conversations
- Neglect your own personal needs
- Avoid social activities/talking to people

If so, you might qualify to participate in an out-patient medication study.

You could receive:

- Study-related visits with a psychiatrist
- Study-related medication at no cost
- Up to \$700 without being hospitalized



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Sally. Walks as though crippled in the back.'

'Ran away, Joe Dennis. Has a small notch in one of his ears.'

'Ran away, negro boy, Jack. Has a small crop out of his left ear.'

'Ran away, a negro man, named Ivory. Has a small piece cut out of the top of each ear.'

While upon the subject of ears, I may observe that a distinguished abolitionist in New York once received a negro's ear, which had been cut off close to the head, in a general post letter. It was forwarded by the free and independent gentleman who had caused it to be

amputated, with a polite request that he would place the specimen in his 'collection.'

I could enlarge this catalogue with broken arms, and broken legs, and gashed flesh, and missing teeth, and lacerated backs, and bites of dogs, and brands of red-hot irons innumerable: but as my readers will be sufficiently sickened and repelled already, I will turn to another branch of the subject.

These advertisements, of which a similar collection might be made for every year, and month, and week, and day; and which are coolly read in

families as things of course, and as a part of the current news and small-talk; will serve to show how very much the slaves profit by public opinion, and how tender it is in their behalf. But it may be worth while to inquire how the slave-owners, and the class of society to which great numbers of them belong, defer to public opinion in their conduct, not to their slaves but to each other; how they are accustomed to restrain their passions; what their bearing is among themselves; whether they are fierce or gentle; whether their social customs be brutal, san-

guinary, and violent, or bear the impress of civilisation and refinement.

That we may have no partial evidence from abolitionists in this inquiry, either, I will once more turn to their own newspapers, and I will confine myself, this time, to a selection from paragraphs which appeared from day to day, during my visit to America, and which refer to occurrences happening while I was there. The italics in these extracts, as in the foregoing, are my own.

These cases did not all occur, it will be seen, in territory actually belonging to legalised

Slave States, though most, and those the very worst among them did, as their counterparts constantly do; but the position of the scenes of action in reference to places immediately at hand, where slavery is the law; and the strong resemblance between that class of outrages and the rest; lead to the just presumption that the character of the parties concerned was formed in slave districts, and brutalised by slave customs.

'Horrible Tragedy.

'By a slip from The Southport Telegraph, Wisconsin, we learn that the Hon. Charles C. P. Arndt,

Member of the Council for Brown county, was shot dead on the floor of the Council Chamber, by James R. Vinyard, Member from Grant county. The affair grew out of a nomination for Sheriff of Grant county. Mr. E. S. Baker was nominated and supported by Mr. Arndt. This nomination was opposed by Vinyard, who wanted the appointment to vest in his own brother. In the course of debate, the deceased made some statements which Vinyard pronounced false, and made use of violent and insulting language, dealing largely in personalities, to which Mr.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Are You Diabetic and Suffer from Pain in Your Legs or Feet?

A 14-week research study is being conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of a twice-a-day investigational medication in reducing the pain associated with diabetic neuropathy (pain in your lower legs or feet caused by diabetes).

To qualify you must:

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Qualified participants will receive, at no cost:

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- Study-related laboratory tests
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ANXIETY

Do you suffer from these symptoms?

- Worried, nervous, on edge
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- Tense, keyed up, restless
- Unable to concentrate, agitated



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Participants will be compensated.

Are You Anxious?

Do You Suffer From Generalized Anxiety Disorder?

- Are you anxious?
- Trouble falling asleep?
- Restless?
- Tense?
- Jumpy?
- Constantly worry?
- Difficulty concentrating?
- Keyed up?
- Irritable?
- Tire easily?



If you are suffering from the above symptoms and would like to participate in a clinical research trial that is studying an investigational medication for symptoms of Generalized Anxiety Disorder,

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PCSD ~ Feighner Research Institute
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Participants must be 18 or older and will receive study medication, medical exams and lab evaluations related to research study at no cost. Compensation is provided for time and travel.

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To qualify, you must:

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- Be currently taking opioids (strong pain medications) to treat your pain
- Be constipated, or show other signs of bowel dysfunction
- Not experience pain as a result of cancer

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A. made no reply. After the adjournment, Mr. A. stepped up to Vinyard, and requested him to retract, which he refused to do, repeating the offensive words. Mr. Arndt then made a blow at Vinyard, who stepped back a pace, drew a pistol, and shot him dead.

'The issue appears to have been provoked on the part of Vinyard, who was determined at all hazards to defeat the appointment of Baker, and who, himself defeated, turned his ire and revenge upon the unfortunate Arndt.'

'The Wisconsin Tragedy.

Public indignation runs high in the territory of Wisconsin, in relation to the murder of C. C. P. Arndt, in the Legislative Hall of the Territory. Meetings have been held in different counties of Wisconsin, denouncing the practice of secretly bearing arms in the Legislative chambers of the country. We have seen the account of the expulsion of James R. Vinyard, the perpetrator of the bloody deed, and are amazed to hear, that, after this expulsion

by those who saw Vinyard kill Mr. Arndt in the presence of his aged father, who was on a visit to see his son, little dreaming that he was to witness his murder, Judge Dunn has discharged vinyard on bail. The Miners' Free Press speaks in terms of merited rebuke at the outrage upon the feelings of the people of Wisconsin. Vinyard was within arm's length of Mr. Arndt, when he took such deadly aim at him, that he never spoke. Vinyard might at pleasure, being so near, have only wounded him, but he chose to kill him.'

'Murder.

By a letter in a St. Louis paper of the '4th, we notice a terrible outrage at Burlington, Iowa. A Mr. Bridgman having had a difficulty with a citizen of the place, Mr. Ross; a brother-in-law of the latter provided himself with one of Colt's revolving pistols, met Mr. B. in the street, and discharged the contents of five of the barrels at him: each shot taking effect. Mr. B., though horribly wounded,

and dying, returned the fire, and killed Ross on the spot.'

'Terrible Death of Robert Potter.

'From the "Caddo Gazette," of the 12th inst., we learn the frightful death of Colonel Robert Potter....He was beset in his house by an enemy, named Rose. He sprang from his couch, seized his gun, and, in his night-clothes, rushed from the house. For about two hundred yards his speed seemed to defy his pursuers; but, getting entangled in a thicket, he was captured. Rose told him that he intended to act a generous part, and give him a chance for his life. He then told Potter he might run, and he should not be interrupted till he reached a certain distance. Potter started at the word of command, and before a gun was fired he had reached the lake. His first impulse was to jump in the water and dive for it, which he did. Rose was close behind him, and formed his men on the bank ready to shoot him

as he rose. In a few seconds he came up to breathe; and scarce had his head reached the surface of the water when it was completely riddled with the shot of their guns, and he sunk, to rise no more!'

'Murder in Arkansas.

'We understand that a severe rencontre came off a few days since in the Seneca Nation, between Mr. Loose, the sub-agent of the mixed band of the Senecas, Quapaw, and Shawnees, and Mr. James Gillespie, of the mercantile firm of Thomas G. Allison and Co., of Maysville, Benton, County Ark, in which the latter was slain with a bowie-knife. Some difficulty had for some time existed between the parties. It is said that Major Gillespie brought on the attack with a cane. A severe conflict ensued, during which two pistols were fired by Gillespie and one by Loose. Loose then stabbed Gillespie with one of those never-failing weapons, a bowie-knife. The death of Major G. is much

regretted, as he was a liberal-minded and energetic man. Since the above was in type, we have learned that Major Allison has stated to some of our citizens in town that Mr. Loose gave the first blow. We forbear to give any particulars, as the matter will be the subject of judicial investigation.'

'Foul Deed.

The steamer Thames, just from Missouri river, brought us a handbill, offering a reward of 500 dollars, for the person who assassinated Lilburn W. Baggs, late Governor of this State, at Independence, on the night of the 6th inst. Governor Baggs, it is stated in a written memorandum, was not dead, but mortally wounded.

'Since the above was written, we received a note from the clerk of the Thames, giving the following particulars. Gov. Baggs was shot by some villain on Friday, 6th inst., in the evening, while sitting in a room in his own house in Independence. His son, a boy, hearing a report, ran into the room, and found the Governor sitting in his chair, with his jaw fallen down, and

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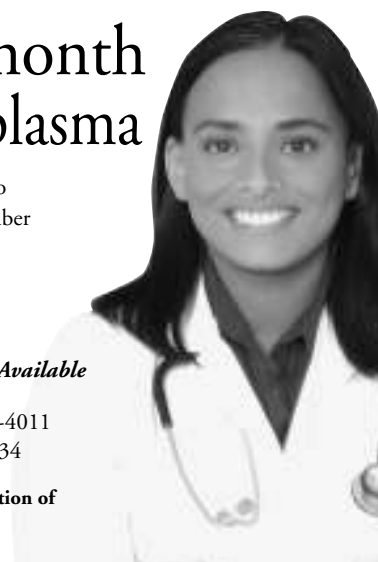
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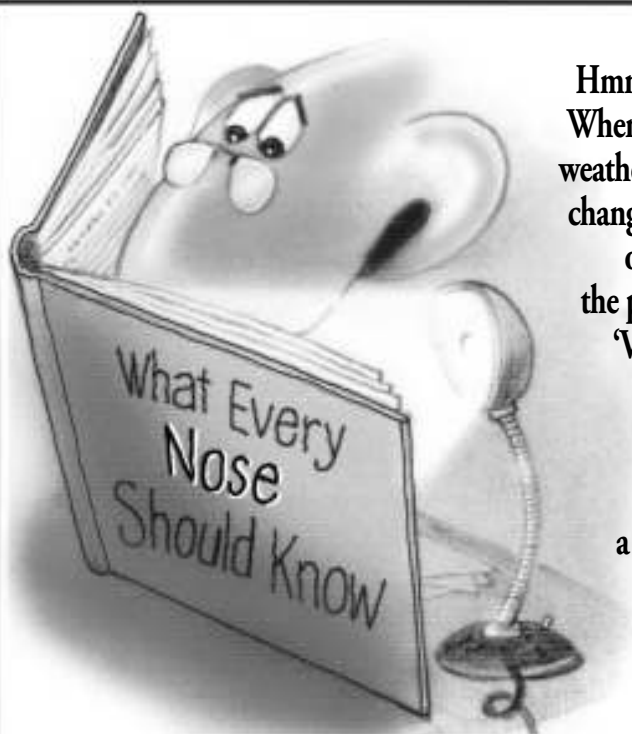
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his head leaning back; on discovering the injury done to his father, he gave the alarm. Foot tracks were found in the garden below the window, and a pistol picked up supposed to have been overloaded, and thrown from the hand of the scoundrel who fired it. Three buck shots of a heavy load, took effect; one going through his mouth, one into the brain, and another probably in or near the brain; all going into the back part of the neck and head. The Governor was still alive on the morning of the 7th;

but no hopes for his recovery by his friends, and but slight hopes from his physicians.

'A man was suspected, and the Sheriff most probably has possession of him by this time.

'The pistol was one of a pair stolen some days previous from a baker in Independence, and the legal authorities have the description of the other.'

'Rencontre.

'An unfortunate affair took place on Friday evening in Chatres Street, in which one of our most respectable citizens

received a dangerous wound, from a poignard, in the abdomen. From the Bee (New Orleans) of yesterday, we learn the following particulars. It appears that an article was published in the French side of the paper on Monday last, containing some strictures on the Artillery Battalion for firing their guns on Sunday morning, in answer to those from the Ontario and Woodbury, and thereby much alarm was caused to the families of those persons who were out all night preserving the peace of the city. Major C. Gally, Commander of the battalion, resenting this, called at the office and demanded the author's name; that of Mr. P. Arpin was given to him, who was absent at the time. Some angry words then passed with one of the proprietors, and a challenge followed; the friends of both parties tried to arrange the affair, but failed to do so. On Friday evening, about seven o'clock, Major Gally met Mr. P. Arpin in Cha-

tres Street, and accosted him. "Are you Mr. Arpin?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then I have to tell you that you are a —" (applying an appropriate epithet).

"I shall remind you of your words, sir."

"But I have said I would break my cane on your shoulders."

"I know it, but I have not yet received the blow."

'At these words, Major Gally, having a cane in his hands, struck Mr. Arpin across the face, and the latter drew a poignard from his pocket and stabbed Major Gally in the abdomen.

'Fears are entertained that the wound will be mortal. We understand that Mr. Arpin has given security for his appearance at the Criminal Court to answer the charge.'

'Affray in Mississippi.

'On the 27th ult., in an affray near Carthage, Leake county, Mississippi, between James Cottingham and John Wilburn, the latter was shot by the former, and so horribly wounded, that there was

no hope of his recovery. On the 2nd instant, there was an affray at Carthage between A. C. Sharkey and George Goff, in which the latter was shot, and thought mortally wounded. Sharkey delivered himself up to the authorities, but changed his mind and escaped.'

'Personal Encounter.

'An encounter took place in Sparta, a few days since, between the barkeeper of an hotel, and a man named Bury. It appears that Bury had become somewhat noisy, and that the barkeeper, determined to preserve order, had threatened to shoot Bury, whereupon Bury drew a pistol and shot the barkeeper down. He was not dead at the last accounts, but slight hopes were entertained of his recovery.'

'Duel.

'The clerk of the steamboat Tribune informs us that another duel was fought on Tuesday last, by Mr. Robbins, a bank officer in Vicksburg, and Mr. Fall, the editor of the Vicksburg Sentinel. According

to the arrangement, the parties had six pistols each, which, after the word "Fire!" they were to discharge as fast as they pleased. Fall fired two pistols without effect. Mr. Robbins' first shot took effect in Fall's thigh, who fell, and was unable to continue the combat.'

'Affray in Clarke County.

'An unfortunate affray occurred in Clarke county (Mo.), near Waterloo, on Tuesday the 19th ult., which originated in settling the partnership concerns of Messrs. M'Kane and M'Allister, who had been engaged in the business of distilling, and resulted in the death of the latter, who was shot down by Mr. M'Kane, because of his attempting to take possession of seven barrels of whiskey, the property of M'Kane, which had been knocked off to M'Allister at a sheriff's sale at one dollar per barrel. M'Kane immediately fled and at the latest dates had not been taken.

'This unfortunate

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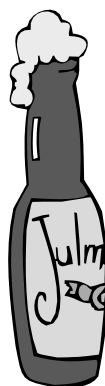
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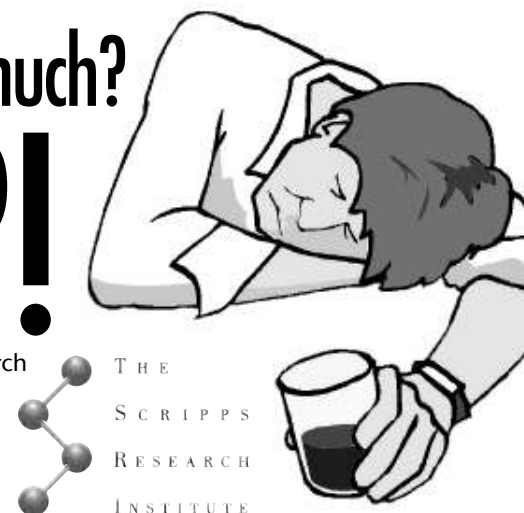
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affray caused considerable excitement in the neighbourhood, as both the parties were men with large families depending upon them and stood well in the community.'

I will quote but one more paragraph, which, by reason of its monstrous absurdity, may be a relief to these atrocious deeds.

'Affair of Honour.

'We have just heard the particulars of a meeting which took place on Six Mile Island, on Tuesday, between two young bloods of our city: Samuel Thurston, aged fifteen, and William Hine, aged thirteen years. They were attended by young gentlemen of the same age. The weapons used on the occasion, were a couple of Dickson's best rifles; the distance, thirty yards. They took one fire, without any damage being sustained by either party, except the ball of Thurston's gun passing through the crown of Hine's hat. Through the intercession of the Board of Honour, the challenge was withdrawn, and the difference amicably adjusted.'

If the reader will picture to himself the kind of Board of Honour which amicably adjusted the difference between these two little boys, who in any other part of the world would have been amicably adjusted on two porters' backs and soundly flogged with birchen rods, he will be possessed, no doubt, with as strong a sense of its ludicrous character, as that which sets me laughing whenever its image rises up before me.

Now, I appeal to every human mind, imbued with the commonest of common sense, and the commonest of common

humanity; to all dispassionate, reasoning creatures, of any shade of opinion; and ask, with these revolting evidences of the state of society which exists in and about the slave districts of America before them, can they have a doubt of the real condition of the slave, or can they for a moment make a compromise between the institution or any of its flagrant, fearful features, and their own just consciences? Will they say of any tale of cruelty and horror, however aggravated in degree, that it is improbable, when they can turn to the pub-

lic prints, and, running, read such signs as these, laid before them by the men who rule the slaves: in their own acts and under their own hands?

Do we not know that the worst deformity and ugliness of slavery are at once the cause and the

effect of the reckless license taken by these freeborn outlaws? Do we not know that the man who has been born and bred among its wrongs; who has seen in his childhood husbands obliged at the word of command to flog their wives; women, inde-

cently compelled to hold up their own garments that men might lay the heavier stripes upon their legs, driven and harried by brutal overseers in their time of travail, and becoming mothers on the field of toil, under the very lash itself; who has

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read in youth, and seen his virgin sisters read, descriptions of runaway men and women, and their disfigured persons, which could not be published elsewhere, of so much stock upon a farm,

or at a show of beasts: — do we not know that that man, whenever his wrath is kindled up, will be a brutal savage? Do we not know that as he is a coward in his domestic life, stalking among his shrink-

ing men and women slaves armed with his heavy whip, so he will be a coward out of doors, and carrying cowards' weapons hidden in his breast, will shoot men down and stab them when he quarrels?

And if our reason did not teach us this and much beyond; if we were such idiots as to close our eyes to that fine mode of training which rears up such men; should we not know that they who among their

equals stab and pistol in the legislative halls, and in the counting-house, and on the marketplace, and in all the elsewhere peaceful pursuits of life, must be to their dependants, even though they

were free servants, so many merciless and unrelenting tyrants?

What! shall we declaim against the ignorant peasantry of Ireland, and mince the matter when these American taskmasters are in question? Shall we cry shame on the brutality of those who hamstringing cattle: and spare the lights of Freedom upon earth who notch the ears of men and women, cut pleasant posies in the shrinking flesh, learn to write with pens of red-hot iron on the human face, rack their poetic fancies for liveries of mutilation which their slaves shall wear for life and carry to the grave, breaking living limbs as did the soldiery who mocked and slew the Saviour of the world, and set defenceless creatures up for targets! Shall we whimper over legends of the tortures practised on each other by the Pagan Indians, and smile upon the cruelties of Christian men! Shall we, so long as these things last, exult above the scattered remnants of that race, and triumph in the white enjoyment of their possessions? Rather, for me, restore the forest and the Indian village; in lieu of stars and stripes, let some poor feather flutter in the breeze; replace the streets and squares by wigwams; and though the death-song of a hundred haughty warriors fill the air, it will be music to the shriek of one unhappy slave.

On one theme, which is commonly before our eyes, and in respect of which our national character is changing fast, let the plain Truth be spoken, and let us not, like dastards, beat about the bush by hinting at the Spaniard and the fierce Italian. When knives are drawn by Englishmen in conflict let it be said and known: 'We owe this change to Republican Slavery. These are the weapons of Freedom. With sharp points and edges such as these, Liberty in America hews and hacks her slaves; or, failing that pursuit, her sons devote them to a better use, and turn them on each other.' ■

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a semicircle to the Ingraham Street bridge. Many beach-area residents are convinced the private encroachments on Sail Bay have been allowed to remain because of the wealth and political clout of persons living there. That clout also is responsible, they say, for the blatant and repeated delaying tactics of the city council — led by former councilman Tom Gade — in implementing a plan for the development of Sail Bay for public use. It cannot be denied that some of San Diego's richest and most influential citizens either now own or used to own condos or homes fronting Sail Bay. In addition to Martinet, an heir to the Purex bleach fortune, and his brother Ronald, who lives a block away, other Sail Bay residents include former PSA Airlines president J. Floyd Andrews; former SeaWorld president George Mil-lay; former congressman, *Sentinel* newspaper owner, and entrepreneur Clinton McKinnon; his son Dan, owner of



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Bob Martinet residence

The dredging removed
silt from the floor of
the bay, which made it
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navigable.

allow them to stay.

Nearby residents of a bayfront condominium at 3810 Riviera Drive have paid a handsome sum for their homes. They have only to walk down a few steps to enjoy a leisurely walk along the sands of Mission Bay or to swim in their pool. But should they find strangers frolicking in part of the pool, they, like Martinet, would be powerless to do anything about it.

The condominium's swimming pool, Martinet's patio, and the seawalls, landscaping, and bulkheads established by numerous other residents living on a part of Mission Bay called Sail or Crescent Bay share a common predicament: portions of them are on public beach and may be used by the public. But for the benevolence of past San Diego City Councils, the beach encroachments could have — many say should have — been ordered removed by the city.

Sail Bay is on the northwest section of Mission Bay, extending from Verona Court past the Catamaran Hotel in

KSON radio station and a candidate for the congressional seat once held by his father; and Vernon Taylor, owner of a vast number of properties in Pacific Beach. One of the many bayfront condos in the area — a gray, fortresslike structure called Bay Scene — has been, or is, home to such political notables as Congressman Bob Wilson, City Councilman Fred Schnaubelt, and Sheriff John Duffy. Former County Supervisor Lou Conde lives nearby in another condo.

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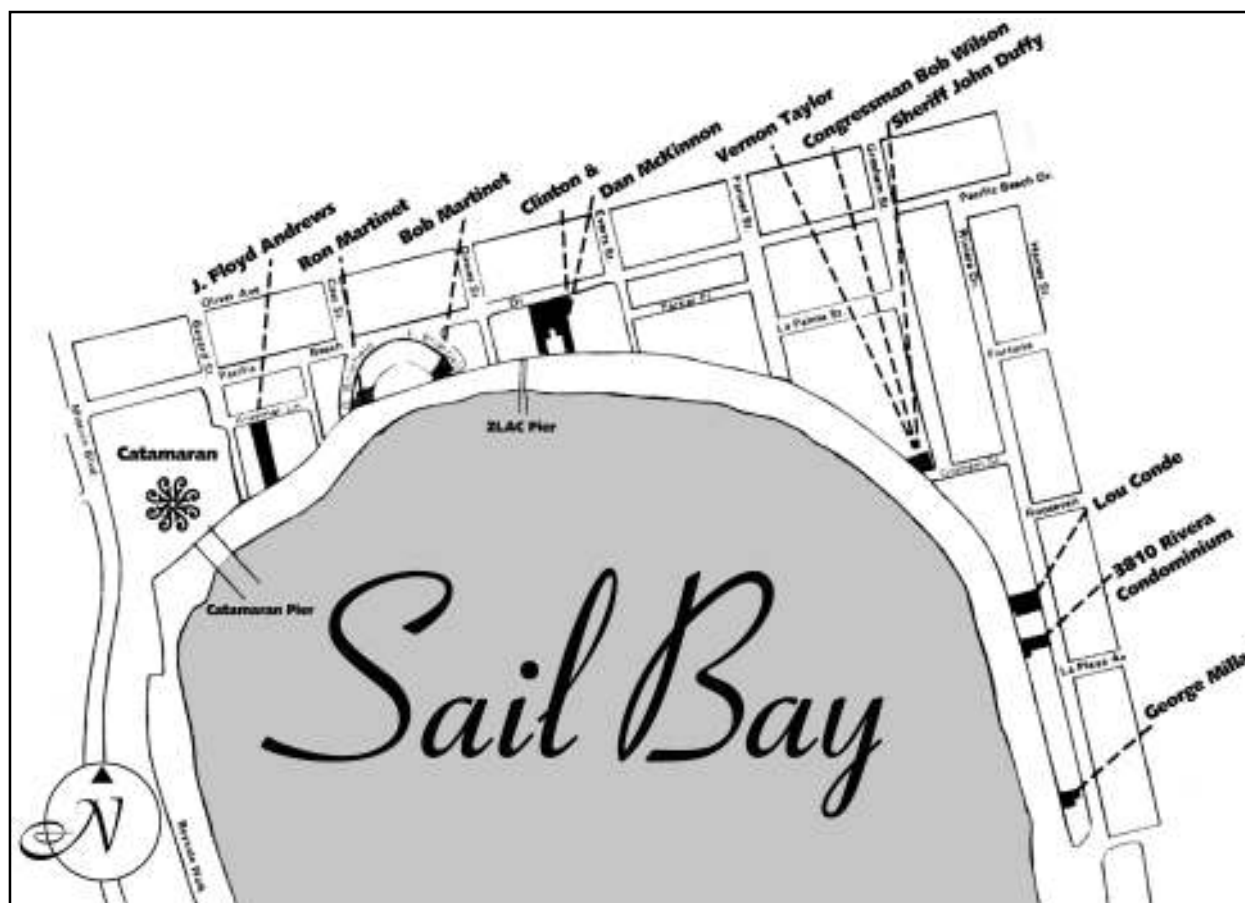
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False Bay — was little more than a swamp and was owned by the state. At that time the state wanted to promote development of the area but didn't have the funds to do so. A three-member Board of State Harbor Commissioners was appointed, and in an effort to encourage development the commissioners granted two 50-year leases on 25 acres of tidelands on what is now known as Sail Bay. One of the leases, of slightly less than seven acres, was granted to F.T. Scripps, the brother of newspaper czar D.W. Scripps, for a monthly fee of \$8.34. The other lease, of nearly 18 acres, was awarded to Charles K. Johnson for \$33.05 a month. The leases permitted the building of a wide range of private improvements by the lessees, with the stipulation that when they expired on May 31, 1976, the lessees would remove at their own expense "all improvements, buildings, and



struction, education, and recreation. That same year San Diegans approved a \$2 million bond issue for park development that included Mission Bay. The following year extensive dredging operations began.

Clinton McKinnon formed the Crescent Beach Development Association in 1950. It was a nonprofit organization composed of the successors in interest to the Johnson lease; its purpose was to ensure that the lease rent was paid and that the beach "would be used properly," McKinnon says. Nine years later the Catamaran Hotel was completed by William Evans on a parcel of land owned by McKinnon and Vernon Taylor near the northwest corner of Sail Bay.

In 1960 the city and the successors in interest to the Scripps and Johnson leases signed an agreement whereby the city would pay for 21 percent of the cost of further

structures of whatsoever kind," with the exception of seawalls or bulkheading.

In 1929 the Califor-

nia state legislature declared the tidelands and waters of Mission Bay to be a state park. All Mission Bay tidelands, includ-

ing those leased to private individuals, came under the control of the State Park Division. In 1945 the state granted the tidelands

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dredging of the Sail Bay waters, and the lessees would pay the balance. The lease amendment stated clearly that after May 31, 1976, any private structures built by the lessees would be removed by them, so that the city could use the area for an

aquatic park and recreation area. Following the dredging, which removed silt on the floor of the bay, making it deeper and more easily navigable, Sail Bay residents began constructing private piers and docks, enabling many of them to moor their craft

virtually in their back yards.

In 1964 the builder of the condominium at 3810 Riviera Drive built a swimming pool beyond his property line and onto the beach. He was ordered by the city to post a bond to guarantee its removal

once the beach reverted to public use in 1976. Jim Gutzmer, a superintendent with the park and recreation department, recalls the amount of the bond as being about \$600 or \$800, and he wryly expressed some concern that with the soaring rate

of inflation since that time, the bond may not cover the cost of removing the pool.

In 1966 San Diego's citizens passed a \$7.5 million bond issue for Mission Bay Park's development.

As the expiration date

of the leases drew nearer, Sail Bay residents began to explore ways to preserve their private docks and beaches. In 1970 Clinton McKinnon sent a letter to members of his Crescent Beach Development Association calling for a special meeting of the member-

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A petition initiative circulated around San Diego in 1971 forever changed the complexion of Sail Bay. The initiative sought to impose a 30-foot height limit on buildings in the beach area, and its supporters gathered enough signatures to qualify it for the November 1972 ballot. The measure was approved by San Diego voters, but prior to its passage, developers scurried to get their building permits approved by the city for the construction of condominiums in excess of 30 feet on the shores of Sail Bay. There is today an almost uninterrupted wall of condos at the edge of the bay from Everts Street to the south end of Riviera Drive. The structures are so massive that motorists driving on nearby streets are often unaware they are within several yards of the bay. The structures are so imposing that many area residents refer to them as the "China Wall."

In 1974 Sixth District City Councilman Bob Martinet, whose district included the entire Mission Bay area, announced he would not seek re-election. Ten hopefuls ran for the seat. The June 1975 primary narrowed the field down to the two best-financed candidates, and two of the most conservative: Ray Lussa and Tom Gade.

Lussa had name recognition — two years earlier the young businessman had narrowly missed in an attempt to unseat incumbent councilman Floyd Morrow in another district. Gade, on the other hand, was an unknown making his first try for public office. Then 43 years old, Gade had begun a law practice three years earlier, after several years' employment as an engineer with the state

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division of highways. His most notable community activities after living 14 years in the district were his involvement in Little League, the Mission Bay Youth Fields, and with the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts.

Another of the candidates in that race, Don Harman, objected to the campaign contributions Lussa and Gade were receiving from property owners living near Sail Bay. With the Sail Bay leases expiring in less than a year, Harman maintained the contributions could have some bearing on how either man might vote on the matter if

elected. Gade received more Sail Bay money than Lussa, prompting Harman to charge that the lawyer was accepting funds from Sail Bay interests with the understanding he would champion their cause if elected.

Gade denied the charge, and Harman recently admitted, "I had nothing really to substantiate it."

After the primary, Gade received Martinet's endorsement. The outgoing councilman announced after meeting the candidates that Gade "displayed a degree of integrity that was truly refreshing." Subsequently, Gade received consider-

ably more money from Sail Bay residents to finance his campaign in

ing \$700 from Catamaran owner William Evans and his wife; \$650 from Dan

Sail Bay residents again turned out in considerable numbers to argue against developing the beach, especially the proposed bikeway.

the general election. Between August and October of that year, Gade accepted donations total-

McKinnon, his campaign chairman, and his wife; \$500 from Bob Martinet; \$350 from Clinton McK-

innon; and \$250 from Vernon Taylor.

In November Gade won election to the city council. In the next four years he would leave no doubt that, for whatever reasons, his sentiments regarding Sail Bay coincided with those of the wealthy property owners whose land abutted it.

From April 1976 to November 1977 the city council would pass no fewer than 17 resolutions concerning Sail Bay. Gade himself would write one of the earliest of these, in which he assured all that after the expiration of the leases the beaches would "become the public prop-

erty of all the people to be used for public park purpose from that date forward." And nine days after the expiration of the leases, the city council declared its intention to give high priority to the development of Sail Bay as a public beach. But largely through the efforts of Gade, the city council would in the next three years do everything in its power to delay development of the beach for public use.

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months. Two docks — at the Catamaran and the ZLAC Rowing Club — were given permission to remain, contingent upon them being open to the public. The remaining structures were given a two-year extension before they, too, would have to

be demolished. Some of the property owners refused to apply for the necessary permit from the regional coastal commission to remove the piers, so the city was forced to do it for them. After months of haggling with both the regional and

state coastal commissions, the city finally received the necessary permits in May of 1977 to force the removal of the piers. The property owners were told they could remove the piers themselves, or the city would contract a firm to do the job and bill

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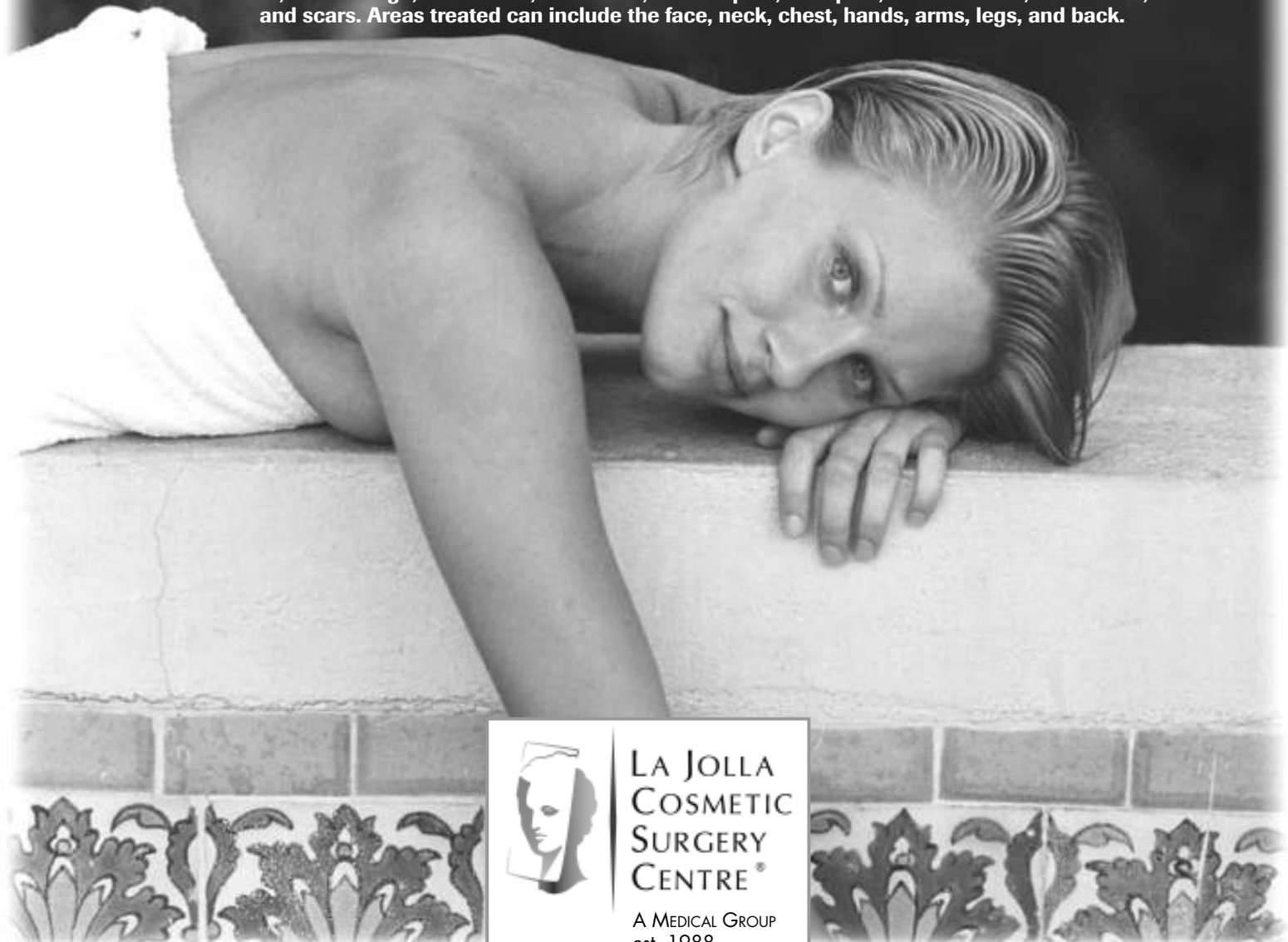
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whom the city had piers removed. Only 2 of them have reimbursed the city. The remaining 15 still owe the city fees totaling almost \$47,000. Sam Santillan of the city auditor's office says some of the property owners who have refused to pay have

asked for a breakdown of the charges. But, he adds, "The vast majority just ignored the bill." Among those the city says owe money are J. Floyd Andrews, Clinton McKinnon, T. Claude Ryan, and George Millay. Spokesmen in the city attorney's

office say they don't know at this time if the city will file a lawsuit against the 15 individuals who have not paid the fees.

Although the forced removal of their private piers and docks was an inconvenience to them, Sail Bay residents faced

problems of a more serious nature shortly after the tideland leases expired. It was then that Assistant City Manager R.E. Graham issued a report to the city council listing beach encroachments of patios, landscaping, and other improve-

ments to the homes and yards of property owners living on Sail Bay. Even though the once-legal encroachments were a matter of public record, few persons realized how extensive they were. While some were minor and didn't interfere with pub-

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Across the street from Ronald Martinet is the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bridge. Among their beach encroachments are 2400 square feet of lawn landscaping and other patio-type improvements. A portion of their roof overhang may also be in violation.

George Millay's condominium at 3726 Riviera Drive has beach encroachments that include about 90 feet of a 4-foot-high concrete-block wall with a 4-foot-high glass-and-metal windscreen that encloses a patio area.

The most spectacular encroachment belongs to the condominium at 3810 Riviera Drive. Built on public land were from one-third to one-half of the swimming pool, a portion of a wooden deck, retaining walls, fences, planter boxes, and various types of landscaping.

The failure by property owners to remove private improvements on what is now public beach

raises an interesting question: Can the public use those improvements that lie on public land? "As long as the improvements are there, they [the property owners] don't have the exclusive right to use them," said Deputy City Attorney Hal Valderhaug. "The public can use them." Anticipating such a question when the leases expired, Valderhaug says he telephoned the San Diego Police Department

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about that time and told them not to arrest anybody accused of trespassing on what has become public land. Valderhaug explained that although the public may use that portion of improvements that are on public land, they may not destroy them. And should a citi-

zen gain access to an improvement by entering private property, he would be guilty of trespassing. If, on the other hand, one were to gain entry from the beach to the Riviera Drive swimming pool, for example, and proceed to swim in the one-third to one-half of it on public

beach, no law would be broken. While admitting the public can use the pool or some portions of a few residents' patios with impunity, Valderhaug added, "I don't think the people should be encouraged to use the back yards of people. It's not necessary. It would cause nothing but trouble."

Four months after the tideland leases expired, the city commissioned an architectural firm, the Reynolds Environmental Group, to develop a master plan for developing the Sail Bay beach for public use. The

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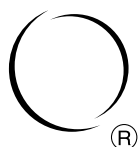
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cost of the study was \$59,000. Several weeks later an ad hoc committee was established by the city council to work with the Reynolds Group on the project. The committee was composed of five Pacific Beach residents considered knowledgeable about Sail Bay, five abutting-property owners, and five citizens selected from the city at large in the hope they would provide a regional perspective to

the planning.

Through the first four months of 1977, Reynolds Group representatives and the ad hoc committee met several times to exchange ideas on how Sail Bay should be developed. The meetings were sometimes heated and emotional, with the Sail Bay residents repeatedly opposing plans to build a boardwalk on the beach. The city's consultant eventually presented

three plans for the development of Sail Bay. Called the basic, community, and regional concepts, they ranged in scope from minimal beach facilities and limited parking, to a sweeping proposal for many beach amenities and the construction of a large parking lot at the south end of the beach. The plans proposed widening the narrow beach in some areas and installing a pedestrian-bicycle walkway that would connect the boardwalk on Bayside Lane with Crown Point. The plans also called for the boardwalk taking the form of a small bridge in the area around Briarfield Cove, where the Martinets live. This would be necessary because the beach is underwater there except at low tide. Still another provision was to establish a neighborhood park and parking spaces on a one-acre lot at the foot of Fanuel Street, purchased only a few months earlier by the city for \$605,000.

By the time the proposals went before the city

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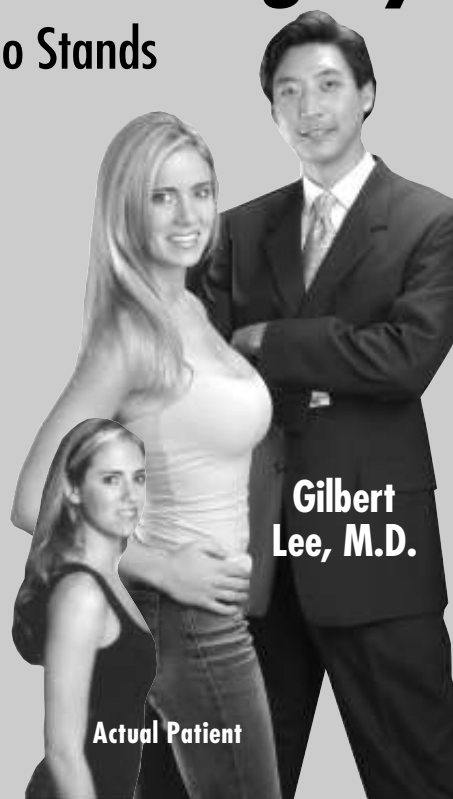
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council's public facilities and recreation committee in October of 1977, a fourth alternative suggested by city staff had been added. Called the Roadway Plan, it called for a 40-foot-wide roadway to be built on the beach, which would have required extensive widening of the beach.

Several Sail Bay residents attended that committee meeting to protest the proposed inclusion of a bikeway. Gade suggested it be eliminated. Eve Smull, then president of the Pacific Beach Town Council, told the committee that her group had no recommendation to make regarding the four proposals but that it did favor the installation of a bicycle path. It should be noted, too, that an envi-

What they did not realize is that the town council's bylaws prevent such tactics by prohibiting members from voting until 30 days after joining. When that ploy failed, Vernon Taylor, whose numerous properties in the beach community include the office rented by the town council, announced he should be given two votes — one as a businessman and one as a resident of Pacific Beach. His suggestion was denied. Another vote on the bikeway was taken, and a majority again supported its construction. Of the individuals who became town councilmembers that night, "Very few ever came back," says longtime member Bern Swarts.

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"A 200-pound man on a fifteen-mile-per-hour bicycle hitting a three-year-old kid coming out of one of those walks can be a hazard and I've seen it," he declared solemnly.

ronmental quality report released a month prior to the meeting stated the pedestrian-bicycle path "is an integral part of any proposed development of Sail Bay and this concept is considered to be a positive contribution to this unique portion of Mission Bay Park."

But Sail Bay residents were determined to get the path deleted from the proposals. They packed the next meeting of the Pacific Beach Town Council in an attempt to force a change in the organization's position on the path. Many of those attending were not town councilmembers and proceeded to pay the five-dollar membership fee on the assumption that if they could call for another vote on the path, they would now have a majority opposing its construction.

and recreation committee discussed Sail Bay twice in October and finally sent it to the full city council with no recommendation. By this time a fifth proposal had been added for consideration. Called the recommended plan, it was similar to the basic plan but provided more parking spaces, restrooms, and lifeguard stations and would have required the city to purchase another lot on Fanuel Street.

At the full council meeting Sail Bay residents again turned out in considerable numbers to argue against developing the beach, especially the proposed bikeway — this despite the fact the extension of the boardwalk had been endorsed by not only the Pacific Beach Town Council, but also the Mission-Pacific Beach Community Plan adopted

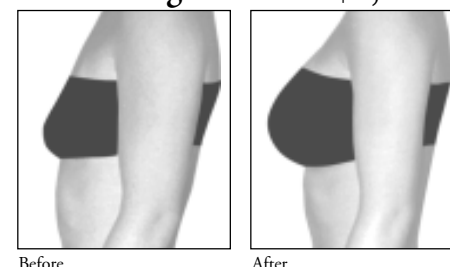
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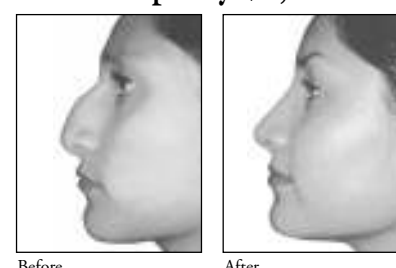
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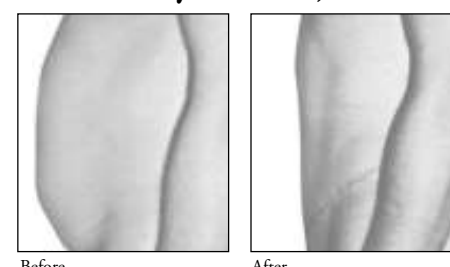
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by the city council in 1970; by the Mission Beach Precise Plan, adopted by the city council in 1974; by the Mission Bay Land and Water Use, the park and recreation board, and the planning commission, in addition to meeting the coastal commission guidelines for Mission Bay adopted in 1977.

In an attempt to expedite the council hearing, Mayor Pete Wilson

set time limits for persons speaking in favor of each of the five proposals. Gade then asked that persons opposed to all the plans be given time to speak. As might be expected, Sail Bay residents were virtually the only persons in this category. Wilson granted them equal time — thirty minutes — with proponents of the various plans.

One thing can be said of Gade at that November

city council meeting: he made it clear who he sided with. Shortly into the hearing, he moved for a continuance of the issue, arguing that a decision shouldn't be made on Sail Bay until the city council voted on a master plan for all of Mission Bay, a matter that wasn't scheduled to be aired for another three or four months. Dave Roberts, development division superintendent of the park and recreation department, assured the council that there would be no problem in first adopting a Sail Bay precise plan. But Gade persisted in his attempts to delay the matter, to the point where a woman in the audience finally approached the microphone and complained of him "stalling off," to which Mayor Wilson retorted, "He's had some help, ma'am." Gade then made a motion to continue Sail Bay to a later date, but it was defeated.

Next Dan McKinnon, Gade's former campaign chairman, asked that proponents of Sail Bay devel-

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opment be given only 15 minutes to speak, and those persons against all development plans be allowed to speak for 45 minutes. McKinnon claimed this arrangement

would better represent the ratio of audience sentiment. Gade immediately made a motion to extend the opponents' time but could not even muster a second in the motion, and

it died. Each side still was permitted 30 minutes to speak.

One of the more popular arguments presented at the hearing by Sail Bay residents was that it would be foolish to approve a bikeway, restrooms, or parking facilities on Sail Bay because the public seldom used the beach there. That argument was, and is, true on the face of it. But as proponents of development are quick to point out, it is scarcely used because access to it is poor and there are no facilities such as restrooms on the beach.

As the hearing continued, Gade frequently interrupted to voice his

concerns about the proposals. Commenting on the proposed addition of a bikeway through Sail Bay, he said he was worried there might be massive congestion, as is the case on the Mission Beach boardwalk. "A 200-pound man on a 15-mile-per-hour bicycle hitting a three-year-old kid coming out of one of those walks can be a hazard and I've seen it," he declared solemnly. The Sixth District councilman also said he was concerned about "the proliferation of mopeds" that he alleged were being ridden on bikeways elsewhere in the city.

The city council eliminated from consideration all but two of the proposed plans — the basic and the more expensive recommended plans. A motion was made to approve the recommended plan, but before it could be voted on, Gade proposed some amendments to it. They were to delete the parking provision beneath the bluffs at Moorland Drive and thus

eliminate almost all parking; and to delete the bicycle-pedestrian path, which would reduce access to the area. The amendments died, and when the city council voted on the recommended plan, it was defeated five to four.

Councilman Jess

seconded Gade's amendment, prompting Councilman Floyd Morrow to comment, "If you want to preclude people from the public from having their public beach, then go ahead, but I don't want to be any part of it." Neither did his colleagues — the

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ning all vehicular traffic (including bicycles) as a condition of adopting the basic plan concept. But even with a diluted version of the plan calling for the least development of the five presented, Gade was not satisfied. Again, to the applause of Sail Bay residents, he unsuccessfully argued for a continuance. The city council then voted approval of the basic plan concept — minus bicycles — with only Gade voting against it. City staff was directed to return with specific plans for implementing the project. Proponents of public access to Sail Bay left the council chambers believing the city would be improving the beach and providing easier entrance — however minimal — in the near future. But Tom Gade was not through trying to quash the project.

Those who favored the development of Sail Bay had reason for optimism in 1978. More than a million dollars from the capital improvement program for the fiscal years

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opment of Sail Bay appeared a certainty.

In 1979 the design plan for Sail Bay had only to be presented to and approved by the city council's public facilities and recreation committee — Gade was one of five councilmen on the committee — and the full city council to ensure its success. But the plan — discussed ad nauseam in the past — was on the committee's agenda no fewer than seven times in the first seven months and never did receive a hearing before the full city council. This was accomplished by postponing discussion several times on the flimsiest of pretexts. On one such occasion, Gade received a phone call from Pacific Beach Town Council President Eve Smull say-

ing she would be late to the hearing and promptly continued the issue to a later date. Not only was Smull's presence not crucial to the hearing, but the matter could have been trailed to a later time in the hearing (Smull did appear later) had Gade chosen to.

Perhaps the councilman's most obvious attempt to delay the project occurred in April 1979. At that time he sent a letter to beach-area community groups asking them to indicate which project — the redevelopment of Ocean Boulevard as a pedestrian area, or the improvements to Sail Bay — would they prefer to see city funds spent on, based on the assumption that only one of the projects could obtain capital improvement program

funds in the next six-year period. Park Development Superintendent Jim Gutzmer fired off a letter of his own, asking the community groups for their input to the Gade letter. Apparently the only group to reply was the Pacific Beach Town

council districts are not limited to a given number of capital improvement projects. Says Gade's successor as Sixth District city councilman, Mike Gotch, "I think he felt he could transfer the pressure off Sail Bay."

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Council, which, in a scathing letter, said it "emphatically rejects Councilman Gade's assumption that only one of the two improvements can be funded during the next six-year CIP." City

you that one has to go and the other has to fail. I don't believe that at all."

What Gade did not mention in his letter is that the Ocean Boulevard project may qualify for state and federal funds, or

that those improvements could be financed by creating an assessment district. Despite the Pacific Beach Town Council's emphatic plea for retention of the Sail Bay project, one month later Gade sent a memo to the city manager's office in which he said he intended to push for a capital improvement program to be called "Ocean Boulevard Improvements." Gade wrote that the new project might be awarded a higher funding priority than the Sail Bay plan. "In light of this," he wrote, "is there any specific reason why the Sail Bay master plan should not be deferred until the Ocean Boulevard project is ready for council consideration?" Deputy City Manager Sue Williams replied that the project could indeed be deferred but warned, "There would still be community expectation about the project's accomplishment." Williams added that by

deferring the Sail Bay project, "The issue of the private encroachments will not have been addressed."

The public facilities and recreation committee never did make a decision about Sail Bay last year, nor did they send it on to the full council for a vote. Today the master plan for its development, despite hundreds of hours of work devoted to it by the Reynolds Environmental Group, is still in limbo.

Opinion differs as to how Gade obtained the support of, and in the opinion of many, became the obedient servant of the Sail Bay interests. "They [Sail Bay lessees] picked him," area resident Barbara Shafer stated matter-of-factly. "He hadn't been active in the community. He had no connection with beach politics or San Diego politics," said Shafer, whose husband, Phil, was an administrative assistant to former city councilman

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Floyd Morrow, and an aspirant for the council seat won by Gade. Shafer resigned to the delays in the Sail Bay project. "He [Gade] didn't do anything illegal," she sighed. "He just did what he was put in there to do. That's the way politics is."

But others, including some of Gade's detractors, believe Gade's decision to run for office was his own, and that it was only after he did so that he sought the support of the Sail Bay people. Clinton McKinnon scoffs at the notion that he and some of his neighbors had undue influence with Gade because of their campaign contributions to him. "I don't think Mr. Gade can be influenced by any contributions to his campaign," he said recently. "I would be very disappointed if a city councilman could be influenced by a \$200 contribution."

Gade himself says allegations that he voted against Sail Bay development as a concession to his backers living in the area are "absolutely and

unequivocally false." He reiterated his previously stated objections to the project, including the undesirability of installing a parking lot on the beach below Moorland and Riviera Drives. "The question becomes: Do we want to pave over the beach?" he said. "If so, we can let them sunbathe at the May Company parking lot." The former councilman said he disagrees that the beach at Sail Bay is still virtually a private one. "That is an absolute public beach," he asserted. "The reason nobody uses

it is that nobody can find a parking place down there." Yet, he finds no inconsistency in his opposition to the Moorland Drive parking lot. "It's simply a matter of choice, not restraint" that the public doesn't use the beach, he said. "With limited use and great cost, we could much better use those dollars, on Ocean Boulevard. There has been no evidence I've seen that would alter my point of view."

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who succeeded Gade to office, Mike Gotch. The 32-year-old newcomer to City Hall says he does not believe the Ocean Boulevard project or development of Fiesta Island should have a higher priority than Sail Bay, as has been suggested by some persons. And he believes he can persuade his colleagues to include both Sail Bay and Ocean Boulevard its capital improvement projects. "That project has been masterfully delayed for years," he says of Sail Bay. "I intend to pursue it with all due speed."

But can Gotch, a neophyte and a liberal on a conservative council, swing his colleagues' support on an issue several of them have helped stall in the past? One proponent of Sail Bay development,

when asked that question, replied, "I don't think Mike is strong enough. There's political pressure that can be brought upon him. I think it's a dead issue." But a veteran of the political wars at City Hall, who did not wish to be identified, disagreed. "I think with a lot of finesse over a long period of time, any previous decision could be reversed," he said. "It would take some very, very careful and diplomatic work, first with staff, and then going back to council," he continued. "A lot has to do with the ability of the councilman to finesse it."

"I don't think he's being naïve," he said of Gotch. "The question is what every new council member faces — can you do it? The question is just how powerful is that Bri-

arfield Cove group? Can they make the whole council quake in their boots, or was their influence only with one councilman?"

Gotch says he is confident of seeing the proj-

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ect through to its conclusion and even talks of getting it moved up to 1982. He plans to win the support of the other council members, he said, by presenting "an intelligent,

well-reasoned argument. I think I'll get their support." He added he may revive the issue this spring.

Clinton McKinnon hopes not. "If I were a city councilman," he says, "I

more cost effective. I think any reasonable man will see that."

Besides a recalcitrant city council, there is one other potential obstacle to Sail Bay development. The Martinet brothers have hired a lawyer, Larry Marshall, to assist them in fighting the removal of their encroachments. Neither Marshall nor Deputy City Attorney Hal Valderhaug will speculate how long legal maneuvering may take, but Marshall says some of the other Sail Bay lessees also have indicated an interest in retaining legal counsel. "The public servants in the name of the public feel compelled to do private injury in the name of the public," Marshall said. "What

they're [the city] proposing is shocking to me personally. All the proposals I've heard kind of kill the area with kindness."

The issue of encroachments is expected to stir again soon. Last November, Park Development Superintendent Jim Gutzmer issued a report to the public facilities and recreation committee listing 32 private encroachments on the Sail Bay beach. He recommended that those which most seriously impeded public access on the beach be removed. Sixteen encroachments were grouped in this category, including those of the Martinets and the swimming pool on Riviera Drive. Gutzmer also sug-

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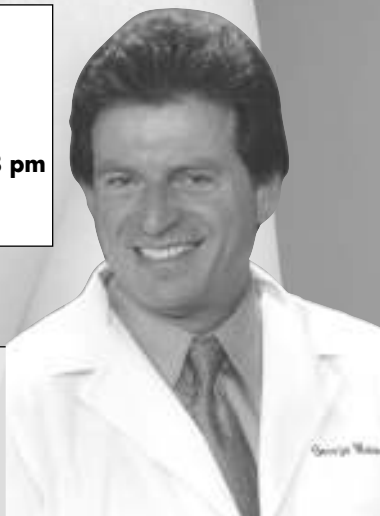
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gested that in ten other cases the city grant a temporary permit to the property owners, which would be valid until the beach is developed, and in six others, grant the permit but require partial removal of the encroachment.

Gutzmer and Valderhaug were instructed to begin negotiations with the property owners to work out details of the encroachment program. Those negotiations are scheduled to commence any day now. Gutzmer estimates they will take three months to complete. Then he will report back to the public facilities and recreation committee and eventually to the full council for its approval.

One park and recreation department staffer estimates that even with city council approval and the necessary financing, it would take as long as two years to develop working plans, obtain appropriate permits from the coastal commission and the Army Corps of Engineers, placate the state fish and game department, and complete construction of the Sail Bay master plan. With a current projected start date in 1983, that would mean another five years before beach improvements become a reality.

Possibly delaying the project even further is the Jarvis II initiative (called Jaws II by many city officials and journalists), which will appear on the June ballot and which would reduce state income taxes. Most of Sail Bay is slated to be financed with capital outlay funds. Predicts one city official, "If Jaws II passes, capital outlay funds will practically dry up and disappear." If that happens, it's anybody's guess what will become of Sail Bay development plans. For the immediate future at least, Sail Bay will remain, in the words of the consultant who developed the master plan, "the ocean backyard of numerous separate property owners — exactly what it has been for 50 years." ■

— Larry Keller

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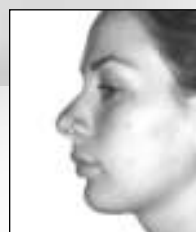
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Hail Storm

Kudos to Barbarella on her third *Reader* cover ("A Tijuana Better Than in My Memory," August 25). I love most of your regular contributors, but I want to single out Barb for her wit, style, and warmth in her writing and Ollie for his oftentimes hilarious stream-of-consciousness take on TV. Two quick things — first, I think I'm going to have to take a trip to TJ to experience that movie theater, and second, Glen Campbell, Ollie ("Remote Control King," August 25)!? All hail Bruce, Bruce Campbell.

Ray Pennisi
South Park

Bruce Campbell, not Glen Campbell, starred in Army of Darkness. — Editor

More Howard

I'm calling about "My Past Announced Itself" by Curtis Howard ("City Lights," August 25). I'd like to thank you very much. He's a very good writer. I like how he wrote. And I'm very hopeful that he will work with the community and try to enlist those gang members to get off the gang path. And I hope you can encourage him by having him do more writing and do more articles and maybe even more investigative work. That would be important for us as community members as a whole of San Diego. I will continue praying for that community and for this former gang member himself as a writer. I look forward to seeing more articles.

Daniel Beeman
Clairemont Mesa

Continuous Howard

Please bring Curtis Howard ("My Past Announced Itself," "City Lights," August 25) back for more — a regular column by this man, who has seen both sides of life on the street, would be a tremendous addition to the *Reader*. I love his message, and it needs a venue. How 'bout it, SDR?

Sue Joachim
via e-mail

Favorite Anger

"Remote Control King" is now my favorite column.

The August 25 one was the best, especially the bit about Julia Roberts. You're at your best overcaffeinated and angry, Ollie.

M.E.
via e-mail

Error Plague

As elected committee members of the Republican Party of San Diego County we feel it is imperative to set the record straight on Scott Barnett's self-described "Irresponsible Gossip" story, which we found to be error-plagued and misleading ("Ludicrous and Irresponsible Gossip," "City Lights," July 28).

It may be helpful for readers to understand that Mr. Barnett's recent actions suggest that he has an agenda flatly opposed to the ideals and principles of the Republican Party — most vividly illustrated by his Republicans AGAINST the Recall initiative in 2003.

We find it difficult to understand why Mr. Barnett, ostensibly a Republican, would try to save a failed, tax-raising Democrat governor and deny California the needed reforms that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is now courageously putting forth.

In any case, Mr. Barnett's article is riddled with factual errors. And when he's not wrong on the facts, he leaves out critical facts in an apparent attempt to slant a story for shock value.

Pointing out all the faults in Mr. Barnett's "reporting" would take more space than you allocate for a letter to the editor, but here are a few:

(1) Mr. Barnett notes with great fanfare that the Republican Party paid fund-raising commissions to a Democrat. That is true. What Mr. Barnett failed to note, however, is the significant fact that Mr. Ray Drew was the fund-raiser for party-endorsed candidate Dick Murphy and legally helped the party raise funds while the party was helping his candidate. From our standpoint, we much prefer Democrat fund-raising professionals raising money into our coffers than those of Democrats. Anytime a Democrat wants to help our team instead of their team, we welcome it.

Mr. Barnett also fails to disclose his own well-known, longstanding rivalry with

former Murphy chief of staff John Kern. Shouldn't such glaring conflicts of interest be disclosed?

(2) Mr. Barnett quotes another unnamed source claiming an artificially low quorum level was imposed during the meeting where Steve Francis was endorsed. This is flatly untrue, as any reading of party rules would reveal. A quorum is defined as a majority of voting members present, and this standard was met. Neither the chairman nor the full body has the power to alter the standard for a quorum during any meeting. As an aside, the meeting in question had one of the highest attendance records in recent time.

(3) Mr. Barnett again quotes yet another unnamed source claiming the chairman announced two votes would take place under the endorsement procedure but that more than two votes took place. That is true, but once again, Mr. Barnett's reporting tells only a small fraction of the story. Left glaringly absent from his "reporting," however, was that a motion to reconsider took place and thus required the taking of two additional votes. The chairman does *not* have the power, or the option, to ignore a motion to reconsider. If he had ignored the motion to reconsider, he would have been tampering with the process. He did not. The chairman acted in an absolutely fair manner consistent with Robert's Rules of Order at all times.

(4) Contrary to Mr. Barnett's odd characterizations, the Republican Party is a focused campaign organization consisting of thousands of volunteers and donors, supported by a very small staff. The volunteer time and dollars contributed to the party all serve to aggressively support the values we hold dear as Republicans.

The saddest aspect of Mr. Barnett's article was the little regard he gives to the volunteers, including the volunteer leadership, who give their time and effort to the Republican Party and its candidates.

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Republicans, provide forums with elected officials, support both current and future candidates, and deploy an impressive volunteer army of 3300 precinct representatives on Election Day to turn out the Republican vote en masse for Republican candidates.

Unlike Mr. Barnett, who as a political consultant helped certain candidates in exchange for money, the Republican Party is made up of and led by a dedicated group of volunteers who have made the Republican Party of San Diego County one of the leading Republican Party organizations in America, and it has been recognized by state and national leaders as such.

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Fortunately for the taxpayers of San Diego, the Republican Party will go right on electing candidates who support sound Republican ideas. And because we have great volunteers who give their time, donors who contribute their resources, and leaders who contribute their leadership, we'll continue to win.

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The issue mentioned in (3) above, the number of votes that took place, was not addressed in the story. — Editor

Peace Seekers

Gangbanger's Dictionary Lecture

I got more power doing the right thing than I ever had being an actual violent gang member," says Derek Grover, author of *The Gangbanger's Dictionary: One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Things You Better Know Before You Join a Gang*. Grover will be giving a lecture and signing his book at the San Diego Public Library in Mira Mesa on Saturday, September 3.

For a quarter of a century Grover went by the name D-Man and was the leader of the

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Bloccide Crip Gang in Southeast San Diego. With his book he hopes to educate the public. Grover instructs kids how to answer a simple question like "Where are you from?"

"Your answer could get you killed," he writes. "The best way to answer this is to just stand there and look at his hands. Let God talk for you. To say anything else is a form of disrespect to the [gang]banger."

Grover explains, "There's a lot of killings on holidays because on holidays a gangster plans rival attacks. All holidays are like that except Christmas Day. Gangsters are extremely spiritual people because they die young. When you go to jail, you believe in God one hundred percent." Grover has been to jail around 40 times in the past 27 years for gang-related crimes. "I was sitting in San Quentin and God came to me and said, 'I'm gonna show you some things, and I want you to write this book.' He wasn't coming and telling me in a soft, squeaky voice or a loud voice, He was telling me in my own voice because it's my own voice that I trust. But I knew it was God talking to me because it was thoughts that I couldn't control; it was something more powerful than me."

When he was at the top of his game

Grover was a millionaire. "I got those millions of dollars from robbing and stealing and taking," he says. "Fighting gang wars is extremely expensive; it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars a year because you have to pay your gang members. If you don't pay people then nobody comes to you with information. The more money you got the more the streets talk to you. The streets tell you what's going on."

In *Gangbanger's Dictionary*, Grover defines several street terms, a few of which he reads aloud: "Busted on" means to shoot a full clip. A 'gat,' that's a gun that's fired no matter what. A gun is used by law enforcement, [and] a gat is used by a violent criminal. When somebody says 'gat,' he's saying he's shot [the gun].

A "strap" is a fake gun, and as any stoner can tell you, a "blunt" is a "cigar from which tobacco is removed and replaced with marijuana" that is resealed and smoked. A "homeboy" is a well-connected friend, and a "homie" is a person who is not well known.

"The reason I wanted to write this book [is because] one of my homeboys was killed in a fiery shootout in 1997. My gang robbed the Saks Fifth Avenue in Mission Valley for two million dollars in diamonds." A week after the robbery police officers caught up with Grover's homeboy, Bobby Lewis Kirk, Jr., while he was at home. "[Bobby] just sprayed 'em up a hundred times with an AK 47. They shot back and burned the house down on top of him," says Grover. "I couldn't take his death like it was just another day. I wanted to dedicate my life to righteousness after his death." Bobby is one of four people Grover lists in his book under the words, "This book is dedicated to the homeboys of the Bloccide Crip Gang. Your loyalty to the gang will never be forgotten."

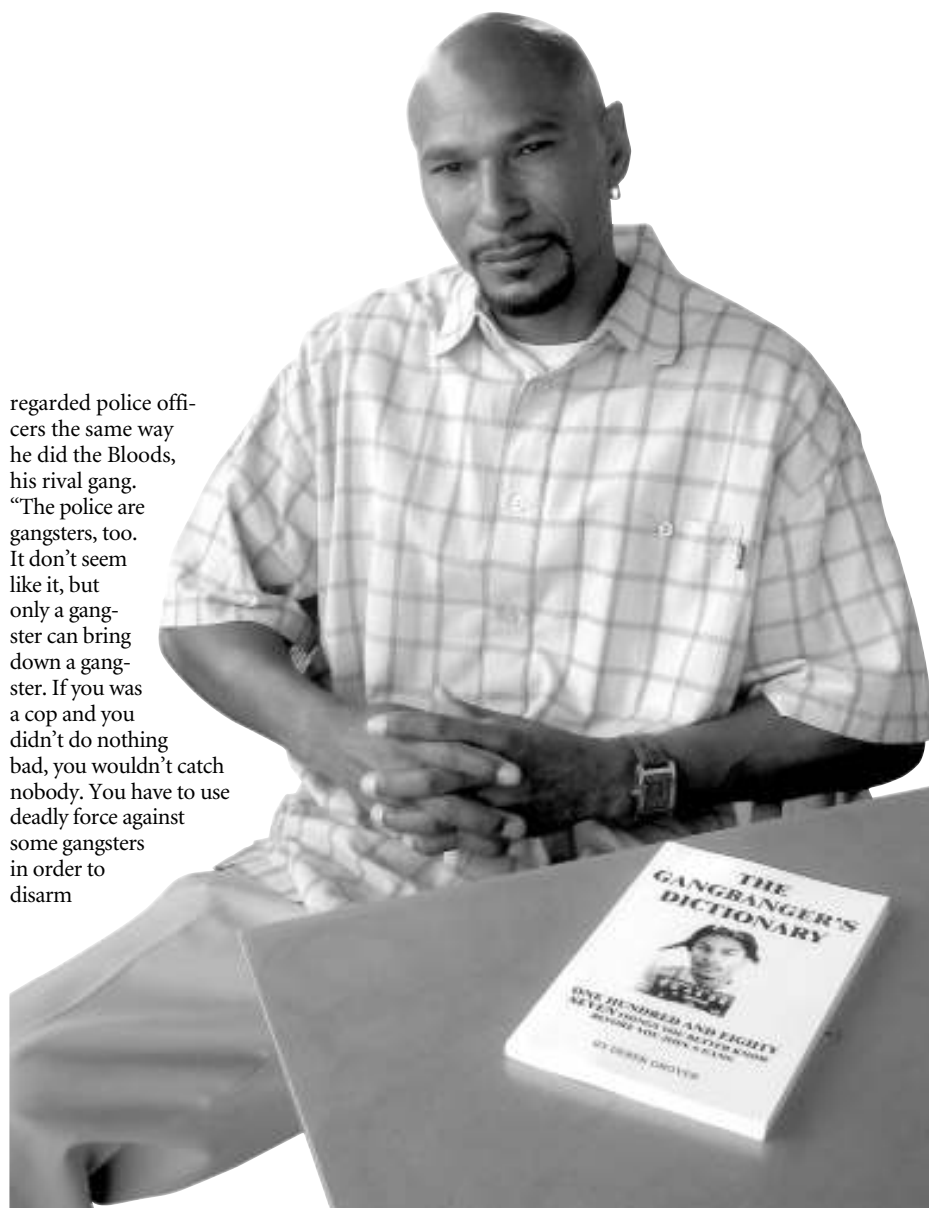
In his gangbanging days Grover

regarded police officers the same way he did the Bloods, his rival gang. "The police are gangsters, too. It don't seem like it, but only a gangster can bring down a gangster. If you was a cop and you didn't do nothing bad, you wouldn't catch nobody. You have to use deadly force against some gangsters in order to disarm

them. That's how it goes in the world of gangbanging."

How do his old homeboys feel about the D-Man's new book? "Gang members don't kill people that preaches peace 'cause all gang members are looking for peace. They just need somebody who knows their language to talk to them."

— Barbarella



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past several weeks. This weather pattern, more or less typical for late summer, may continue through mid-September. The extra rainfall has contributed to the greening of certain kinds of vegetation. On the desert floor, for example, the spidery ocotillo can grow an instant crop of green leaves after a storm, only to drop them two to three weeks later if no further rain arrives. The distribution of green-leaved ocotillos tells not only where rain has recently fallen; it also indicates where the runoff has collected and remained for enough time to be absorbed by the ocotillo's root system.

The Chaparral, the tangled assortment of low-growing, drought-resistant, native shrubs covering most of San Diego County's lower mountain slopes, has managed to remain fairly attractive this summer. Unlike many

of the scrubby natives near the coast, chaparral plants tend to hang on to their leaves year round. This month, the coppery, sun-burnished remnants of last spring's flower clusters are still clinging to the tips of buckwheat and chamise plants, and a few wildflowers have popped up here and there in response to recent thunderstorm activity over the higher mountains. To enjoy the beauty of the chaparral landscape, explore the hill-sides above Lake Morena and along Lyons Valley and Japatul Roads in East County. Or head inland from Poway or Escondido toward Ramona or Valley Center and beyond.

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, September 3, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

History Walk, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with

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center with a ranger, Saturday, September 3, 1 p.m. Meet at visitors' center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Reservations: 619-668-2747. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, September 3, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide

Don Wetzel leads hike through trees, chaparral in search of birds, wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

Ven Explora la Naturaleza Connigo, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts bilingual nature walk, Sunday, September 4, 1 p.m. Led by a Spanish speaking interpretive guide, walks introduce visitors to Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge and the nature center. Free. Find center at 1000 Gunpowder Point Drive; 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

A Celestial Gathering, consisting of the crescent moon, Venus, Jupiter, and the bright star Spica, can be seen over the west horizon on Tuesday, September 6, starting about one-half hour after sunset. All four objects will just fit in the field of view of a typical pair of binoculars. The four objects will set by the time the sky becomes fully dark.

Migrating Birds Are Beginning to Arrive — see some when naturalist Tom Lyon leads easy 2.5-mile hike on Tuesday, September 6, in Daley Ranch. Bring binoculars. Outing starts at 8 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). Reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)




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Running with Scissors provides music, JoAnn Koppany calls for contradance on Friday, September 2, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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"Dancing to Beethoven: A Collaborative Process" presented Wednesday, September 14, noon, in UCSD's Wagner Dance Building, studio 3. Project, inspired by Beethoven's "String Quartet in F Major No. 1," is presented by choreographer Allyson Green, 12 dancers, musicians Alexandra Preucil (violin), Jun Iwasaki (violin), Erin Nolan (viola), Davin Rubicz (cello). Free. 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

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Tall Tales and Mythic Exploits — Tim Burton's *Big Fish* (2003) for "Screen on the Green: A Look at Maxfield Parrish" series, 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)

Social and Economic Barriers faced by low-income African-American men in context of incarceration and release explored in Tod Lending's documentary *Omar and Pete*. The 2005 film screens for Film Forum on Sunday, September 4, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Sol Sirens," this "all-girl surf movie" by Cardiff filmmaker Ashley Carney Davis premieres Thursday, September 15, 7 and 9 p.m., on big screen at La Paloma The-

atre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$8. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

Found Footage Festival with footage of videos found at garage sales, thrift stores, warehouses, and Dumpsters, hits screen on Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., at Hillcrest Cinemas (3965 Fifth Avenue). Ninety-minute program includes travel video for Brazil with Arnold Schwarzenegger, insurance video with graphic reenactments of on-the-job accidents, more. \$10. 619-829-0236. (HILLCREST)

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Ultralight Backpacking Basics explored during clinics on Tuesday, September 6, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Wednesday, September 7, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (KEARNY MESA)

"Street Gangs in America — Why Do They Exist?" Discuss amongst yourselves, Wednesday, September 7, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

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Explore "Tastes in Asian Art" when Sonya Quintanilla, Asian art curator, presents Insight Gallery Talks on Thursday, September 8 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, September 11 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"XXXL (Extreme Extra Extra Large)" art exhibition opens with reception for artist Michael Barton Miller, Thursday, September 8, 4:30 p.m., at San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104, 7250 Mesa College Drive). Miller examines architecture, theme park ambiance of mega-malls around the world. Reception followed by artist's lecture at 7 p.m. in room LRC 435. Free. 619-388-2829. (SAN DIEGO)

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"Firescaping with Native Plants," seminar by Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design, Wednesday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Plant identification/selection, plant placement and grouping, plant care. \$8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Photojournalist Steve McCurry discusses his photography and work included in exhibition "Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" on Thursday, September 15, at 4 and 7 p.m., in Joan and Irwin Jacobs Theater at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10 general. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

IN PERSON

So-Cal Artists and Designers team with Writterzblok aerosol artists, DJs, for third anniversary of Thursday Night Thing, September 1, at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (1001 Kettner Boulevard). Bring a blank canvas (a.k.a. T-shirt) and design a TNT-inspired creation with aerosol artists; live music, entertainment. 619-234-1001. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Folksinger, Songwriter, Old-Time Radio Host Michael Johnathon in concert Thursday, September 1, 8 p.m., at Dizzy's (344 Seventh Avenue). \$10. 858-270-7467. (EAST VILLAGE)

"Amazing Women: Amazing Firefighters" signed, discussed by author Marsh Engle, Thursday, September 1, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway; 760-480-2760). Free. (ESCONDIDO)

117 West plays bluegrass music for First Thursday Concert on September 1, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

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, performs. Free. 619-260-1917. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

ROAM-○-RAMA

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

As one of the richest wetland areas Southern California, the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary offers an uncommon opportunity to come in contact with a natural ecosystem seemingly plunked down in the midst of Orange County's airport/urban district. Amid willows, cattails, and tules, you can spy on ducks, geese, and shore-



Freshwater pond, San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary

birds, listen to bullfrog choruses, and perhaps even spot pond turtles sunning themselves on protruding limbs. You can thrill to the graceful antics of herons and egrets, and the soaring flights of marsh hawks.

Make no mistake, the entire 300-acre spread, in its present incarnation, is essentially an urban park, planted densely with native trees and shrubs and irrigated with water from holding ponds that are part of a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant. Starting in the 1990s, the Irvine Ranch Water District, with the support of the Irvine Company and the Sea and Sage chapter of the Audubon Society, began an ambitious project to transform the once-neglected and raw-looking property into a naturalistic landscape typical of Orange County's original lowland and upland habitats. That effort has resulted in a tightly nested, ten-mile system of wide, smooth, wheelchair-accessible trails, restrooms and resting benches galore, and most importantly a first-class habitat for birds.

Audubon volunteers have installed dozens of nestboxes throughout the sanctuary to attract cavity-nesting birds, and they conduct a monthly bird census which has resulted in sightings of nearly 300 species of birds to date.

A good way to enter the sanctuary is to park along the roadway known as Riparian View, south of Michelson Drive in Irvine. There are two parking lots/trailheads here, open dawn to dusk, plus a one-page trail map that you can take with you. The map details several signed routes pieced together out of the bewildering maze of wide trails and levee-top roads that reach every corner of the sanctuary.

The southern of the two trailheads marks the beginning of the 0.8-mile-long Tree Hill Trail, perhaps the best route for getting an overview of what the place has to offer. On it, you first visit Tree Hill, where African acacias and other exotic trees dot the top of a small knoll — a landscape demonstration project begun by the water district on Earth Day 1990. You then descend past planted pines, sycamores, and cottonwoods, and through a meticulously tended facsimile of sage-scrub and chaparral habitat. Curling around the perimeter of the water-treatment plant, you find yourself on the levee of one of the several rectangular ponds, which are actually settling basins.

The Tree Hill Trail "route" ends halfway around the first settling basin, but that's just the perfect place to start circling one or more of the five natural-looking

The San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary is clearly a place for wandering and quiet observation, rather than goal-oriented hiking. In fact, the whole place was

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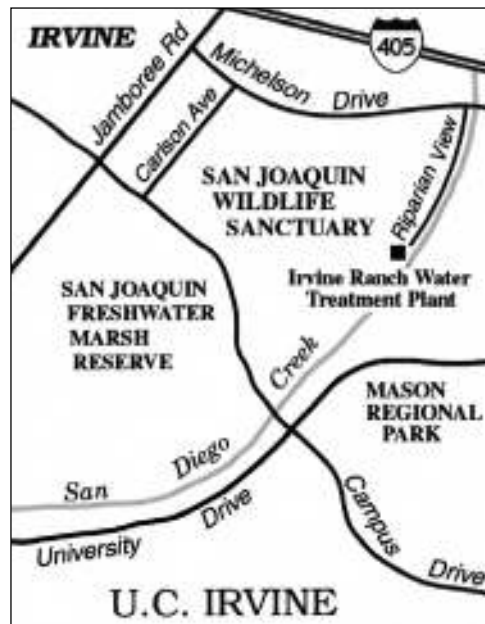
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ponds (designated Ponds 1 through 5 on the trail map), which offer excellent opportunities for serendipitous discoveries of birds and other wildlife.

carefully designed with berms, fences, and landscaping designed to screen out sight and sound of the surrounding city and its traffic.



World-Beat Music and Dance, Damaru performs with belly-dancers Shalimar, Cassie, Thursday, September 1, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

Plays in the Park, see *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* when Patio Playhouse performs Fridays through Sundays, September 2-18, 8 p.m., at Kit Carson Park amphitheater (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). Tickets: \$12.50-\$17. 760-489-2496. (ESCONDIDO)

Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) features big-band/swing music by the Variations, September 2, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Kick off Labor Day Weekend with music by Sunburned Hand of the Man, Marissa Nadler, Magik Markers, Jack Rose, Extreme Animals, the Dead White — Friday, September 2, 7:30 p.m., Voltaire Street Space (4862 Voltaire Street). Donation: \$6. 619-692-0942. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Gangbanger's Dictionary: 187 Things You Better Know Before Joining a Gang" discussed and signed by San Diego author and former gang leader Derek Grover, Saturday, September 3, 1 p.m., at Mira Mesa Library (8405 New Salem Street). Free. 619-538-8165. (MIRA MESA)

Turkish Classical Music promised when Ahenk Duo performs Sunday, September 4, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Program includes works by Turkish masters, solo and joint *taksim*s (improvisations) in various *makams* by musicians Derya Turkan (*kemençe*) and Murat Aydemir (*tanbur*). \$20 general. 800-969-9455. (LA JOLLA)

La Jolla Concerts by the Sea conclude with music by the Vision Band, Sunday, September 4, 2 p.m., in Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove (at foot of Girard Avenue). 858-454-1600. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Fertile Ground, poets, lyricists, spoken word artists, musicians welcome to open-mike events every Monday, 9 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). \$3. 619-819-7553. (SAN DIEGO)

The Hart Ranch Band performs bluegrass music for band night hosted by San Diego North County Bluegrass and Folk Club on Tuesday, September 6, 7 p.m., at Round Table Pizza (1161 East Washington Street). Free. 760-724-1785. (ESCONDIDO)

New Works for Toy Piano Premiered — written by "serious composers" who've been commissioned to write new works — during Toy Piano Festival, September 7 and 10 in lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Featured composers: Anne Young, Ryoko Amadee Goguen.

Short version of festival offered on Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., when Kristin Korb and her bass perform toy piano jazz tribute to Dr. Seuss. Sue Palmer — "queen of boogie-woogie piano" — featured during longer concert on Saturday, the 10th, 2 p.m.

Free. Bring quarters for parking on 7th; free parking on 10th. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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Leroy V. Quintana for First Wednesday program at Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library (2081 Newcastle Avenue) on September 7, 6:30 p.m. Free. 760-753-4027. (CARDIFF)

Jazz in the Park, the Clayton Brothers Quintet performs for concert series on Wednesday, September 7, 5:30 p.m., San Diego Museum of Art. \$17. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Poetry Unlimited showcases poetry by Melissa McKinstry and her students of "Writer's Design Class," music by Devora Susman and Joana Skvarka, Wednesday, September 7, 5 p.m., at Florence Riford Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Poetry reading dedicated to Jean Frank in honor of her birthday. Open readings follow. Free. 858-552-1657. (LA JOLLA)

History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society gets underway when Iris Engstrand discusses and signs *San Diego: California's Cornerstone* on Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"The Dentist and the Tooth Fairy" — this "modern tale about love and obsession" garners book-release party on Thursday, September 8, 6 p.m., at Adorn (2400 Kettner Boulevard, suite 105). Book is collaborative effort by DJ Hugh Herrera, author Dorota Skrzypek, artist Jerome Prieur. Free. 619-794-2729. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Integral Asia: An Evening of Asian Classical Crossover" boasting music, poetry, and instruments of India and Japan, Friday, September 16, 8 p.m., at the Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Musicians T.M. Hoffman (voice, *shakuhachi*), Abhijit Banerjee (tabla), Reiko Obata (koto) joined by guests. \$18 general. 619-318-1286. (LA JOLLA)

How Can We Create a Safe World that isn't also an authoritarian world? Booker Prize-winning author Salman Rushdie's answer: "We must not allow ourselves to be frightened out of our own morality." Rushdie speaks about his work (books including *Shalimar the Clown*, *Midnight's Children*, *The Satanic Verses*) and answers audience questions on Tuesday, September 20, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. \$35. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

Terry Gross, host of NPR's *Fresh Air*, speaks about her experiences and reads from her book, *All I Did*

OUT & ABOUT

GOURD DANCING. Hand-drumming contests — 35th annual Barona Pow Wow, Friday through Sunday, September 2-4, at Barona Indian Reservation.

(SEE SPECIAL)



Was Ask: Conversations with Writers, Actors, Musicians, and Artists, at San Diego State University's Montezuma Hall on Wednesday, September 21, 8 p.m. \$52-\$152. 888-399-5727. (SDSU)

SPORTS

Boys of (Late) Summer, San Diego Padres are in Milwaukee for games against Brewers September 1-4, with games at 5:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 4:05 p.m. on Saturday, 11:05 a.m. on Sunday.

Pads return for games in Petco Park against Colorado Rockies, at

7:05 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, September 8-8. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

West Coast Stickball Invitational tournament runs September 3-5 on Columbia Street (at Beech Street). East Coast teams — including the Bronx — "compete with the best on the West Coast." Competition begins at 9 a.m. each day, concluding at 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, 4 p.m. on Monday. Free for spectators. 619-299-9323. (LITTLE ITALY)

To Ramona the Shortest Way, it may be short, but you still get hills when riding with San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists on Sunday, September 4. The 65-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at

Nobel Drive). 858-277-7499. Bring money for lunch. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Rancho Valencia Cup competition begins Sunday, September 4, 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)

The 76th Annual Oceanside Labor Day Pier Swim on Monday, September 5, features a one-mile course with beach start and finish. Check-in starts at 7:15 a.m.; first heat at 8:20 a.m., all at life-guard tower number 1, just south of Oceanside Pier (found at the foot of Mission Boulevard).

760-721-5756 or 760-435-1031. (OCEANSIDE)

Racing Without Brakes! 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)

Into the Home Stretch, 2005 seaside racing season hosted by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club continues through Wednesday, September 7, with racing every day except Tuesday. Post time 2 p.m. except Fridays, when racing begins at 3:30 or 4 p.m.

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

United States Lawn Bowling Championships — 48 competitors from all over U.S. compete, September 8-12, at northeast corner of Balboa Way and Presidents Way. Local players Robin Olson and Roger Teske play in entire tournament.

Opening ceremonies and first match game: 1:30 p.m. on Thursday; play begins at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday; playoffs (if necessary) at 8:30 a.m. on Monday. Free for spectators. 619-238-5457. (BALBOA PARK)

SPECIAL

"Masks" explored in fall show by Julian Arts Guild, opening with reception on Thursday, September 1, 5 p.m., in Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Show continues through September 5, opening at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 7 p.m.

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Show opens at 10 a.m. each morning, closing at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$7 for those 11 years and older, \$3.50 for those 4 through 10 years old. 619-443-2706. (DOWNTOWN)

Gourd Dancing, Hand-Drumming Contests — time for 35th annual Barona Pow Wow, September 2–4, at Barona Stars baseball field on Barona Indian Reservation (1095 Wildcat Canyon Road). Singing, tribal dancing, Native American food, arts and jewelry.

Friday: gourd dancing at 6 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday: gourd dancing (1 and 7 p.m.), grand entry (8 p.m.). Free. 619-443-6612 x276. (LAKESIDE)

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Growers on Saturday, September 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Admission is free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

Gold Prospectors, Cowboys, Mountain Men, pioneer families, rangers on hand when Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association presents living history events, Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, at Red-Tailed Roost volunteer headquarters.

Presentations begin hourly, 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. To reach spot, take I-8 to Sunrise Highway, and drive 8.5 miles north (to mile marker 22.5). 858-414-1518. Free. (CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST)

Veterans for Peace honor U.S. military who have died in Iraq, installing over 1850 crosses bearing name, age, rank, date of death in lawn at Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street on Saturday, September 3. “Arlington West” event runs noon to 8 p.m. Free. 619-207-9139. (BALBOA PARK)

“A Simple Heart” by Flaubert discussed when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers, Saturday, September 3, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

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Center, Saturday, September 3, beginning at 9, 10, 11 a.m., at Point Loma farmer's market (at Womble Road and Truxtun Road). 619-794-1428. Free. (POINT LOMA)

The House of the Ukraine presents lawn program with dance, music, and cultural costumes at International Cottages at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 4. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

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, 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)

Truck Tribute Day is set for auto swap on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 6 a.m., at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Trucks expected "from minis to monsters." Cadillacs. Vehicles on display and for sale, along with "acres of parts and accessories." Admission: \$5 general, kids under 13 free. 858-484-9342. (EL CAJON)

Karaoke-athon for Muscular Dystrophy Association, Monday, September 5, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., in parking lot at Fuddrucker's (340 3rd Avenue). Donation. 619-529-5262. Bring a blanket for seating. (CHULA VISTA)

Experience a Traditional Tea Ceremony when Sohya Ayako Stott and assistants present demonstrations, Tuesday, September 6, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in garden admission.

Poetry |

BRUCE BEASLEY ON EMILY DICKINSON

ONE NEED NOT BE A CHAMBER

One need not be a Chamber – to be Haunted –
One need not be a House –
The Brain has Corridors – surpassing
Material Place –

Far safer, of a Midnight Meeting
External Ghost
Than its interior Confronting –
That Cooler Host.

Far safer, through an Abbey gallop,
The Stones a'chase –
Than Unarmed, one's a'self encounter –
In lonesome Place –

Ourself behind ourself, concealed –
Should startle most –
Assasin hid in our Apartment
Be Horror's least.

The Body – borrows a Revolver –
He bolts the Door –
O'erlooking a superior spectre –
Or More –

– Emily Dickinson (1830–1886)

Bruce Beasley comments:

When the mind dares to look inside the "lonesome Place" of the brain, and move down those haunted corridors that are the convolutions of the cerebral cortex, it comes face to face with what it is: what the mind is, what the self is, whatever the soul is. Whatever crouches there, in the innermost brain, can't be guarded against, can't be fled from: we're all haunted by our own imminent and desperately concealed unconsciousness ("Ourself behind ourself, concealed –," and this decades before Freud). We're haunted by an inner specter we can never see, never *spectate*: always we're "o'erlooking a superior spectre" – trying not to acknowledge its presence, that is, and literally *looking over* it, gazing upon it, though it's always "superior" to us both spiritually and spatially – "superior" implying both "located above" and "of higher nature and kind."

Or More. The poem's last line – characteristically for Dickinson – raises the poem's terror at the project of gazing upon our own inner-locked soul to an even more superior level. What is it we would see if we witnessed our own soul, the inner recesses of the mind? What ghost haunts our brain, so terrible in its "interior Confronting" that it would be safer to meet a ghost at midnight or face down an "Assasin hid in our Apartment" than to confront it. We encounter ourselves – if we dare to do it – "unarmed," defenseless, amputated.

And on the inside we confront "That Cooler Host." Whatever's there, whatever core of the brain and soul, is host to the parasitic body that grows around it. It's *host*, too, in the sense of the consecrated body of Christ. And it shares its etymology with *hostile*: the ghost of the soul as an invading army holding its camp in the mind. "Dare you see a Soul *at the White Heat?*" Dickinson asks in another poem; "Then crouch within the door –."

Bruce Beasley's latest books are Lord Brain (just out from the University of Georgia Press) and Signs and Abominations (Wesleyan University Press). He teaches at Western Washington University.



Bruce Beasley

cluded in garden admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Weekly Wine Tasting events offered every Thursday, 6 p.m., at Galileo 101 (201 J Street, suite 101). \$20 fee includes wine paired with appetizers selected by chef. 619-702-7101. (DOWNTOWN)

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9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Frank Lane Park (2645 Farmers Road). Festival opens with banjo and fiddle contest; lineup of performers includes Bluegrass Etc., Lighthouse, High Hills, the Brombies, Castleberry Creek, others.

Both days feature jamming, food, music workshops, and music-related vendors' booths. Tickets: \$15 at gate; \$10 for contest. 760-480-0086. Bring chairs, blankets. (JULIAN)

Modernism Weekend hosted by SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organisation) is Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18. Saturday: exhibition of "The

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Reading

Garbage Land: On the Secret Trail of Trash



Elizabeth Royte

By Elizabeth Royte
Little, Brown and Company, 2005;
311 pages; \$24.95

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Into our trash cans go dead batteries, dirty diapers, bygone burritos, broken toys, tattered socks, eight-track cassettes, scratched CDs, banana peels.... But where do these things go next? In a country that consumes and then casts off more and more, what actually happens to the things we throw away?

In *Garbage Land*, science writer Elizabeth Royte leads us on the wild adventure that begins once our trash hits the bottom of the can. Along the way, we meet an odor chemist who explains why trash smells so bad; garbage fairies and recycling gurus; neighbors of massive waste dumps; CEOs making fortunes by encouraging waste or encouraging recycling — often both at the same time; scientists trying to revive our most polluted places; fertilizer fanatics and adventurers who kayak amid sewage; paper people, steel people, aluminum people, plastic people, and even a guy who swears by recycling human waste.

With a wink and a nod and a tightly clasped nose, Royte takes us on a bizarre cultural tour through slime, stench, and heat — in other words, through the back end of our ever more super-sized lifestyles. By showing us what happens to the things we've "disposed of," Royte reminds us that our decisions about consumption and waste have a very real impact — and that unless we undertake radical change, the garbage we create will always be with us: in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we consume.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Where does it all go? Most of us are content to shrug off the details [of our garbage] — as long as it's out of sight (and smell). Not so journalist Royte, whose book in some ways (including its title) echoes *Fast Food Nation*. That McDonald's is more immediately engaging a subject doesn't make, say, the massive, defunct Fresh Kills landfill on Staten

Island, N.Y., any less compelling. Royte nicely balances autobiographical elements (where *does* her Fig Newtons carton end up, anyway?), interviews and fieldwork with more technical research.

From *Booklist*: A visit to the filthy Gowanus Canal near her Brooklyn home got Royte thinking about garbage. What exactly does her family throw out each day? Who carries it away, where is it taken, how is it processed? To find out, she catalogs her daily household garbage and tracks her trash to garbage transit stations, landfills, and recycling plants. Royte's nervy and unprecedented journey through the land of garbage is fascinating, appalling, and...downright entertaining.... What her staggering exposé tells us is that as the quantity, variety, and toxicity of our garbage increases, we must, like nature, evolve ways to reclaim and reuse everything we make.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Elizabeth Royte has written for the

New York Times Magazine, *Harper's*, *National Geographic*, *Outside*, *Smithsonian*, and *The New Yorker*. She was the recipient of an Alicia Patterson Foundation fellowship in 1999. She lives in Brooklyn.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Elizabeth Royte was born in Boston in 1960. On the morning we talked, she told me, "I grew up outside Boston and went to Bard College and took a B.A. in literature, and then I moved to New York and started working at magazines. I've been a serious magazine writer since about 1985. I finally got around to writing my first book, *The Tapir's Morning Bath: Solving the Mysteries of the Tropical Rain Forest*, in 2001."

To my remark that I liked the title, Ms. Royte said, "It's a little hard for people to relate to. I didn't come up with that, my editor did. And I'm not sure it was a great idea to go with that.

People don't know how to say tapir or they don't know what it is. Once you read the book it makes a little bit of sense what the title is, but it's mysterious until you get to that part of the book, but anyway."

"Did your parents read?"

"Well, *The New Yorker* wasn't in the house growing up. My father is a psychologist, and I don't think they were fiction readers. We used the library a lot. Reading was encouraged. I read a great deal of the time, and we learned to read very early. And my mom, she was always reading early childhood education stuff. She was a teacher. So they weren't reading great literature. I mean, we had great literature around the house, but I don't remember my mom sitting around reading Hemingway or anything like that."

"When did you decide that you wanted to write?"

"When I came to New York, I worked at magazines and thought that I wanted to be an editor. And

"I always wondered where to put a tissue after I blew my nose, whether it should go into the trash can or in the toilet."

lated to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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

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

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and

operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

waterfall.

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

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

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George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Cen-

tury American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with exam-

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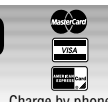
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I worked at *The Nation* and learned the important skills of copy editing and fact checking. And then when I worked at *Conde Nast*, as an editorial assistant, and then moved to another magazine and was actually assigning and editing stories as a junior editor and when the magazine folded, my boyfriend, who's now my husband — he's a freelance writer — urged me not to try and find another job but to try to be freelance. I started book reviews, just sort of for fun, and it didn't pay very well, as you know, but I started doing them. I also kept looking for an editing job. But people offered me writing jobs instead. So that launched my freelance career. I haven't really had a job since then. So I never really consciously said, 'I want to be a writer.'

"I tried writing fiction in college, and I was terrible at it. Now, though, I'm so wedded to nonfiction I don't think that I could really make anything up. I don't have that much imagination. Like most writers, I have a lot of curiosity about the natural world. This book about garbage was a complete departure for me. I'm used to writing about science and the environ-

ment. And talking to people who are happy to talk to me about their work and proud of their work. And excited about the natural world. That's why I like writing about scientists or people who can explain the natural world to me. Writing a garbage book was completely unlike anything I've ever done. It's all about dead stuff, and I had to deal with people who weren't happy to talk about their work."

"They sure weren't."

"But this book started just with my curiosity about where stuff went. I think everyone has that curiosity, but maybe it's because people were so unwilling to help me that it got my hackles up. I'm a curious person and a stubborn person. The more they said 'no,' the more I had to keep pushing to find out where everything was going."

The Sunday *New York Times* wrote, about *Garbage Land*, "Imagine a type of obsessive-compulsive disorder that leaves you unable to throw or flush something away without tracking precisely where it goes. Not just from your indoor container to the curb or trunk line; this affliction makes you unable to put your mind at rest unless you follow your castoff into the

truck, the transfer station, the landfill, the scrap-metal shredder, the treatment tank.

"Elizabeth Royte apparently has such a disorder, but rather than (or perhaps in addition to) letting it ruin her life, she has turned it into a likable chronicle of rubbish-realization.... Hers is a journey that everyone should take but few will."

I asked Ms. Royte what she made of the *Times'* reading of her as afflicted with an obsessive-compulsive disorder. She laughed a lot and loudly. "I'm really not obsessed with garbage. I'm not a person who fretted about landfills filling up. I had a lot of other environmental concerns, but garbage and recycling was not one of them. I'm still not obsessed with garbage, but I do care a lot about where things go and think things could be a lot different and a lot better."

"I was interested because no one could tell me at first. So it got even more mysterious. Like, people would give you a partial answer and that just made me mad. You know, they'd say, 'Oh, we recycle it.' And you'd say, 'Well, what is it recycled into, and where is it done?' No one had the whole picture because the waste business is so segmented, and it's in public hands,

and it's in private hands, and then it changes hands and the rules change."

"How did you get interested in garbage?"

"It started because I was actively looking for a book subject, and, as I said, I usually write about plants and the environment, but I used to travel a lot to report those stories. And now that I had Lucy, our three-year-old, I didn't want to go away."

"So I had to do something in New York. I was going around to universities and talks and readings and talking to scientists. I met a woman at Columbia University who was studying the city's coffee footprint, and I was intrigued by the sound of that. What is a coffee footprint?"

"Well, she was figuring out how much land and water it took to grow the beans that came to New York and turned into our coffee. And also how much paper and water and trees and energy and water it took to make the cups that we drink the coffee in."

"So I got interested in the idea of an ecological footprint and realized that it also includes the surface area it takes to assimilate waste. This was the germ of my idea, that the city had a garbage foot-

print, that we were eight million people in a very small place and had no place nearby to put our garbage."

"So that was the germ of the idea that I could look at the city's garbage footprint. And as I say in the book, I also was mildly curious about where things went. I always wondered where to put a tissue after I blew my nose, whether it should go into the trash can or in the toilet, and where it would have the least environmental impact. So that's how I got interested in garbage."

"People have such distaste for garbage, or for offal. I think that behind this distaste dwells our fear of death and disintegration."

Ms. Royte did not disagree. In her chapter rather ominously titled "Dark Angels of Detritus," she quotes from a 1993 essay by Italo Calvino. In this essay, Calvino wrote about his daily transfer of trash from the kitchen to a street-side container. "Through this daily gesture I confirm the need to separate myself from a part of what was once mine, the slough of chrysalis or squeezed lemon of living, so that its substance might remain, so that tomorrow I can identify completely [without residues] with what I am and have."

"I thought," said Ms. Royte, "about the death of the things that we confined to the landfills. And there's a sadness to it, seeing these things laying there. When I went to Barren Island and saw all these leather shoes that had been worn in the '20s and the '30s, it made me sadder than seeing anything else, and I'm not exactly sure why. You can see that these shoes and boots were worn nearly to death. The people whose shoes were lying around Barren Island, maybe their wearers had long and healthy lives, but it's just sad somehow to see these twisted little shoes. You know, men's shoes, women's shoes, babies' shoes, lying there with the water lapping at them. It just makes you think about what a short time we're here for and what a mess we're leaving behind. And how long this stuff is going to linger."

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ples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents of Lemon Grove" details first 30 years of Lemon Grove's existence as a product of "second gold rush"

(rise of citrus industry). Photos of original homes (many still standing), artifacts, documents, and furnishings show late-Victorian world of transplanted Midwestern farmers and orchardists.

"From the Kumeyaay to the Treganzas: Art Across Time" juxtaposes large wall murals of Kumeyaay life in late Stone Age in Lemon Grove with art of local Treganza family, whose creations in brass, copper, iron, and wood between 1896 and 1936 show their mixed Cornish, Spanish, and Mexican Indian heritage.

Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science

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San Diego Archaeological Center, the museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's perma-

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San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at

2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical im-

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But if you don't have a place to use the glass nearby, then you're in trouble because you've got to pay to ship it."

"How do you feel about home recycling?"

"Recycling on its own, in terms of recycling that I did, reduced my garbage input quite a bit and got me well below the national average. I think recycling is good and important, but it's not going to mean that much unless manufacturers and designers start thinking about designing things to be

taken apart and reused by them and keep the stuff cycling through the system.

"It's also not going to mean much if it continues to be possible to take resources from the earth and pay less for them than it costs to reuse stuff that's already here. Right now it costs less to extract virgin resources than it does to reuse old ones. There's not going to be much of an incentive for manufacturers to change the way they do things if they can keep getting new stuff cheaper. And recycling won't be able to compete on a level playing field unless those subsidies are ended."

Ms. Royte writes about the problems that electronic waste causes. This waste, she said, "is growing at a faster rate than any other fraction of the waste produced by people like you and me. We have computers that don't work anymore or are too slow or can't be upgraded to do what we want, and they contain a lot of heavy metals and other hazardous materials. And in a landfill these things reach into the groundwater, if landfills leak, and when they're burnt they emit toxins.

"Some people try to do the right thing, and they go to these community drop-offs at landfills.

I took my broken router. I brought it to a drop-off event, and I thought that something would be done with my router, I didn't know what. I didn't know if it could be fixed, but it turned out it had no value to anyone.

"A lot of computers that work and that don't work, I should say most of them collected at these drop-off events, are shipped overseas and are smashed apart. Workers go after the copper, silver, and gold that are in them, and then they toss the rest of it aside; it's creating a pretty big environmental problem overseas, contaminating groundwater."

"Isn't that the very worst, contaminating the groundwater?"

"Yes. And also they burn away a lot of the wires to get at stuff inside or maybe just to reduce their cash heaps, so they've got this smoke going up into the air and it's filled with flame retardants and plastics, which sift around in the breeze and settle down in the waterways and are consumed by fish and cows. Everyone on Earth I think has dioxin in their bodies."

"One thing that has shocked me is that you can no longer open a can of tuna fish and safely eat the tuna."

"It's so sad to me because I

love tuna. This is a change that we've seen in our lifetime. Even within the last year, you've probably felt okay eating a tuna sandwich a couple of times a week. And this is such a dramatic example of how something that seems far off and unconnected to us is hitting us right at home, right in our kitchen cabinets.

"It's not someone else who's doing it. When we put our computer waste into the incinerator or if your thermometer breaks, or a thermostat, you're putting mercury into the air."

Late in the 19th Century and early in the 20th Century, New Yorkers kept pigs as "recyclers." I asked about this.

"Well, when I started composting I was bowled over by how much food waste there is in volume and in weight, and I was glad to get it out of my trash so it didn't count against me because I was keeping track of how much everything weighed and trying to shrink that.

"I was reading *Charlotte's Web* for the tenth time to my daughter, and Wilbur ate three enormous meals a day, and just everything went to the pig. I started thinking how great it would be to have my own pig and where I

would keep it. On my roof, of course. I wanted a hen up there so I could have my own fresh eggs.

"I don't really want to eat pork. I don't like bacon. I don't want to slaughter my pig. I would use it for my garbage digester. Pigs are, of course, garbage collectors. And a hundred thousand of them. I've seen pictures of them in books about old tenement life in New York. People would keep pigs in their basement.

"They were probably brought over as stock. The Dutch when they came here, they had their pigs. Started farms."

"You did a lot of 'dirty work' in service of the book."

"Yes, especially the sewage part. I was squeamish about that. Someone asked if I was worried being around all these toxic places and disease and getting dirty. I was not in the least bit concerned. It never even occurred to me. I believe in soap and warm water. When I went to the surge plant in the Bronx and held the stuff in my hands, I just had a split-second's hesitation. I thought, 'All right, I've got to get into it. Here I am writing about it. I've got to do it.' My tour guide, the plant manager, was handling it, and if it was good enough for

him, I could touch it too.

"But he completely forgot about washing his hands. Before I left the place I said, 'Give me a minute, I'm just going to go in there.' I'm usually against antimicrobial soap, I don't think anyone should use it, but there was a big jug of it in that bathroom and I was happy to use it."

"How did writing the book change you?"

"I changed my buying habits. I started thinking about what kind of garbage something would make before I even bought it. I asked myself if what I was buying could be reused when I was done with it, or recycled, was it going to break soon, and if it did break, could I repair it? How long would it last?"

"I tried not to be a scold about this stuff with people I know. But it's hard, and I tried to set an example. I always use, as I write in my book, linen napkins. I use sponges and rags. I don't use paper towels. As I say in my book, don't go too crazy worrying about recycling every tiny little scrap. The important decisions are about what you're driving and how you're heating your home and meat-eating; they have the most planetary impact."

— Judith Moore

ages from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May 2006.

"Corridos sin Fronteras, a New World Ballad Tradition," on exhibit through Monday, September 5, celebrates the narrative songs known as *corridos*. Exhibition made possible through generous support of Smithsonian Latino Initiatives Fund.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915–16 and 1935–36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferries, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class

diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, wood-carvers, and a complete research library.

"When California Was an Island," on view through Tuesday, September 6, includes illuminated period maps and nautical charts documenting the "jumpy" evolution of California's geographic image in the western worldview. "The Spirit of Sailing," an exhibit of photographs capturing "the romance of tall ship sailing" by Michael Kahn, closes Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of

North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, in celebration of its 90th anniversary, "Passage to Panama: Past to Present" and "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" continue through April 2006. "Being Kuna" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life, narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molas*, colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. "Passage" documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

"Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through Monday, September 26. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortega, painted images by José Rafael Aragón, contemporary section with work by 13 of New Mexico's *santeros* (saint makers), pieces by 22 children and grandchildren of featured *santeros*.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how hu-

mans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum

is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Leader of the Flock
Bishop Cordileone Says Mass for, Leads Pro-Lifers in Procession
BY ANNE KOSCHUTZ
Bishop Salvatore Cordileone celebrated a special Mass on Saturday, July 16, for the unborn and those who pray, witness, and provide spiritual counseling at abortion clinics. The Mass was held at Holy Precious Blood Church in Chula Vista and was concelebrated by Father Frank Wagner, the pastor. At approximately 100, the attendance significantly exceeded organizers' expectations. In his homily, Bishop Cordileone thanked those who pray and counsel at abortion facilities, saying, "I now wish to take this occasion to thank you for all that you do to save lives."

East Meets In West
Conference of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Rite Catholics held in San Diego
BY SEAN FORD EPPALA
Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego

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Family Concert offered by San Diego Symphony, conductor Jahja Ling and host Navroj Mehta on Thursday, September 1, 7 to 8 p.m., at Embarcadero Marina Park South (206 Marina Park Way). Preconcert mini-arts fest featuring Fern Street Circus and others at 5:30 p.m. Free. 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

"1812 Tchaikovsky Spectacular" complete with cannons promised for San Diego Symphony for Summer Pops concerts, Friday-Sunday, September 2-4. 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)

Civic Organist Carol Williams performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, September 4, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

New Works for Toy Piano Premiered — written by "serious composers" who've been commissioned to write new works — during Toy Piano Festival, September 7 and 10 in lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Featured composers: Anne Young, Ryoko Amadee Goguen.

Short version of festival offered on Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., when Kristin Korb and her bass perform toy piano jazz tribute to Dr. Seuss. Sue Palmer — "queen of boogie-woogie piano" — featured during longer concert on Saturday, the 10th, 2 p.m.

Free. Bring quarters for parking on 7th; free parking on 10th. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Classical Ragas promised when David Trasoff (*sarode*) and Abhiman Kaushal (*tabla*) perform music from north India for Concert Hour series on Thursday, September 8, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (D-10). Find the campus at 1140 West Mission Road. Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

"Dancing to Beethoven: A Collaborative Process" presented Wednesday, September 14, noon, in UCSD's Wagner Dance Building, studio 3. Project, inspired by Beethoven's "String Quartet in F Major No. 1," is presented by choreographer Allyson Green, 12 dancers, musicians Alexandra Preucil (violin), Jun Iwasaki (violin), Erin Nolan (viola), Davin Rubicz (cello). Free. 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

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"Why Not!" Exhibition of two- and three-dimensional creations" using alternative surfaces other than paper" juried by Rich Hawk continues through Saturday, September 17, in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Artists' reception is Friday, September 2, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Fast Forward" opens with reception on Saturday, September 3, 7 p.m., at Art of Framing Gallery (3333 Adams Avenue). Show curated by Ryan Campbell with work by ten artists continues through September. 619-563-9770. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Mr. San Diego," showcasing plein air landscapes and studio oil paintings by Stan Sowinski, opens with reception on Saturday, September 3, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79). Exhibition closes on Sunday, October 9. 760-765-1676. (SANTA YSABEL)

"XXXL (Extreme Extra Extra Large)" opens with reception for artist Michael Barton Miller, Thursday, September 8, 4:30 p.m., at San Diego Mesa College Art Gallery (D-104, 7250 Mesa College Drive). Miller examines architecture, theme park ambiance of mega-malls around the world. Reception followed by artist lecture at 7 p.m. in room LRC room 435. Free. 619-388-2829. (SAN DIEGO)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, 100 black-and-white photographs are gathered in "Live With History: Photographs from the New York Times' Photo Archives." Exhibit boasts iconic images by Alfred Stieglitz, Edward S. Curtis, Berenice Abbott, Andreas Feininger, among others.

Concurrently: "Piece Me Together With a Needle and Thread: Quilts by Patrice Longmire," "10 North: An Artists' Group," and "Alcancia de Coco en Mexico," a collection of carved coconut shells displaying motifs ranging from memories of loved ones, mythology, more.

All four exhibitions close on Saturday, October 1. 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 29, 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."

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, archi-

tectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May 2006.

"Arctic Transformations — The Jewelry of Denise and Samuel Wallace" may be seen through Sunday, October 16. 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, WriterzBlok is a collective of artists offering youth of Southeast San Diego technical skills in visual arts, opportunities to learn about aerosol painting through educational programs. Through Sunday, December 11, view murals by WriterzBlok's artists in lobby and Fayman Galleries, augmenting their banner project on museum's Jacobs Building construction fence on Kettner Boulevard.

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 recognizable art works, such as calendar and book illustrations, "classicized paintings," and an 18-foot-long mural he painted for Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. Show explores Parrish's artistic development and working methods. Closes Sunday, September 11.

"Wedgwood's Fairyland Lustreware from the Collection of Maurice Kawashima," also closing on September 11, highlights 27 pieces produced at the Wedgwood manufactory in Etruria, England, in decade after World War I. The pieces feature imaginative patterns inhabited by fairies, sprites, goblins, and dragons.

"Farsites: Urban Crisis and Domestic Symptoms in Recent Contemporary Art" — binational show boasts diverse collection of work by nearly 50 artists. Collaborative exhibition with Centro Cultural de Tijuana (CECUT) and in-Site features painting, sculpture, photography, video addressing "moments of crisis and fissure affecting everyday urban and domestic spaces." Through Sunday, November 13.

"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.

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One Kool-Aid, Please

"This happens every night," guitarist Ricky Rene Maymi said while sneaking a smoke inside the Casbah on August 17. Anton Newcombe, the mercurial vocalist behind the

BJM had canceled two dates due to Newcombe's throat ailments. He seemed mellow as he entered the Casbah. Maybe he feared using his raspy voice to sing, because he spent 10 to 20 minutes between each song tuning his guitar and berating his guitar techs and the opening band (which featured a former BJM member). The tuning began to wear on the crowd. Audience members shouted encouragements ("We love you, Anton. Play for us, Anton") and epithets ("Fuck you, Anton." "Just fucking play").

After telling a few overweight hecklers, "I don't

Other highlights included Newcombe telling a female heckler her ovaries were cankerous and that it was no wonder Kurt Cobain killed himself after having to deal with fans like these. Someone yelled, "You're a fucking idiot." Newcombe responded, "I'm not a fucking idiot. I'm a fucking genius." One accomplished San Diego musician in attendance said afterward, "I don't really see the genius."

In between the shenanigans, a few songs were played, including two intense instrumental jams. Newcombe proved he wasn't all bad; he gave a fan a guitar pick.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Great Wall? John Renna, owner/operator of the Coaster Saloon in Mission Beach, recently began hosting live bands outdoors on Friday and Saturday.

Attorney James Pyle says he owns apartments behind the Coaster Saloon. "I received some complaint calls from tenants," says Pyle. "They say it sounds like drums are in their bedrooms. Police have been called on a number of occasions."

Renna says, "I anticipated this, that's why we built a sound wall. It just went up last week." The wall, 30 feet wide and 20 feet tall, is made of wood and filled with foam insulation. "We ordered a sound meter to make sure we weren't in excess of 55 [decibels].... We'll go another 10 feet higher if we have to." Renna says police have shown up, "but there have been no citations. They have to have evidence that we violated the law, and they have no proof."

Pyle says there is no

lawsuit at this time.

Renna says, "A lot of bars have replaced live bands with DJs, but I would like to stick with live entertainment if I can."

— Ken Leighton

Cred without Critics

Ice Cube rapped about his AK-47, Bushwick Bill threatened Texas with a 12 gauge, and Warren G warned haters about his .44. But when Oceanside's SouthuNoyz raps about guns, they're the real deal. The four members — Noyz, 3 Thirds, Yung Sip, and 7.K. — are U.S. Marines with combat experience in Iraq.

"A lot of rappers, they talk about guns, their gangs, and being in the street and how they feel like they need [a gun]," says founding member Noyz, a

Marine corporal. "We've done search-and-destroy missions, ambush patrols, and things like that.... All of us have combat-action ribbons. I have two myself, but as far as guns go, we're about saving lives, not taking them."

SouthuNoyz recently released *The Mason Dixon Movement*, a seven-song CD. It opens with noise from a battle zone before jumping into laid-back raps with a Southern drawl. (The soldiers are from Texas, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana.)

Noyz and 3 Thirds, a

sergeant, met at Camp Pendleton and started SouthuNoyz before their first deployment in 2003. They put the group on hold when they were both sent to Iraq for their second tour. After they returned at the end of 2004, they added Yung Sip, a corporal, and 7.K., a lance corporal.

With few venues in San Diego willing to book rappers and hip-hop outfits, it's difficult for groups such as SouthuNoyz to get out of the studio and in front of an audience. SouthuNoyz got a boost when they were invited to perform for 50,000 Marines, sailors, and their



SOUTHUHOYZ: FROM THE BATTLE ZONE

families at Camp Pendleton's "Rockin' the Corps" concert on April 1. As an opening act, they shared the stage with Destiny's Child, Kiss, Ted Nugent, Jah Rule, and Godsmack.

"Everything happened so quick," says Noyz. "We recorded in February and then played that show in April. It opened so many doors...."

While the recent release of the *Rockin' the Corps* live DVD helps spread SouthuNoyz's sound, Noyz says they no longer have to worry about being split up by

\$25 for the ticket and \$11.95 in fees (48 percent!).

When the concert was canceled, Ticketmaster refunded the cost of the ticket but not all fees, which included an \$8.60 per-ticket service charge and a \$3.35 per-order fee. Ticketmaster kept the per-order fee.

"It pretty much is the industry standard," says Lisa Langley of Virginia-based Music Today, which sold tickets for this year's Street Scene. If Street Scene had been canceled, Langley says the \$7 per-ticket fee would not have been refunded.

"We don't play those kind of games," says Len Paul, owner of Soma and Soma's in-house ticket company Lunatics. "When Sum 41 and Kottonmouth Kings canceled [in June], we refunded everything."

"We return everything," says Elaine, a Ticket Web customer service employee. Ticket Web is a San Francisco-based company that handles tickets for L.A.

Brian Jonestown Massacre, was in the midst of a rant about Iraq and Afghanistan, implying he could fix things over there with his music.

Maymi and fellow guitarist Frankie Teardrop were prepared for Newcombe's Andy Kaufman-esque antics. It's likely that other people at the sold-out show were, too. *Dig!*, the 2004 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize-winning documentary chronicles the rise and fall of the friendship between BJM and the Dandy Warhols. The movie paints Newcombe, the only remaining founding member of the band, as a lunatic afraid of success and failure.

Before their Casbah show,



NEWCOMBE DIGS THE FRONT LINE

come to Taco Bell to criticize you" and asking Casbah security to take them out so everyone could have a good time, Newcombe told the crowd they were lucky he wasn't Frank Sinatra because he would have had the hecklers killed by the mafia.

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reassignment or another tour of duty; half are about to leave the Marines and the other half have secured guaranteed station in San Diego County.

— Larry Harmon

Dues, Schmues “There’s always a backlash when a band lands a major-label deal without paying their requisite ‘dues’ beforehand,” says Augustana frontman Dan Layus.

Former locals STP were scorned for their seemingly “instant”

success; now it’s time to resent Augustana for the same. They’ve played a handful of shows, yet have an Epic Records debut (*All the Stars and Boulevards*)

that will be released September 6. The album was produced by Brendan O’Brien (STP, Pearl Jam), and the title single is the sixth most requested track on L.A.’s KROQ 106.7 FM.

On top of their record deal, Augustana sounds more British than Louis XIV. And heartthrob Layus is 20 years old. What’s not to resent?

“We dropped out of college in Greenville, Illinois, before the 2004 fall semester to move to San Diego” says

Layus, “so you can’t say we didn’t take a chance to make our music happen.” Three of the foursome did migrate from the Midwest; drummer Justin South was a local acquisition.

Does Augustana consider itself a San Diego band? “Absolutely,” says Layus. “A very, very, very lucky San Diego band.” Augustana plays Soma on September 16.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Adams Avenue a Little Quieter

Marco Anguiano, who had much to do with organizing talent for the Adams Avenue Street Fair, died August 24 of cancer. He was 50.

“He really stressed San Diego groups,” says Judy Moore, associate director of the Adams Avenue Business Association. “He was always looking for people who wrote



MARCO ANGUIANO

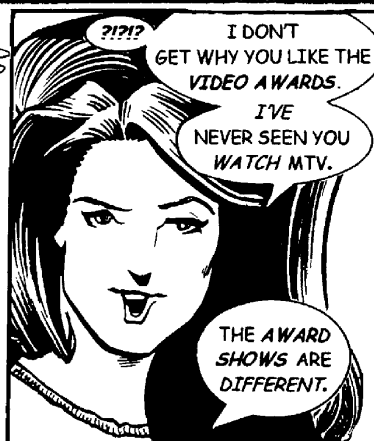
their own music.”

The Adams Avenue Street Fair, which draws an estimated 130,000 people, is San Diego’s largest annual music festival. Anguiano had been instrumental in

selecting artists during the past ten years. He oversaw the talent lineup for the Adams Avenue Roots Festival as well.

“He and Lou Curtiss set up the Roots Festival,” says Moore. “He would work on [the festivals] full-time, even when he was undergoing

OVERHEARD IN SAN DIEGO: JIMMY LOVE’S



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treatments [which began last year]. When he was in the hospital, work was taken to him. He was cancer-free in January.”

Jose Sinatra says, “Shortly before his relapse, he was undergoing therapy and had lost his hair. He said he was sick of wearing these caps to work. I provided him with a bag of assorted costume wigs — multicolored Afros, punk, surfer, old lady — he enjoyed them all. He held on to them until he went back in the hospital.”

Headliners at this year’s Adams Avenue Street Fair (September 24 and 25) are Pinetop Perkins, Hacienda Brothers, Bel-Rays, Nortec Collective, and Transfer. About 72 artists have been booked.

— Ken Leighton

Louis XIV Gets Royal Boot

The band’s performance after an August 28 high school football game in Birmingham, Alabama, was to be televised on ESPN. When parents got ahold of *The Best Little Secrets Are Kept* CD and found a naked woman on the cover and explicit lyrics within, they



BIRMINGHAM PARENTS DETHRONE LOUIS XIV

principal Sandra Spivey told an NBC affiliate, “We have been assured by the concert promoter that the band’s performance this Saturday will be appropriate for a high

school audience.” The next day, Louis XIV was replaced by Four on the Floor, a Birmingham band.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Society’s Arms of Control

Twenty years ago today (9/1/85), Black Flag, the Minutemen, and SWA played Palisade Gardens Roller Rink on University near 30th. Police stopped the show four times due to noise complaints. Nearby businesses frequently petitioned owner Johnnie Wright to shut down Palisade’s concerts. The shows stopped soon after this one.

— Jay Allen Sanford

If You Know Your History...

Twenty-eight years ago tomorrow (9/2/77), concertgoers could choose from Mahogany Rush at the Civic Theatre, Leon Russell at SDSU’s Open Air Amphitheatre, and Bob Marley at the Civic Theatre. The Marley show (and the rest of his tour) was canceled because a cancerous growth had been found on one of



HOW WE MISS YOU, RASTA

Marley refused, saying it was against his Rastafarian beliefs. He died of cancer three and a half years later.

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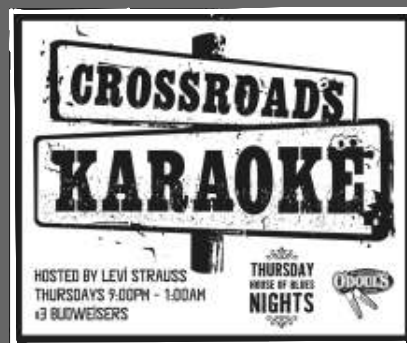


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"I suggested that we stay on the raft and sing."

Who knew the original singer for Dream Theater had been living in an apartment on Spring Street since May 2003? "I chose La Mesa because it really is a nice place to live and I knew the area well," says 53-year-old Charlie Dominici (who also resided in San Diego from 1998 to 2000). "It's very rustic and kind of like an old classic western." Dominici joined the now-famed prog rockers in November 1987, co-writing seven of the eight songs on Dream Theater's debut album *When Dream and Day Unite*. He was booted in 1989 and replaced by Kevin James LaBrie, reportedly because of "personality conflicts," and spent the next 15 years as a "virtual recluse" (his description). "I needed to get some financial stability and also wanted to return to music only when it felt good again."

Dominici didn't completely disappear — he sang at Dream Theater drummer Mike Portnoy's wedding in 1994 and joined his old band onstage in L.A. for two songs in March 2004 (filmed for the DVD *When Dream and Day Reunite*). "I was so out of practice, vocally...after that I realized how much I had been like a fish out of water since I had not been doing much musically. I quit the car business and started writing."

The singer (who has learned guitar) just released the first in a series of three acoustic solo CDs comprising one long concept trilogy called 03. "The CD is like a movie made out of music,"

he says. Dominici is coy about the project's theme, saying only the CDs are about "modern times, current events, and the possible end of the world."

FAVORITE CONCEPT ALBUMS?

1. Queensryche, *Operation Mindcrime* ("Interesting story. Great progressive metal album.")
2. Pink Floyd, *Dark Side of the Moon* ("Really, only one side of the album is a 'concept,' but I loved it as a kid.")

3. Dream Theater, *Scenes from a Memory* ("I love everything they do. Maybe I'm a little biased because I used to be their singer, but I really like this album for its writing content and, of course, the musical prowess.")

BEST FILM TRILOGY: MATRIX OR LORD OF THE RINGS?

"Matrix, no question about it. I liked the LOTR trilogy, but *Matrix* hits home for me with the science fiction/future-reality genre."

FAVORITE CELEBRITY ENCOUNTER?

"Meeting Shamu at SeaWorld."

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WORST TV SHOWS EVER?

"I guess the list would be topped by shows like *Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?* and *The Bachelor*...poor taste."

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JAY ALLEN SANFORD



Charlie Dominici

WEIRDEST GIG STORY?

"I was in Frankie and the Knockouts back in the 1980s, and we were doing a gig at Disneyland. It was on this island in the middle of the lake, and they had to bring us out on little rafts to the stage...the power kept blowing out every time we tried to play the first note. They put us back on the raft each time since it took a while to iron out the problem. Our drummer [Tico Torres] got so frustrated that he threw his drumsticks into the water each time the power blew out. Af-

ter two or three times it became evident that we would not be able to do the show, so I suggested that we stay on the raft and sing a cappella to the crowd as we floated by."

SOMETHING FEW WOULD GUESS ABOUT YOU?

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Bebel Gilberto: House of Blues, Thursday, September 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Everything I know about Charlie Patton I read in a comic book by R. Crumb. Patton was an early-1900s Delta bluesman. Crumb is an eccentric underground artist. It was Crumb's cartooning that first introduced me to the genre. I was a big Crumb fan: if he thought country blues was important, then so be it. He caricatured the Delta in jagged, high-contrast strokes of shadow and light, each image giving off shock waves. He wrote, "[Patton] was a rambler, a shiftless no-good who lived off women and passed his time in total idleness." Perfect!

But Charlie Patton had a profound effect on blues and rock. Historians say Patton earned side money teaching his novel technique to students, including

Howlin' Wolf, Son House, and Robert Johnson. The posthumous list (Patton died in 1934) would have to include **Alvin Youngblood Hart**. Hart was born in Oakland. It was during childhood visits to his grandmother's homestead in the rural Mississippi Hills that he came to learn of Patton and country blues in general. By the time he began making his own records in 1996 he had become a stunning purveyor of the tradition, but with revisions. For one thing, you could understand Hart's singing, something that could not always be said of the old school.

Hart captured a slew of honors, including *Living Blues Magazine's* Best Guitarist, but in truth he is a style paradox. Now touring his electric band the Mighty Muscle Theory, Hart embraces country and rock and roots with a vibe that could have been culled from the Stones' *Exile on Main Street* — had Link



ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART

Wray been sitting in on lead axe. Of the newcomers, Hart's my favorite listen, and yet he remains almost as obscure in life as Charlie Patton is in death.

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Paul Oakenfold: 4th & B, Friday, September 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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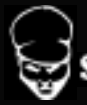
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The O'Jays: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala.
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George Thorogood /588/: House of Blues, Thursday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Pepper: House of Blues, Friday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails /116/ and **Queens of the Stone Age:** Cox Arena, Friday, September 16, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Luis Miguel: Coors Amphitheatre, Saturday, September 17, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Rodney Crowell: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, September 18, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Midnite: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, September 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Interpol: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra /819/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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.

Tony Bennett: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

John Scofield /686/: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Jim Brickman /862/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Pat Metheny Trio /656/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds /477/: 4th & B, Friday, September 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Aaron Neville Quintet: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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Dead Can Dance /817/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Tha Alcoholic: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Keane: House of Blues, Thursday, September 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

"Rockin' Blues Review" featuring **John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers** /933/ and **Robben Ford & Eric Bibb:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

Macy Gray /964/: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 30, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Little Joe y la Familia /981/: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, September 30, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

The New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

ZZ Top /587/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 30, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James /951/: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Junior Reid: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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.

Kenny G /678/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 2, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Green Day /268/: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 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.

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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.

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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.

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The Bacon Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 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.

Mark Wills: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, October 14, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Daniela Mercury: Humphrey’s Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Aimee Mann **[446]:** Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Fat Joe: House of Blues, Sunday, October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Dwight Yoakam: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Thursday, October 20, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Medeski, Martin, and Wood: House of Blues, Thursday, October 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Perry: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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Brooks & Dunn: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

O.A.R.: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Gov’t Mule and **moe:** House of Blues, Wednesday, October 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jason Mraz **[824]:** Soma, Wednesday, October 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Gov’t Mule and **moe:** House of Blues, Thursday, October 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Beck: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, October 27, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Spyro Gyra: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 28, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Keb’ Mo’: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 29, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Blues Traveler: House of Blues, Sunday, October 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

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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.

Poncho Sanchez **[685]:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Thomas: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, November 17, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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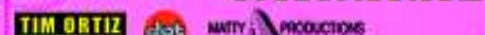
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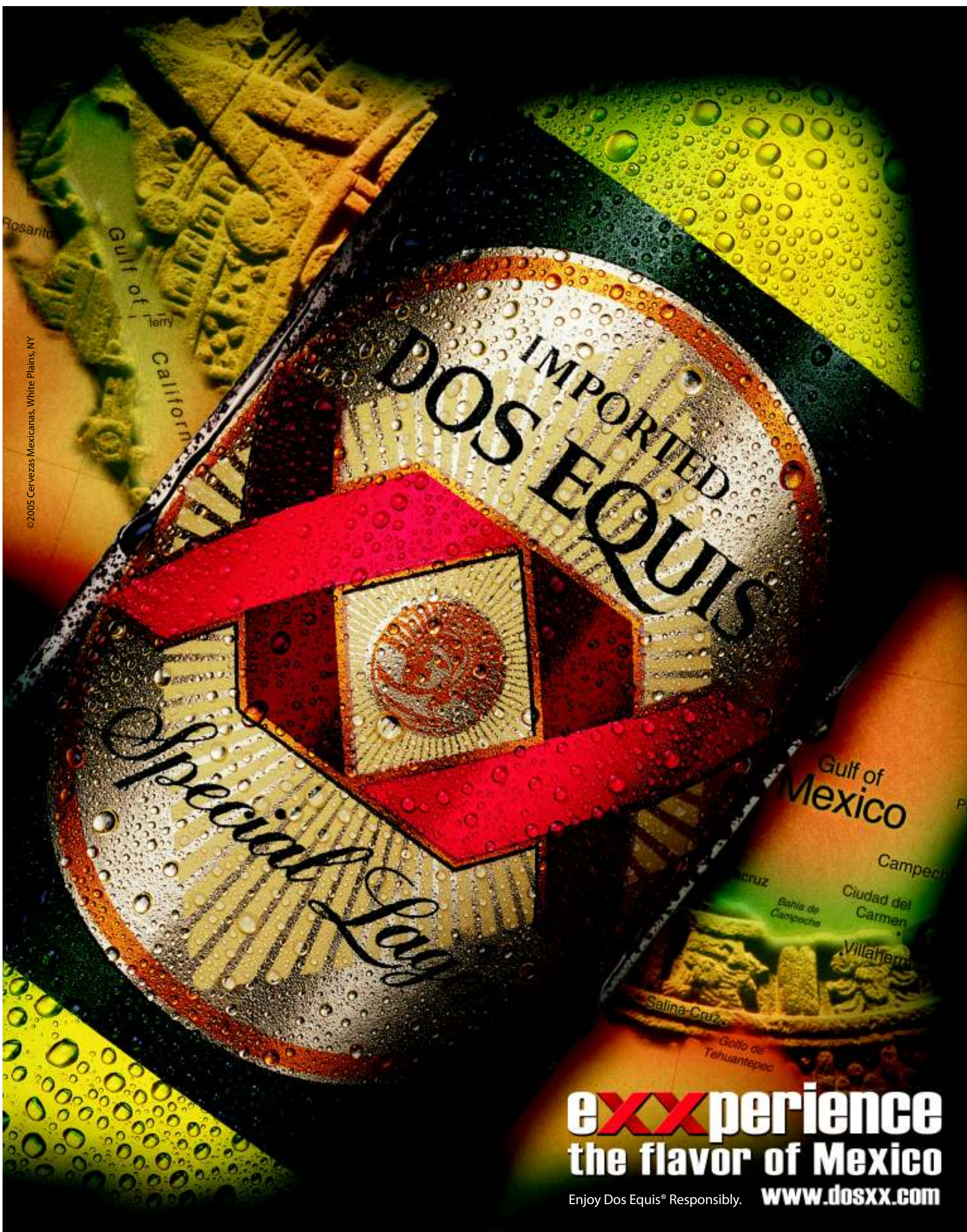
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Cat Power: The Casbah

Comets on Fire: House of Blues

The English Beat: Belly Up Tavern

The Exit: Soma

Eyes of Fire: Brick By Brick

The Farmers: The Casbah

Fever Sleeves: The Jumping Turtle

Finch: Soma

Jeff Fishel: The Jumping Turtle

The Glossines [134]: The Casbah

The Grams: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Great Glass Elevator: Epicentre

Guerilla Transammo: The Kensington Club

Hi-Lites: The Kensington Club

Hothouse Flowers: Belly Up Tavern

Innocent Noise: 'Canes

The Intervoys: Epicentre

The Israelites: The Kensington Club

Glenn Jacinto: Epicentre

Tiff Jimer: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

The Kissing Tigers: Epicentre

The Knitters: Belly Up Tavern

The Lansdale: Epicentre

The Letter Red: The Jumping Turtle

London's Falling: The Jumping Turtle

Mantis: Brick By Brick

Mindstress: Epicentre

Misty & the Mobys: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Modey Lemon: The Casbah

Mower [239]: 'Canes

Naked Eyes: Belly Up Tavern

New London: The Jumping Turtle

Next Morning: The Jumping Turtle

On the Last Day: The Jumping Turtle

Oslo: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Otep: 'Canes

Ben Paltik: Epicentre

Panic in the Streets: Epicentre

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Phranc: Belly Up Tavern

Ragsy: Winstons

Ricky Rock Steady: The Kensington Club

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Shaggin' Wagon: 'Canes

Six: 'Canes

Sonic Youth: House of Blues

Spacemuseum: 'Canes

Spare Change: The Kensington Club

Static Lullaby [240]: Soma

Sweettooth : O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Swim Party: 'Canes

Thicker Than Thieves [200]: 4th & B

The Travel Agents: The Kraken

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Unsteady: The Kensington Club

Von Iva: The Casbah

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Years Around the Sun: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

6one9: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Bandanna: Carvers

Bobby Bare, Jr.: The Casbah

Bargain Music: 'Canes

Blue Velvet: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Bowen & Lewis: Winstons

Brain Buckit: Tiki House

The Calvins: Scolari's Office

Rip Carson: Tio Leo's Lounge

Cash'd Out: Surf N'Saddle

Cold Fire: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Crooked Fingers: The Casbah

Cubensis: Blind Melons

The Dead Rebels: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Deadline Friday [404]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Detroit Underground: Viejas Casino

Dust N Bones: Brick By Brick

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons

Emerald City: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

The Fabulous Pelicans: Danky's

Fickle Fiend: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Fryday Band: Winstons

The Goregons: Scolari's Office

Hard Echo [510]: Fannie's Nightclub

Joey Harris: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Tom Heint: The Casbah

Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

The Hillstreet Stranglers [469]: Scolari's Office

Independence Day: Brick By Brick

The Mark Jackson Band: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Jiminy Stick-It: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Jivewire: The Casbah

Kemosabe: The Greek Sombrero

Kut-U-Up: Belly Up Tavern

Laguna: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Langer & the Leprechaun: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)

The Life of Brian: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Lifelike: Surf N'Saddle

The Living Legends: 'Canes

Los Amigos Invisibles: Belly Up Tavern

The Juan MacLean Band: The Casbah

Israel Maldonado: Belly Up Tavern

Married by Elvis: The Kraken

Metal Fatigue: JP's Pub

The Monsters of Rock: Fannie's Nightclub

Motley Crued: Brick By Brick

Murphy Road: Island Sports & Spirits

The Navigators: Winstons

Night Shift: Woody's Sports Bar

One Nation Under a Groove: The Casbah

OU812: Brick By Brick

Outerspace: 4th & B

Pistolita: University of San Diego

The Pop Rocks: Danky's

The Prime Ministers: Blind Melons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Punk Fist: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Purple Rising: Brick By Brick

Reaganomics: Blind Melons

Roxy Monoxide: Tiki House

Rufio [411]: University of San Diego

The Seat Sniffers: Tio Leo's Lounge

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West of 5 /505/: Dick's Last Resort

The Wild Truth: The Casbah

The Wise: Winstons

The Wylde Bunch: Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Fabulous Ultratones: Humphrey's

Kicks: Viejas Casino

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce /711/: 'Canes

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Eric Benet: House of Blues

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Dick Braun Big Band: Viejas Casino

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning /684/: Turquoise Cafe

John Cain /703/: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos & His Quartet: Dizzy's

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

E.S.P.: Dizzy's

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

Linda Gail: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Humphrey's, Hotel del Coronado

Jazzilla: Turquoise Cafe

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Laura Jane: Martini's Bar & Grill

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

The Coral MacFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

The Movement Orchestra: House of Blues

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

The Anthony Ortega Quartet: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

David Owen: Turquoise Cafe

The Sue Palmer Quartet: Hornblower Cruises

The Sue Palmer Trio: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet /647/: Croce's Jazz Bar

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

Sambajazz: The Calypso Cafe

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon Giorno Restaurant

Trina Steward: Humphrey's

Sweet Tea: Hot Monkey Love Cafe

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado, Hotel del Coronado

Archie Thompson: Po Pazzo Bar & Grille

The Rob Thorsen-Jaime Valle Jazz Duo: FRESH Seafood Restaurant & Bar

The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet /704/: Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar & American Grill

The Velvet Smog: Hennessey's Tavern(Gaslamp)

Vintage Vegas: Martini's Bar & Grill

Patrick Yandall /632/: Humphrey's

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

Franco Z.: Martini's Bar & Grill

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Diego Roots: 4th & B

Della Grant: Belly Up Tavern

The Jerry McCann Band: Coyote Bar and Grill

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

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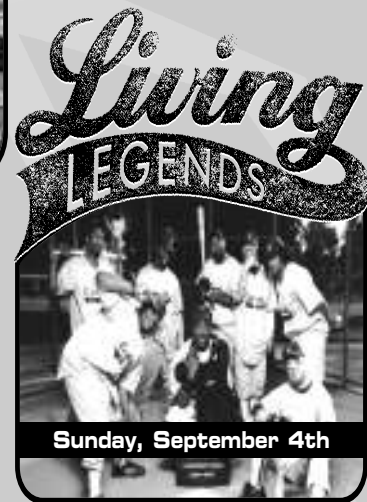
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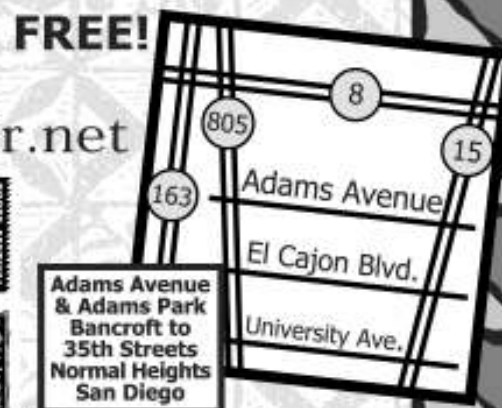
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832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

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Red C Lounge: Thursdays, Bounce Rock Skate, roller skating jams, crunk, and fun with DJs @Large and Onesix. Fridays, Choice Fridays, deep house music with Dustin Brown. Saturdays, soulful house with Mark Alan. Sundays, drum 'n' bass with Calculon. Tuesdays, groove Tuesdays, groovy house with Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Hump Wednesdays, house music with Frankie. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

Spatuland: First and third Saturday of the month, electro DJs, tribal dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro, and gothic with DJs Bryan Pollard, Darkman, and Dark Angel. 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

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Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Soul Diego*.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Sue Palmer Trio*, jazz.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Misty & the Mobys*, alternative. Saturday, *Jimeny Stick-It, Fickle Fiend, and Punker Fist*, rock/punk.

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Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds*, classic rock. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., live music, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *the Blues Pharaohs*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Billy Thompson*, blues. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Johnny "B" Blues*.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.,

David Paul Windham, acoustic rock. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Pelicans*, classic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Pop Rocks*, '80s music.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday and Saturday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Friday, rock music by a DJ.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jeff Fishel*. Friday, *Askaria*, *the Letter Red*, and *On the Last Day*. Saturday, *New London*, *Fever Sleeves*, *London Falling*, *Roosevelt*, *Pensive*, and *Next Morning*. Wednesday, call club for information.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Friday, *Travel Agents*, alternative. Saturday, *Married by Elvis*, rock. Sunday, *Blues Brokers*. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Call club for information.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, *DJ Vick* featuring *the Anthony Ortega Quartet*, jazz. Saturday, *DJ Tony A*. Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*. Wednesday, *DJ Peril*, reggae.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *Cash'd Out*, rock/country. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *Lifeline*, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

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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 Ross*.

The Liars Club, 3844 Mission Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-2340. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DJ Le Chud*, rock/ska.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Sunday, live reggae.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *Nick Fiore, John Giulino*, and *Dave Scott*, jazz.

Qwiigs Bar & Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

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Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Brain Buckit*, rock. Saturday, *Roxy Monoxide*, rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic. Wednesday, *Mick Overman*.

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 Blues Dusters*.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Ten Mile Tide*, rock. Friday, *Vegetation and Sunday Girl*, reggae. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Wise and Ragsy*, alternative. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Bowen & Lewis*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *the Navigators*, rock. Wednesday, *the Fryday Band*, rock.

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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 Smith*.

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 music.

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 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Motley Crued* and *Dust N Bones*. Friday, *Purple Rising* and *OU812*. Saturday, *Independence Day*. Sunday, *Mantis*.



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BY MARY MONTGOMERY

Album name: *Listen* (2005)

Artist: Spoken Gun

Label: Rottenhouse Records (self-released)

Songs: 1) Breakdown 2) Bone Dry 3) Bird Song 4) Texas Benny 5) All I Know 6) Bye Bye

Price/where available: www.spokengun.com for \$5 (plus shipping)

Names of band members: Matt Rothouse (lead vocals and guitar), Ryan Daley (bass guitar), J.D. Mobley (drums), Chris Fulford-Brown (keyboard), Josh Donahue (saxophone); also featuring Baby Mouse (backup vocals on "Bone Dry")

Extra info: Spoken Gun headlines "Rock for Literacy" on Wednesday, September 7, at 'Canes (3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach). Show starts at 8 p.m. They play Winstons (1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach) on Thursday, September 8.

Website: www.spokengun.com@hometown

Ocean Beach-based Spoken Gun can rage for two minutes or lay down a mellow groove for seven. Their blend of reggae, ska,

hip-hop, funk, and rock is pointedly Southern Californian. "Breakdown," a tender acoustic ska/reggae song, kicks off the six-song EP. The

best feature is front man Matt Rothouse teetering on the cusp of some undiscovered reggae/dub sound with his half-sung/half-spoken interludes: "Break down all around, there's people that will pick you up off the ground/ say how you're proud and you will fade away/ take time, don't define the reason that you're seeking, ain't no purpose in life/ there's just too many places you can't stay." The cut soon breaks into a reggae jam that exposes the band's versatility. Rothouse shifts from reggae-induced mumbling to hollering over electric guitar chords in solid rock tunes such as "Bone Dry" and "All I Know."

Each track on the EP runs the gamut emotionally. Bouncing reggae songs turn into punk rock, and ska melts away to funk. The guys turn up the amps and rock for "Bye Bye." The post-punk additions add a facet to their sound that is



Spoken Gun

accented by Rothouse's gritty-yet-pleasant vocals. The album includes a nice mix of anthemic sing-alongs, bolstered by harmonies that sound good at any tempo.

(To hear a sample from *Listen*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4131.)

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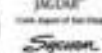
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The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

In Cahoots, 5373 Mission Center Road, Mission Valley. 619-291-8635. Call club for information.

JP's Pub, 10436 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Tierrasanta. 858-576-2509. Friday, 9 p.m., *Metal Fatigue*, rock.

Kadan's, 4696 30th Street, San Diego. 619-640-2500. Tuesday, 10 p.m., *Art Fag*, punk/rap.

The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/alternative.

Saturday, *Spare Change*, *Unsteady*, and *Guerilla Transammo*. Sunday, *the Israelites*, *Hi-Lites*, and *Ricky Rock Steady*.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*.

Lestat's Coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Pete Thurston*. Friday, *Saba*, *Tim Mudd*, and *Adrienne*. Saturday, *Carlos Olmeda*, *Renata Youngblood*, and *Kelda*. Sunday, *Annie Dru*, *Mike Dawson*, and *the Cat Mary*. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Kim DiVincenzo*. Wednesday, *Angela Patula* and *Regina Dawn*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Sweettooth*, *Deadline Friday*, and *Dead Rebels*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m. *Coldfire*, *Mark Jackson Band*, and *the Grams*.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *the Blues Invaders*, blues.

Po Pazzo Bar & Grille, 1917 India Street, San Diego. 619-238-1917. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *Robert Lanuza*, piano. Tuesday and Wednesday, *Archie Thompson*, jazz/variety.

Ramada Inn, 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. 619-516-4466. Aventuras Salsa Club: Friday, *Trece de la Suerte*, salsa.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *New Direction*. Monday, *the David Shard Duo*.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Hillstreet Strangers*, *the Calvins*, and *the Goregons*, punk rock.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *gone9*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Finch*, *the Rx Bandits*, *Static Lullaby*, and *the Exit*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Linda Gail*, swing. Friday, *Jump Jones*, blues/swing. Saturday, *the Seat Sniffers* and *Rip Carson*, rockabilly. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *High Society Jazz Band*.

Top of the Cove, 1216 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla. 858-454-7779. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm, *Kristi Rickert*, piano.

Trisler's Wine Bar, 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Nathan Welden*, acoustic folk. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Suzanne Shea*, classic covers/original folk.

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Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *B-3 Four*, jazz, featuring vocalist, *Halina*.

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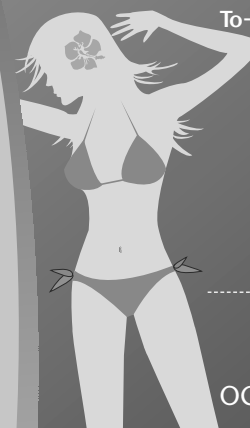
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In his 1982 drama, Tom Stoppard swore that love is "the real thing." He's become less certain since: "Is love ever the real thing?" he asked an interviewer five years ago. "And if so, should you act on it?"

In a heartbeat. Why? Because, he says, "Love is an abstraction. It's never real the way a coffee cup is real."

Oscar Wilde develops the point in Stoppard's *Invention of Love*: "Before Plato could describe love, the loved one had to be invented" — a myth created about the person instead of mere biographical facts. We fall in love with our creation, Wilde claims, not the human being. "We would never love anybody if we could see past our invention."

In the early 1890s, Wilde loved Alfred Douglas, who was "spoiled, vindictive, utterly selfish, and not very talented, but these are merely the facts." To Wilde, Douglas was "ivory and gold" and beloved of Apollo. Wilde believed that not just love, but art and truth are works of the imagination. He went a step further: he invented himself. He "took charge" of his own myth, lived it, and paid a heavy price for his "nameless, luckless" attraction to Douglas.

(A typical Stoppard turnabout: he has members of the media claim *they* "invented" Oscar Wilde and floated him like a kite. "But he got away from us.")

A.E. Housman was in love with Oxford class-

mate Moses Jackson, who never considered reciprocating. Though Housman wrote the death-haunted *Shropshire Lad* and was the foremost classics scholar of his age, he lived an unrequited life of "long silences." Like Septimus Hodge in Stoppard's *Arcadia*, he became a hermit, obsessed by a love that went fulfilled.

The Invention of Love (1997) takes place in Housman's mind. He's recently deceased, the condition he wrote about in almost every poem:

"June suns, you cannot store them
To warm the winter's cold,
The lad that hopes for heaven
Shall fill his mouth with mould."

On the bank of the river Styx, glad his life is over, Housman awaits Charon to ferry his spirit to the Elysian Fields and reflects on choices made and roads not taken.

Housman published *A Shropshire Lad* in 1896. At that time there was no word for his love of Jackson, which gets veiled allusions in several poems. As a result of Wilde's three Criminal Law Amendment Bill trials for "gross indecency," in the mid-1890s, a group of British males coined the term "homosexual" in 1897. The word became a defining invention. "We aren't anything till there's a word for it," says Chamberlain in the play.

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



Tim West, Jim Chovick in *The Invention of Love*

The Invention of Love, by Tom Stoppard

Cygnets Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Sean Murray; cast: Jim Chovick, Sean Cox, Tim West, David Humphrey, Tristan Poje, David Gallagher, Dennis Scott, Tom Stephenson, Manny Fernandes, Amy Biedes, Daren Scott; scenic design, Murray; costumes, Shulamit Nelson; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, George Ye

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Housman's scholarly reaction to the coinage is telling. Rather than finding his identity in the word, he objects: the roots are half Latin and half Greek. The analytical trumps the intuitive.

Invention of Love combines facts and myths. Some scenes, like Housman's days as an idealistic Oxford student, come from his life; others, like his meeting with Wilde, never happened. The most

moving of the latter: Housman's shade meets his younger self, who doesn't recognize him (young Housman says he's writing "speakable" poems; older AEH replies, "Mine were quite unspeakable"). When young Housman says he doesn't know what love is, his older self quotes a fragment from Sophocles: love is like ice held in the hands; it hurts to hold and, because it sticks, hurts to let go.



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Ah, Stoppard! If you followed every lead in his *Arcadia*, from the history of British gardens to Newtonian physics to Chaos Theory, you'd get a decent college education. Do the same with *The Invention of Love* and you'd earn a master's or Ph.D. (more than any of his other works, in fact, Stoppard struts recondite erudition in *Invention*).

The Cygnet Theatre's opening night suggested that you'd need an advanced degree to appreciate the play — and thus raced through scenes without looking back. Instead of savoring Stoppard's rich language, the production favored intrusive background sounds; thick, garbled accents (at least half the cast); and sprints through speeches. The evening felt like something to get through, rather than enjoy.

Invention opened two weeks ago. Cygnet's gifted director Sean Murray's probably fixed many of these problems by now. One, however, looked ingrained. The play has a gallery of famous 19th-century characters: the moral art critic John Ruskin, Plato's translator Benjamin Jowett, the champion of the Renaissance Walter Pater, and Oxford dons. Most (Tom Stephenson's wistful Pater and Dennis Scott's gently presentational Chamberlain being exceptions) got played as if they loved to hear themselves talk. But they didn't. They loved to hear, and compose, sentences as sculpted as the art they adored.

They even vied with each other, giving verbal gamesmanship the status of an Olympic event. Elegant prose was their invention of love. It implied a sober, orderly universe that most of them, in private, acknowledged was anything but.

Invention is one of Stoppard's more obscure plays. It's also his most fluid, even literally. Dreamlike scenes toy with time and space: the River Styx suddenly flows into the Isis River at Oxford; the living converse with the dead. Cygnet's design work enhances this fluidity with a spare set, a revolve (on which Tim West, as a hooded, crusty Charon, ferries souls to Hades), and excellent slide projections — clouds, paintings, Latin verbs — that function like visual footnotes. Shulamit Nelson's precise costumes range from appropriate running shoes to ubiquitous Edwardian tweed.

Jim Chovick struck moving, elegaic tones as the older AEH, though his raspy accent needed toning down. Sean Cox, as Housman the lad, gave a deft blend of optimism and sexual perplexity. Stoppard said he advocated a balanced life in his portrait of Housman: of achievements as well as losses. If so, he shouldn't have given Oscar Wilde such a memorable last speech, which re-frames Housman as an evader of life and which Daren Scott performs with such disarming élan it's easy to forget that, whether it be real or just invention, in the end both Housman and Wilde

were fools for love. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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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, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

Bloody Poetry

6th@Penn stages Howard Brenton's drama about radical poet Percy Bysshe Shelley and his "band of atheistic poeticals" in Italy. Doug Hoehn directed. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7; MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 4:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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sorcery, according to St. Paul) Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus share the same identity but are opposites.

Complications ensue. In some ways, the frame of this staging's more arresting than the middle. The 90-minute version moves well, but on opening night the acting was technical, not felt. You could sense that performances would grow, however. Plus, having Charles Janasz (as bedraggled Egeon) and Kandis Chappell (the Lady Abbess as a force of nature) guarantees quality. As do Liam Craig and Evan Zes as the dual Dromios: played as a cross between Charlie Chaplin and the Cantinflas of *Around the World in 80 Days*, their slapstick antics guarantee laughs. Then there's the conjuration dance. When Dr. Pinch tries to exorcise Ephesean demons, his conjuration makes everyone *weirder*. They flop into a snaky, ritualized Bollywood dance that, while Pinch's spell lasts, is a hoot.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 2. (NOTE: *COMEDY OF ERRORS* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *MACBETH* AND *THE WINTER'S TALE*; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES, CALL THE THEATER AT 619-239-2255.)

The Crucible

OnStage Playhouse presents Arthur Miller's drama about the Salem Witch Trials (drawing parallels with the House Un-American Ac-

tivities hearings of the 1950s). Marjorie Mae Tregler directed.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

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Grass Roots Greeks

The very popular series of Greek play readings is back, with a new location: Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts. To reacquaint audiences with the masterworks of Greek drama, the readings have some movement, a suggestion of costumes and (re)acting. But the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows each reading. Next play: Eugene O'Neill's staging of the *Oresteia* in post-Civil War New

England: *Mourning Becomes Electra*, performed over two evenings.

Worth a try.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Gypsy

Welk Resort Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning musical fable based on the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee. Lewis Wilkenfeld directed. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 13; TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

Hair

The Fritz Theatre stages Gerome Ragni and James Rado's "American Tribal Love-Rock Musical." Duane Daniels directed.

LYCEUM SPACE THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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 hand-crafted 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 Award-winning) portrait. *And* he plays everyone else: more than 30 others — including the author, who learns to accept the "nicks and cuts" on an heirloom — each so precise you'll need to expand your idea of acting versatility.

Critic's pick.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, UCSD, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

I Do, or Die: The Mother-in-Law of All Weddings

For its summer show, onboard the sternwheeler *William D. Evans*, Mystery Cafe presents one of its most popular productions: the best array of credible suspects, and also the funniest of those I've seen at the Imperial House. Patricia "Patti" Peccarino (Emily Anne Smith), heir to the Peccarino cheese fortune ("The Cheese Stands Alone"), is about to marry Wilhelm "Willie" Schmeterlinck (Ben Gilbert), last of the Schmeterlincks (who, some allege, invented Cheez Whiz) and a groom given to quoting Shakespeare ("To wed, or not to wed"). There's a death. Then another. Was the murderer "the Bavarian Battleaxe," Gretchen Schmeterlinck

(Ellyn Hae)? Or Patti's mother, Theresa Rodham Peccarino (Bonnie Stone)? Both exude insidious intent. Or was it lactose-intolerant Patti, who lost 17 minutes of her life at age nine? Or 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

Reviewed this issue.

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The Lady With All The Answers

Ann Landers wrote advice columns for 47 years. She educated millions of readers (and herself) as she went along. 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." David Rambo's script puts her at a crossroads: should the lady "with all the answers" write a column about her divorce? 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 with a foregone conclusion. Readings of Landers' Greatest Hits and some facts, the play has the earmarks of an approved biography. Image not only rules, it gets polished. Randy Graff, remarkably, gives the facts life. Dressed in blushing pink, talking with a pronounced she-CAW-go accent, and making everyone feel at home, in what is essentially an audience-participation event, Graff's 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, tinted by Chris Rynne's wee hours lighting, is as detailed as the play isn't. Will Landers write

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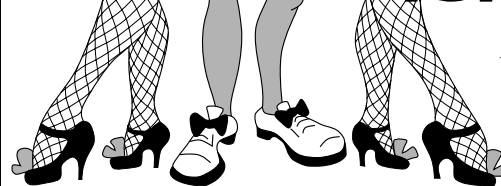
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that column? Of course she will. Otherwise, why are we here? We merely mark time until she does. This flimsy play isn't the thing. Randy Graff's engaging performance, however, is.

Worth a try.

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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 *Macbeth*, substituting stage pictures for substance. Instead of the Macbeths' insatiable frenzy, fed by "slaughterhouse thoughts," we get choreographed, often mathematically precise visuals. Some do catch the eye (white-faced Weird Sisters in sleek, red, late-medieval chic; Macduff's spears poking through Balboa

Park toward Dunsinane). But the Sisters are cupcakes. The slo-mo battles are aesthetic affairs. And the leads are lame. Tom Hammond's Macbeth's a thoughtful, perplexed guy who delivers his lines with slow, sculpted cadences that don't come near the lion's roar. As Lady M, Deirdre Lovejoy resorts to deep breathing to convey emotion and plays her scenes as set pieces, apart from other actors (when she sleepwalks, Lovejoy makes Lady M a batty, candle-hypnotized Ophelia: an odd, albeit showy, choice). Worth of note: what lighting designer York Kennedy does with darkness. It shrouds the stage like a fogbank. And since the rest of the production prefers the stately to the gritty and the tragic, Kennedy's shadings become the only place where evil gets to stake its claim.

LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; *MACBETH* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *COMEDY OF ERRORS* AND *THE WINTER'S TALE*; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?

Julie dumped Bobby two weeks ago. Just split. His fiancée. Now he's so conflicted, so "out of balance," he can't even remember why. So Bobby decides to "find out what women want." He drinks Coronas and tries to discover as well his right-brain, "feminine"

side. He's a dysfunctional mess, but to his credit, and thanks to Julie, he at least recognizes it (though he shouldn't blame the Y chromosome; that's an old-hat dodge). *Male Intellect* never dips beneath pop psychology stereotypes about gender but is a consistently funny 90-minute take on today's dating scene. Like Scrooge, Bobby is haunted by visitors: five male chauvinists ranging from a 123-year-old geezer still searching for the perfect woman to the Colonel, who deals with women by the book...his book. Ford Austin plays Bobby and the MCPs with an engaging audience rapport and an ability to disappear into another character. Robert Dubac wrote *Male Intellect*, which, like *Forever Plaid* and *Late-Nite Catechism*, has become an international touring show (you can't help but hear the author, behind the jokes, patting himself on the back for being such a sensitive dude). Asked which character he identified with most, Dubac replied: "Separately they are individuals, but put together all one guy. Women who see the play say, 'I've been out with every one of those guys!'"

Worth a try.

THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; 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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Laguna Playhouse presents Eric Rockwell and Joanne Bogart's satire of Broadway's greatest musicals. Pamela Hunt directed. LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 949-497-ARTS.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and

groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

The Nerd

Coronado Playhouse stages Larry Shue's comedy about an architect, who has no life, and a houseguest, who has too much. James Gary Byrd directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILION, 1335 FIRST STREET, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

Pump Boys and Dinettes

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Worth a try.

LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

Romeo and Juliet

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Shakespeare’s tragedy of star-crossed love. David Ellenstein directed.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego

Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULEVARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COLLEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE “FAMILY” SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. (“RATED PG-13”). 619-465-7469.

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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 dys-

functions. In Charles Busch’s over-the-top comedy-fable, the fortuitous arrival of Lee, a long-lost friend who has influenced four decades of cultural high-points, 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 AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-

DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY 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 pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the origi-

nal cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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 all — 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. Shakespeare 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 Tresnjak, 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’s 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.

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Blue Oyster Cult

It started with a single oyster, a pearl of an oyster. The occasion was one of those Taste of the Gaslamp eat-arounds a few years ago. Too many of the participating restaurants took the cheap route, ladling out near-identical offerings of penne pasta with minor tomato-sauce variations. Blue Point, in contrast, served pristine raw oysters with a tart mignonette dip, and nothing could have hooked me faster. Since then, Blue Point has been my top candidate for the “best of breed” in the ever-expanding Cohn Restaurant Group, but I’ve never found time to sit down and eat a meal there. With the latest, most lavish Cohn project — Island Prime — just opened on Harbor Island last week, it seemed a good moment to test my theory before venturing into the newest venue.

“I must say, the Cohns do make good-looking restaurants,” said the Lynnester, inspecting the decor of Blue Point. I couldn’t agree more. The interior resembles a converted Edwardian bank, or maybe ballroom. It combines the ’50s and the ’90s — the 1890s — with high ceilings, crown moldings, and vast chandeliers with oyster-shell-colored shades that cast a gentle glow (sometimes the glow grows so exceedingly gentle, one may need a flashlight to read the menu). The booths are soft, the rug is thick, the leather-like chair pads are comfortable. At the far end is an open kitchen, with six or seven cooks a-cooking even on “slow” nights. But in summer, there are no slow nights: Hotel concierges, a waiter told me, often recommend Blue Point to conventioners and tourists. Yet about a third of the diners looked like locals, maybe even regulars — they were appropriately dressed and they ordered well.

But before we subjected friends to the experiment, my partner and I made a scouting visit. We found the main part of the menu divided into “hook” (appetizers), “line” (seafood entrées), and “sinker” (desserts), with additional sections of cold seafoods, soups and salads, and meats. Our unnamed Washington State oysters (firm, plump, and briny) came with three dips, including a vibrant, sweet-tart sake-ginger mignonette. A “Maine lobster stack” appetizer seemed familiar — after searching our memory banks, we identified it as an upscale rendition of last week’s shrimp parfait at Puerto La Boca. The top layer mixed lobster meat with full-fat mayo. Next came an inch of chopped avocado over shredded raw



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Florence fennel (a.k.a. anise), all plated on a slick of orange-colored vanilla-mango vinaigrette punctuated with mandarin sections. The citrus and the charming sauce bought off some of the richness, but the mayo tsunami still struck me as a waste of good crustacean.

Crab-stuffed salmon trout was a hit. Its crisp skin was bathed in a delightful semi-sweet sauce of reduced apple cider. The flesh was piled high with lump crabmeat and scattered with lightly toasted sliced almonds. Accompaniments were a few fingerling potatoes and shreds of greens. A dish of bacon-wrapped halibut seemed like a fine idea — a razor-thin slice of smoky meat to add flavor to a very mild fish — but we forgot to specify the doneness. By default, the fish was parched dry to touristic tastes. It came with fresh Oregon morel mushrooms, which, alas, were mixed with mealy English peas. (Too much heat has made a poor vintage in the local pea-vines this year.)

The table breads are terrific — a good thing, because many dishes here will have you sopping up the sauces. “We used to bake bread in-house,” said our waiter, Owen, “but a few years ago, after

we remodeled the kitchen, the bread ovens and the baker were moved to the Prado. We still get fresh loaves every day, ready to be finished off here.” The sourdough is barely sour, and with its hard crust and cushiony white center, it would make a genuine maffaletta sandwich. The brown pumpernickel is mild and sweet. If you ask nicely, your waiter will send you home with half-loaves of both, your choice of baked or

brown-and-serve. The wait staff here, by the way, furnish superior service compared to most local restaurants — they use their brains and have actually tasted everything on the menu.

We returned a few nights later with the Lynnester and our neighbor Francisco, who hails from the coast of Ecuador. A lobster bisque was so creamy that we were glad we could share it among a foursome. When it arrived piping hot, it seemed bland, but a pinch of salt and a moment’s cooling brought it into focus. “This has port and rosemary, yes?” asked Francisco. “They make the taste less harsh than most bisques.” He was right: A typical bisque includes sherry, which is nutty but sometimes sour, while port is sweeter and smoother. I learned

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later that the chef uses whole live lobster culs (one claw missing) rather than empty shells to obtain the rich lobster flavor, and he keeps the tomato to a minimum. Aswim in the center of the bowl were fingertip-size chunks of lobster. The more we sipped, the faster our spoons dipped. We were too polite to lick the bowl, but not too bashful to swipe our bread in the last drops of broth.

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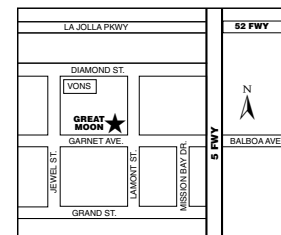
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prawns and raw ahi, and previously frozen crab legs and crab claws (with the shells evenly sawed off around the center). Tucked among them are the evening's creative mignonette (chipotle-spiked that night), cocktail sauce, and a delicious little seaweed salad dressed with toasted sesame oil. "My aunt used to work at a crab-processing plant in Washington state," said my partner. "She'd send us five-pound bags of these sawed-off crab claws, rejects because the shells were broken or jagged. They freeze the crab in brine because the salt keeps the water from freezing solid, so the meat doesn't get ice crystals. But the process drives the salt into the flesh. You keep the texture but you lose the taste." He took a big bite of leg meat. "Ooof, salty! That's gonna cost me another beer," he concluded.

On the top tier are clams and small blue mussels in a seductive saffron champagne sauce that again begs you to swab your bread in it. The shellfish didn't fare as well that evening. "You know how we South Americans overcook our seafood?" Francisco said, plucking a shriveled mussel-meat from its shell. "The cooks here must be Ecuadorian, like me."

Perhaps we should have ordered the jumbo lump crab

cakes, instead — the chef's pride and joy, I learned. They're done East Coast style, with lots of crab and fresh herbs and no breadly filler.

When we ordered our entrées, this time we remembered the magic words: "We're not Yuman!" we cried. "We're not Zonies! We live here and we don't want dried-out fish." The result: Everything was cooked perfectly.

Pan-seared dayboat scallops were sweet, tender, and translucent at the center, bathed in a caramelized shallot-herb sauce bedecked with copious shallot shreds, whole shallot cloves, and delicious micro pea-shoots, as slim and crisp as alfalfa sprouts. These were the clear, vivid flavors I'd been hoping for from this restaurant. Underneath were a few ravioli made of thick, slightly gummy spinach pasta, thinly stuffed with herbed goat cheese. (Lynne liked them, I didn't.) Horseradish-crust salmon were Atlantic-farmed fish. (Its milder flavor is actually preferred by the Midwestern conventioners who form so much of the patronage here.) The flesh was moist and flaky, topped with a pouf of flour and mild horseradish, and lightly dressed in a lemon-dill sauce. It came with one sawed-off crab claw and a succotash of corn, diced zucchini, new potato, ripe and sugary red bell pepper, and crab shreds, a combination that won the coveted Lynne seal of approval.

The evening's special was a thick fillet of white sea bass from the Sea of Cortez, heavily salted on the surface, topped with refreshing julienne lemon rind and more of those wonderful fetal pea-shoots. It rode on a bed of white rice pilaf that everyone ignored. Alongside was a single butter-poached shelled Maine lobster claw ("oohs" and "aahs" all around) and slim, crisp-tender *flageolet* green beans.

As you'd expect, the please-all-comers menu includes numerous meat dishes. The steaks are USDA Prime, and the current crop (from primo purveyor Newport Meat) are dry-aged 28 days. Not yet aware of this marvel (had I known, I'd probably have ordered the rib-eye), we chose a roast rack of lamb, cooked to our order to a beautiful dark-rose medium-rare and surrounded by a superb red-wine reduction sauce sweetened by invisible carrots. (It's one of those three-day production numbers with everything strained out after the final reduction.) "I've never eaten lamb this good," said Francisco. "And the sauce is really wonderful." It came with a mini-cassoulet of white beans, carrots, greens, and merguez, earthy Tunisian-style lamb sausage — a mixture as marvelous as the meat. The rack was my partner's favorite dish of the evening. Ditto Francisco. For the female side of the table, the scallops were a strong contender.

The wine list runs rather steep (for instance, a mere half-

bottle of Trimbaugh Gewürz is \$46!) and is oddly short on whites by the glass. It does include a bottle of Matua Valley Marlborough (New Zealand) sauvignon blanc at just \$24 — a crisp, citrusy quaff that flatters all but the most richly sauced seafood.

All desserts are housemade, with all the chefs in the house collaborating on ideas for the ever-changing array and a recent CCA grad executing them. A butterscotch pot de crème features a dark chocolate pudding with a layer of caramel on top. Plunge in your spoon, and the center turns into a butterscotch-chocolate swirl. You also get a fudgy dark chocolate biscotto (I guess that's the singular of biscotti) and a profiterole filled with vanilla whipped cream that tastes exactly like the filling of a Twinkie or Ding Dong. Of the evening's trio of housemade sorbets, one was an austere lemon-flavored ice. The others were creamy, more like sherbets, in flavors of coconut and mango, both intense and distinctive. (If they could talk, they'd probably say, "I yam what I yam.") The coconut vanished in mere seconds under the assault of four simultaneous spoons, and the mango was thoroughly appreciated. Even the decaf espresso was potable.

"You know, I've eaten at all of the Cohn restaurants except the pub-grub joint up in San Marcos," said the Lynne. "Normally I'm not that crazy about them, but this is the best

of them. The ingredients seem as though they're higher quality here, and the dishes really work. Instead of just throwing on one thing after another, everything on the plate goes together." QED: Theory confirmed.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Jonathan Hale is executive chef of Blue Point. "My mom was a really good cook," he says. "She is an editor and she did a lot of cookbooks, so I got the passion from her. I grew up in London, and around when I was 17 I moved to New York, where my best friend's mother was a restaurant critic. She'd take us out and say, 'You can't order all the same thing. You've got to try everything.' It was fun. During college, I was a history major, but I worked during the summers as a waiter on Cape Cod. I really enjoyed that, so I decided to go into the restaurant business. I worked at the Hyatt, and then I went to the CIA (Culinary Institute of America). After I got out in '92, I worked in restaurants in Aspen, Colorado, for three years, including a neat little French place. The chef-owner there had worked for Daniel Boulud [in Manhattan], and as his sous chef, I learned lots from him. Then I moved to Hawaii and worked for seven years for Jean-Marie Josselin at the A Pacific Cafe restaurant group in Maui and Kauai. When my wife and I had our first child, we came back to the mainland.

"We were on a plane to New York with our one-year-old, and

when we looked at the United Airlines map, I pointed to San Diego and asked my wife, 'Have you ever been?' I'd never been here either. We decided to move, as random as that — we made our plans on the plane with the baby in our laps. We didn't know a soul here, but it turned out that a friend of mine from Hawaii was really good friends with people who work at the Prado, and they got me an introduction to David Cohn. Now I've been at Blue Point for four years."

After the Cohn Group opened Mr. Tiki, up the block, Hale was splitting his time between the two restaurants, along with chef de cuisine Jesse Cruz (who now heads the Tiki kitchen). This proved difficult. "I came to realize it was a little too much, with two kids, two restaurants, to work at my best, so I came back here to focus exclusively on Blue Point.

"We get fish from five different companies... We found a little company that's really consistent with scallops from Boston. Scallops are so hard to get — there's not that many out there. I feel bad because we use so many, I feel personally responsible for annihilating many, many beds... We really have to be picky with our seafood, our produce." I asked if he had the freedom to buy and cook whatever he wanted. "Yes, part of the opportunity here is that we have free rein to do pretty much anything we want. David [Cohn] is receptive to just about anything we come up with." ■

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Maureen doesn't do the kind of foods I might eat, like meats.

'Go forth!" yells Carla from the rehab place next to the Coronado Hospital. She's stuck here with her mending broken leg. "And don't come back till you can bring me honest reports. Have the Anglos destroyed it all? Is there nothing left of our *patrimonio*?"

I can see there'll be nothing left of our *matrimonio* if I don't. Carla has this bee in her bonnet about "what's happening to Old Town," 'cause some new guys ("from Buffalo, New York!") are changing the name of the place where her great-great-whatever used to live, like, 175 years ago. The Casa de Bandini. It's now gonna be "Hotel Cosmopolitan."

So here I am at Old Town plaza, early evening on a Wednesday. Just starting to cool. Sun's at, oh, about four fingers off the horizon — Interstate 5, that is. I wander into the Casa de Bandini. Or is it the Cosmopolitan already? Actually, it looks pretty much the same, except I guess the bright colors are gone. Maybe it's the servers, dressed in modest Victorian dresses. People sit 'round in varnished judges' chairs under cream canvas awnings. Just looks a little...duller. My problem is that most of their food costs way more than the jingle I have in my pocket. So I head out and down toward what used to be Bazaar del Mundo. I'm thinking maybe I can create a picnic in the plaza. I stop in first at Alvarado Provisions, one of the throwback stores packed

with things like traditional candies. Maureen — she's wearing a long, sweeping Victorian dress, too (come to think of it, women look nice like this, graceful) — doesn't do the kind of foods I might eat, like meats. But I buy a scrumptious-looking orange-and-cranberry muffin (\$1.50) from her anyway. I'll have that with a coffee, later.

First, I've gotta eat. I walk into the old Bazaar del Mundo. Signs up everywhere say this is now the *Plaza del Pasado*. Square of the Past. Huh. The shops and cafés here, too, seem, well, less colorful.

More planned. Sober. Emptier. Not of people, but of stuff, mainly those crazy-colored things from South America the shops used to have.

I end up back in the main plaza at what had been Rancho El Nopal. Now it's the Jolly Boy Saloon and Restaurant. Basically the same patio, though, with white columns, old bougainvillea and cactus. Alexis the hostess leads me to a varnished table. I notice that the round judges' chairs and the cream canvas awnings are just like the ones in the other places. Juan the waiter brings a big solid menu book. Inside it says that this place reflects the "transition" period between 1846 and 1856. Traditional Mexican food, plus new-style American seafood from the fishing industry that was starting up back then.

I scan it all. Uh, I'll be having something from soups, salads, or, at the top of the budget, an *ham-*

burguesa. Most entrée-size stuff's in the teens. But a few make the single-figure list. *Tacos de Pollo Verde* are \$7.95, fish tacos are \$9.95, *torta de pollo* is \$8.95 with fries, and the half-pound "fire-roasted" *burguesa* with fries is \$7.95. Chicken Caesar salad is \$10.95.

What brought me in here was the *albondigas*. Meatball soup. It has an asterisk beside it, which means this is the same soup they were serving back in 1854 when the original Jolly Boy started up. Huh. And, only \$4.75.

"Would that be enough, like, to fill me?" I ask Alexis.

"I think so," she says.

"A classic 1850s meatball soup," the menu says. "Chayote, turnips, potatoes, carrots, onions, tomatoes, cumin, and oregano, garnished with mint leaves."

Chayote is that Mexican squash veggie you can put in just about anything.

Juan brings the chips and salsa. Ooh. Salsa's got bite. 'Course these are going to save the day. Can keep chomping them down till I'm full. Plus, I just order water. I chat with Oscar the violinist, one of the two musicians sitting out his break nearby. "They don't have mariachis in the new setup," he says. "Just two or three musi-

cians wandering around."

And it seems like they play "transitional" music. He and his guitarist buddy Ramon launch into "*Novillero*," a bullfighting song, then hit "Roll Out the Barrel."

Juan brings the *albondigas*. Three big meatballs with tons of diced veggies in the soup. Nicely seasoned — that mint leaf's great — and I just keep taking chips to add solids. When all's said and done, and the rising tide in my gut leaves me feeling less whiny, this is still a great place. No traffic, beautiful violin playing, folks sauntering — and that funny-peculiar knowledge that dons, merchants, ruffians, and ranchers all probably sat exactly here, 150 years ago, chomping and slurping on the same recipe *albondigas*, thanking the Lord they'd escaped the Bad Olde World, or grizzling about what a hick *pueblo* this was, or how those danged gringos just seemed to keep coming and coming.

Light's fading. Grass in the plaza's getting luminous green. I pay up my — heh heh — \$5.12 and go look for a coffee. Want to sit down in the plaza, where they had all those bullfights and hangings and Judge Roy Bean, uh, hung out, and enjoy Maureen's orange-and-cranberry muffin. Oh, and think of something to get Carla, to soften the blow that, yeah, the gringos have taken Grandpaw's *casa* back. ■

The Place: *The Jolly Boy Saloon & Restaurant, northeast corner of Old Town plaza, 2707 Calhoun Street, 619-291-3200*

Type of Food: *Mexican-American*

Prices: *Tacos de Pollo Verde, \$7.95; fish tacos, \$9.95; torta de pollo, fries, \$8.95; "fire-roasted" half-pound burguesa with fries, \$7.95; chicken Caesar salad, \$10.95; albondigas soup (meatball soup with chayote, turnips, potatoes, carrots, onions, tomatoes, cumin, oregano, mint leaves, \$4.75; tortilla soup (with queso fresco, avocado, cilantro), \$4.75*

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jority of Parker’s “perfect” 100-point wines were French. Which brings us to Hendra’s reason number two. The energetic support of the American wine industry? As opposed to whom? The French? Not so. “With the 1995 vintage, the whole Parker commercial system started working,” says one Bordeaux negotiant. For a top estate, “The difference between a score of 85 and 95 was 6 to 7 million Euros.” “If a chateau received a score of 100,” notes McCoy, “it could multiply its price by four.” Or as opposed to the English? Writes McCoy of the upstart British brokerage Farr Vintners, “They subscribed to the *Wine Advocate*, bought what Parker recommended, started including his scores in their catalog, and their business grew rapidly.... Far Vintners is now the largest seller of Bordeaux futures in Britain.” Finally, there was this from Hendra’s review: “Going patriotic pushes McCoy into some unfortunate journalism. Setting the stage for the emperor’s advent in the early ’80s, she

writes, ‘A huge number of Americans...were energetically and enthusiastically educating themselves about wine in ways other countries, including France, never had.’ No sources are cited for this preposterous assertion.” The next line from the book: “Within a decade, tasting, comparing, and discussing French wines would, as Nicholas Faith wrote, ‘spread more widely through the American social system than it had over the previous two hundred years in England, let alone in France.’” That’s from Faith’s book *The Winemasters of Bordeaux: The Inside Story of the World’s Greatest Wines*.

But Hendra explains himself in the review’s first line — I just hadn’t noticed it right off: “Robert M. Parker Jr., wine cop to the world, is a polarizing figure whose fierce judgments are echoed by the ferocity of his advocates and opponents.” Ah.

About the review, McCoy says, “My book tends to be a kind of Rorschach test. People who really hate Parker and his influence think I’m not critical enough of Parker. People who

absolutely love Parker think that I’m too critical of Parker. Personally, I don’t see how anybody could read my book and think that I am a disciple of Parker. But I was surprised by certain things when I was writing the book, and one of them was the vehemence which people had when they spoke about Parker, the polarization I found. So many people would say to me either ‘He’s been awful for the wine world’ or ‘He’s practically a saint.’ I tried to reflect that polarization, because it’s interesting that somebody would evoke that kind of emotion. One person said that some of the reactions to Parker are almost more like religious reactions.” ■

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NORTH COASTAL

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The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882.

A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — “Iskender” means “Alexander.” Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd’s salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This “Calypso” has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there’s nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It’s New York pizza only here. “People back East are more traditional,” says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. “We don’t do California thick crust, we don’t do pineapple, we don’t do

chicken. We don’t do ‘personal size,’ either. But we *do* do slices.” They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker’n one of James’s right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul’s Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there’s a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. “Eat Healthy, Feel Good” is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat “Maui chicken” skewer and the moist

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Mister Tiki Mai Thai Lounge
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RA Sushi
Rock Bottom
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Crêpes de Paris
Harar Ethiopian **Sampler for 2 \$15.99**
Hob Nob Hill **\$2 off entrée**
India Princess **50% off dinner***
Lips **50% off dinner**
Panda Park Buffet **\$1 off**
Rudford's **\$2 off entrée**
Sanfilippo's **Large pizza \$11.95**
Taste of Italy **Free Oreo cheesecake***

East County & State College

Best of Sicily **\$5 off**
Cat Daddy's Bar & Grill **1/2 off burger**
Greek Town Buffet **50% off dinner buffet**
Jump Tokyo Japanese **\$1 off lunch**
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Big Jim's Bar-B-Q **Free entrée**
Calypso
Danky's
Golden Baked Hams **\$8 off whole ham**
Greek Village **Free saganaki**
Jamroc 101 **Free island sampler**
Kaito **Free large hot sake**
Le Petit Calypso **Free appetizer**
Mas Fina Cantina **50% off entrée**
Mikko Japanese **50% off sushi**
Noodles & Company
Passage to India **50% off dinner***
Thai Pasta **Free entrée**
Wild Note Cafe
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Paradise Yogurt **50 cents off a smoothie**
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Seau's **25% off bill**
Shanghai Chinese **\$1 off Mongolian BBQ**
Thai Time II
Tio Leo's **Dinner combos \$8.50 each***
Todai **10% off lunch or dinner**

Calendar

RESTAURANTS

ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the "*Es ist Wunderbar!*" sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it's crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vigilucci's Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vig-

ilucci's Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Children's and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — *N.W. (10/03)*

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs.

Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This

casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/04)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"-style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Meiki Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are

also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avenida Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W. (8/04)*

GOLD COAST

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's own home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world-class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted.

Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (1/05)*

Cafe Europa 667 San Rodolfo Drive, Suite 133, Marshall's Shopping Center, Solana Beach, 858-793-4693. The menu in this *gemütlich* dining room is mainly German but flirts with France and Italy. The Peruvian owners sometimes offer a South American special at lunch, and Cuzqueño is among the bottled beer brands. The standard German preparations here encompass sausage plates, rather thin-cut schnitzels, meat stews, et al. Lighter dishes include chicken breasts, seafood, and three vegetarian entrées. The outstanding veggie sides include succulent home fries, delicately sweet red cabbage, and a house salad featuring pickled cukes in sour cream. Nice, quiet service with no put-on oom-pah-pah. Beer and generic wines. Breakfast and lunch Sunday, Monday, Wednesday; three meals Thursday through Saturday. Closed Tuesdays. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. All bottles are also available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Reservations urged. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/04)*

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

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LA JOLLA

910 Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb, a protégé of Trey Foshee (of George's at the Cove) carries on the 910 tradition of clean, flavorful Cal cuisine, based on the seasons and showcasing the fabulous foodstuffs of local farms. Dessert chef Jack Fisher contributes superlatively happy, avant-garde endings. The flies in the buttermilk? The service is Space Cadet Corps, and during dinner, the room is usually noisy. Open daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British

Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This brick, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino's Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The

barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. No alcohol. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

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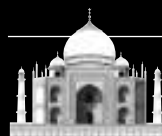
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Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No

reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has big windows and a few tables, with Mexican folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart of romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (1/05)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsicle colors, noted dessert-chef Beryl Ann Byrd and co-chef Kurt Metzger offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Open three meals daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (9/04)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neat-loaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-

cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (1/99)

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convo Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convo Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W.* (3/04)

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight; weekend brunches and weeknight reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (7/03)

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-617. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls"

(such as "stuffed tomato" and "honey-mooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner seven days. — *N.W.* (1/05)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.* (4/03)

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen

to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (3/04)

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.* (2/02)

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Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, in-

cluding bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W.* (2/04)

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties road-house character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W.* (5/05)

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B.* (3/01)

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab,

salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Mission Hills Cafe 808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread's

incredible. It'll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks' territory. Ditto the "Pear Cambozola" salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or "François's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna." And check out François's art on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called "Sea Biscuits." Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — *E.B.* (9/03)

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also at Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," says the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. Delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs come on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). Roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild but delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce. Comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. Interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. — *E.B.* (2/05)

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypically Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offer-

ings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D.* (6/05)

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (1/04)



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Calendar RESTAURANTS

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or “the other white”) meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950’s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you’ll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter’s recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening’s best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) dur-

ing Happy Hours and some evenings. If you’re looking for food, too, there’s a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz’s Deli on the Lower East Side — it’s that wee touch o’ the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd’s pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They’re cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that’s considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood’s regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuitlacoche* (a.k.a. “corn mushrooms,” a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana’s revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don’t even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there’s full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called

“Certified Agnus.” Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Morton’s of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton’s for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton’s. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Nagi’s Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center’s bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there’s nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his *Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad* — the magic’s in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

New Leaf Restaurant Hilton Gaslamp Hotel, 401 K Street, Gaslamp, 619-702-8200. This hotel restaurant features American comfort food carried off with California flair and served in comfortable surroundings. Well-spaced oversized tables make this a good choice for business breakfasts and lunches. Outdoor seating options include an intimate patio lounge with a waist-high firepit that’s lighted at night. Evenings, the atmosphere and garb tend toward the casual. Tortilla-crust salmon is a stand-out entrée. Desserts are house-made and include a tasty New York cheesecake. Validated valet parking. Smart California wine list with rather high markups, plenty by the glass. Open three meals, seven days, until midnight on weekends. — *N.W. (12/04)*

Rainwater’s on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you’re here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you’re here because Rainwater’s is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain’t filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Shortstop’s Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stinger, downtown’s old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop’s Grille, but “Shortstop” Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He’s an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a domestic beer included. Other good fillers: the “Shortstop” sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They’re on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Here you’ll find sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D’Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy “Lizard Lounge” serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian “monk’s curry,” and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table’s first round of delicate “flower buns” with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend diners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burger is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it’s that they’ve got the burger basics right. The bun’s crisp, the meat’s lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie’s always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with “sport peppers” is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let’s face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you’ll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It’s only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you’re-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain’t. It’s either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see

and be seen. The food isn’t great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers’ favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there’s also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Lydia’s Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP’s Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP’s patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado’s culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera’s accomplished

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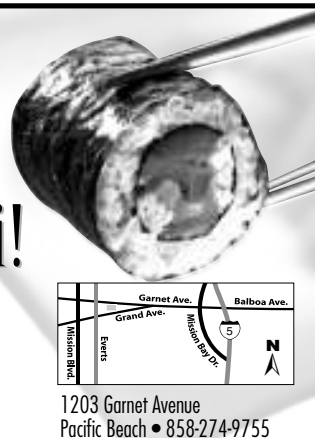
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Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicuco (Mexican seabass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B. (5/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden ("*escondida*") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*), the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat ("*cabrito tatamado*"). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompo* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the "*Rey del Pollo*" sign. The *La Escondida* entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/05)*

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carreteras* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la vuelta*") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. — *E.W.*

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and

two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried

wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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Better and Better

The spectator will require only the slightest touch of paranoia to find the premise credible.

There are new films in town from the respective directors of *City of God* and *Oldboy*, Fernando Meirelles and Chan-wook Park, or more exactly a new one from the director of *City of God* and an older one from the director of *Oldboy*. Inasmuch as both those titles stirred up considerable excitement, I expect that a number of moviegoers will be more excited about these new arrivals than I was, and yet (if this won't discourage them) I admit I enjoyed both of the directors' current releases more than their prior.

The Constant Gardener, marching under the pre-emptive banner of A Potboiler Production, is an adaptation of a John le Carré suspense novel (one I haven't read), and is a long stride for Meirelles from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. But not as long, quite, as the leap of his countryman, Walter Salles, from *The Motorcycle Diaries* to *Dark Water*—from politically engaged to supernaturally engulfed. Le Carré has always had an elevated social consciousness, and a missionary zeal to

match, and so the stretch for the Brazilian is largely geographical: to Kenya, where a multinational pharmaceutical company is using the natives as unwitting guinea pigs, or sacrificial lambs, for an experimental drug called Dypraxa. The spectator will require only the slightest touch of paranoia, or slightest taste

for the paranoia genre, to find this premise credible. He will face a stiffer challenge to find it cinematic. Vague on particulars, slow in progress, thick in texture, the film follows a course of knowingness rather than "showingness." (Normal modus operandi for conspiracy theorists, who for a reason are not known as conspiracy expositors.) And the jiggle and jump in the visual style, though tempered a bit from *City of God*, can drum up little excitement on their own.

Many a filmmaker before Meirelles, like many a casual reader, has failed to locate the thrills in a le Carré thriller. Nevertheless, this one holds plenty of appeal as a love story, one which we know from the outset is to be an unhappy one.

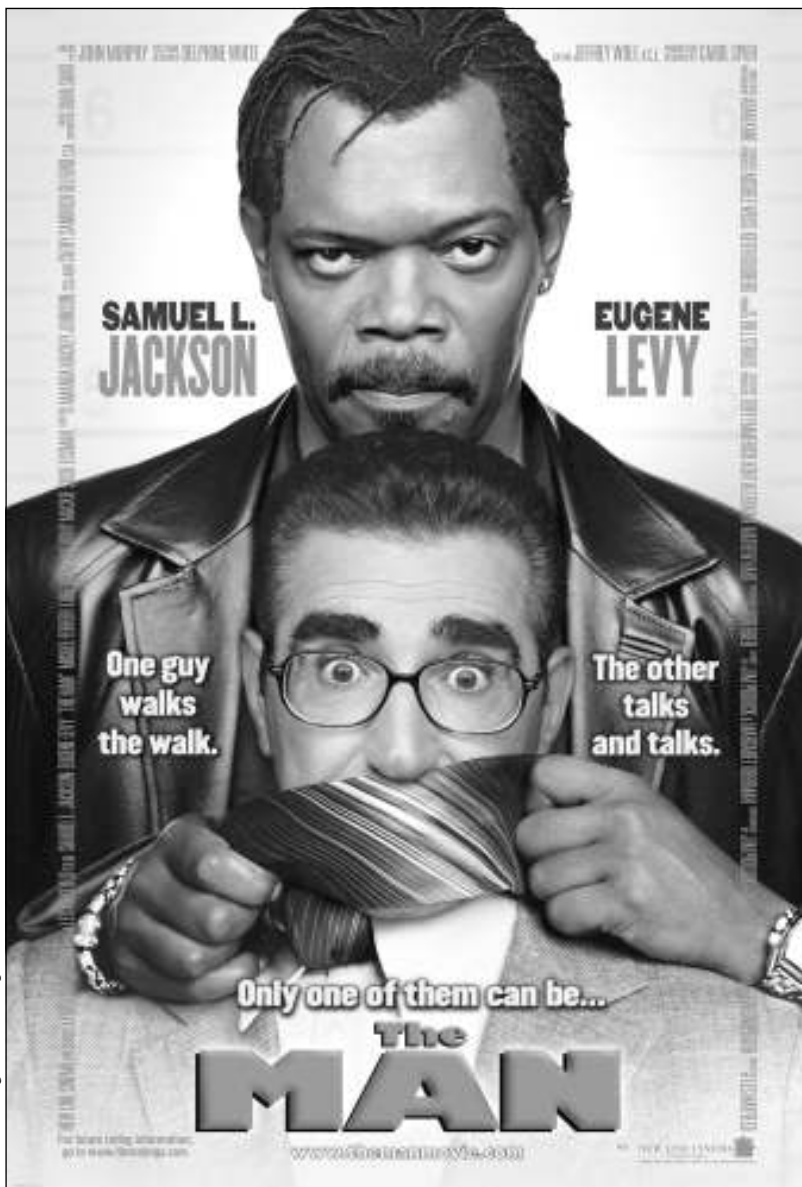


The Constant Gardener

The murder of a British diplomat's wife in the African backcountry opens the door on a flashback to their first beginnings: he (Ralph Fiennes, almost cringingly diffident) dutifully reading a dull lecture on behalf of a government official in absentia, and she (Rachel Weisz, free and easy) reading him the riot act afterwards on the

U.K.'s role in Iraq: "Vietnam the sequel." Not a meet-cute, but a meet-rude. And before they have time really to get to know one another, they're in bed, they're married, and, with a baby on the way, they're in Kenya, where the differences in their personalities are brought out in sharpest contrast: the professional fence-straddler and the

inveterate firebrand. His private inquiry into her murder, apart from the light shed on corporate malfeasance, answers all questions about the genuineness of her love for him, and of his for her. As we have seen in such other le Carré vehicles as *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*, *The Looking-Glass War*, *The Russia House*, and (the most



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cinematic of these) *The Little Drummer Girl*, a gooey sentimentalist lurks within the sourball.

Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance, a year older than *Oldboy*, is part one of Chan-wook Park's so-called "revenge trilogy," three tales unconnected other than by theme, with part three of the cycle, *Sympathy for Lady Vengeance*, already completed but still to come. We oughtn't to be kept waiting for that part any longer than the four months we have had to wait between parts two and one. The latter, postponing the thread of revenge until well underway, seems at first to be weaving the story of a kidnapping gone bad. "There are good kidnappings," asserts one of the schemers, "and bad kidnappings," and the present one had every intention of being a good one, a philanthropic fund-raiser to finance a lifesaving kidney operation for the sister of the turquoise-haired, deaf-mute mastermind. It goes bad, just the same, and then goes worse, in unpredictable and irreparable ways. The Korean filmmaker, on this showing, is a precisionist, a deadpan wit, an intermittent brute, and an ambiguous moralist. He is also a slowpoke. The twisty plot, while not without its improbabilities, has fewer of them, and smaller ones, than *Oldboy*; and the violence, while strong, is at least a little more restrained; and there is nothing at all to equate with the *Fear Factor* stunt of wolfing down a live octopus. These losses, as they will be viewed by some, will appear to others as gains. To me, for instance. And the image is cleaner, fresher, generally healthier to boot. Be aware, though, that the scheduled week at the Ken starting Friday, while not reduced in days, has been cut back to a single screening nightly, at 9:35. Which tells you something about the expected audience. Bloodsuckers only.

David Mackenzie's *Asylum* is not noticeably a step up from his *Young Adam*, nor a significant step removed from its era of repression, the late Fifties. The discontented and dangerously idle wife (Natasha Richardson) of a buttoned-down madhouse director (Hugh Bonneville) starts up a sort of Lady Chatterley thing with a dark, sweaty, lowborn wife killer and former sculptor (Marton Csokas) at work on the grounds. (Sometimes a tool is not just a tool.) Apart from a mildly shocking turn near the finish, the unfoldment seems rather over-obvious and over-calculated for a case of *l'amour fou*. The period cars, hats, dresses, and such, are enjoyable, even so; and the photography is crisp and clear; and Ian McKellen is properly smarmy as a manipulative psychiatrist who controls fewer puppet-strings than he'd like.

Tony Takitani, down to the final day of its week at the Ken, is somewhere around the fourteenth feature film of Jun Ichikawa, and the first to surface around here. No progress report will be possible. The source material is a story by Haruki Murakami, and its transition to the screen does not look to have been an easy one, never shaking loose from the omniscient third-person narrator. (At times the characters themselves will fill in the narrator's thoughts as if they were dialogue, a curious effect.) Unrolling almost in the form of a panorama, with the camera gliding left to right from one scene to the next, it tells of a man who is first attracted to a woman by her clothes ("She wore her clothes naturally," the narrator expounds, "as though enveloped by a special breeze"), then repulsed by her spendthrift obsession

with them after their marriage, then left with a cavernous closetful of them after her death. The idea, teased out to a long, slow hour and a quarter, has a certain parable-like potency, but not enough to fight through the oatmeal-gray image (unflattering to the clothes), the monotonous musing piano, and the insistent wistful narrator. A running time of an hour and a quarter, however, deserves to be commended in itself, whether for the purpose of sustaining speed, as in *Red Eye*, or, as here, limiting tedium. ■

MOVIE LISTINGS

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The Aristocrats — Paul Provenza's talking-heads film rounds up a herd of well-known and less-known comedians to tell and to analyze an old gray blue joke, the punch line of which is the film's title. (Alternate and not-as-good punch lines: the Sophisticates, the Debonairs.) The joke 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 idiosyncrasy. 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; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Asylum — Reviewed this issue. With Natasha Richardson, Marton Csokas, Hugh Bonneville, and Ian McKellen; directed by David Mackenzie.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/2)

Batman Begins — With a new director (Christopher Nolan) and a new star (Christian Bale), the fifth entry in the Batman series, true to its title, returns to square one: how and why Bruce Wayne came to be Batman; the psychological root of his fixation on flying mammals; the part this played in his guilt over his parents' murder; in short, the logic, the reasoning, behind the selection of his chiropteran crime-fighting persona. Think of it, more exactly, as *Batman Starts Over* or *Batman Backs Up*. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. The starting-over will naturally mean that the storytelling takes a good long time to get to the Batsuit, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and all

the appurtenances. But the starting-over also means, not so naturally, a new intensity, a new purpose, a new attitude, a straighter face. All this intensity, etc., cuts two ways: it lends a degree of conviction to the goings-on, and yet it risks looking ridiculous once it runs into the Batsuit, the Batcave, etc. Can an air of seriousness feasibly be sustained? (For all his lack of superpowers, the hero floats through the air with the ease of Spider-Man if not Superman.) To help sustain that air a bit further, there is no jokey villain this time (notwithstanding a forward-looking nod to the Joker at

the fadeout), but rather an apocalyptic criminal plot, fully worthy of a Fu Manchu, to do to Gotham what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah, and for similar reasons. And the nightmarish visions evoked by a "weaponized hallucinogen" (a sign of the times, a salute to Al Qaeda) are genuinely scary. On balance, the two-way cutting goes deeper in the direction of conviction than in that of ridiculousness. With Katie Holmes, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Tom Wilkinson, Rutger Hauer. 2005. ★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20; VOGUE)

Broken Flowers — Jim Jarmusch's mainstreamiest film to date has a lot of laughs in it, despite the pretentiousness of the *cinéma d'ennui* pacing and deliberately dissatisfying ending. Laughs are laughs, nonetheless, and once they've fought through the pretentiousness, they cannot be wiped off the scoreboard. (Another impediment to be fought through, another potential wet blanket, is an image a shade or two dark and dreary.) The idea of the film is a simple one and an immediately appealing one. We start with "an over-the-hill Don Juan" (words of a huffily departing

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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 direc-

tor; 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 pleasurable. 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)

The Brothers Grimm — None other than Jacob and Wilhelm, not yet world-famous folklorists, merely globe-trotting 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



The Cave

Ledger, Lena Headey, Peter Stormare,
Jonathan Pryce, and Monica Bellucci. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-
ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8;
ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6;
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Casablanca — The City of Intrigue is converted into a large Camp ground, as

Bogart feigns broken-heartedness and moral rehabilitation in this feminized thriller. Directed by Michael Curtiz, lushly. 1942.

★ (GARDEN CABARET, 9/1
THROUGH 4, 8:30 P.M.)

The Cave — Explorers of an underground river in Transylvania — “the Amazon of underground rivers” — find more than they bargained for: computer-cartoon parasitic flying amphibians. In the dark and under the water, the action is all but unfollowable, and outside of Piper Perabo’s desperate last moments on a sheer rock face, not worth following. With Cole Hauser, Eddie Cibrian, Morris Chestnut, and Lena Headey; directed by Bruce Hunt. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 (rodently 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 unsubiding groan, arising either from the overtaxed framework or the overtaxed viewer. And the only respite from the ugly vulgarity of the décor comes from the prying impoliteness of the bulbous closeups. David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter, Noah Taylor, Christopher Lee, Deep Roy. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Constant Gardener — Reviewed this issue. With Ralph Fiennes, Rachel Weisz, Danny Huston, Bill Nighy, and Pete Postlethwaite; directed by Fernando Meirelles.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 odious backwoods bigwig, a greedy pig named Hogg. One early chuckle — an audio autobiography of car racer Al Unser, Jr., as read by Laurence Fishburne — is followed by endless miles of teeth-grinding. With Johnny Knoxville, Seann William Scott, Jessica Simpson, and Willie Nelson; directed by Jay Chandrasekhar. 2005.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

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)

The 40 Year Old Virgin — The hero is not what he is by reason of any philosophy, religion, or phobia: “It just never happened.” 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 exhibitionist: boners, peepee, puke, a plastic vagina, mooning, and (without special-effects fakery) 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; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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



The 40 Year Old Virgin

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 Ejiofor (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. “Self-defense” 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; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12;

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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 docu-

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mentaries 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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GROSSMONT CENTER; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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 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; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Happy Endings — Three interwoven plotlines with occasional points of intersection, one of them to do with the tested friendship between homosexual couples of opposite sexes, one to do with the boat-rocking new female lead singer of a garage band, and one to do with a wannabe documentary filmmaker who focuses his camcorder on a Mexican immigrant sex worker. Children feature prominently in each line, not as actual presences, but as life choices, abstract concepts: the sperm-bank baby, the aborted baby, the adopted baby. The entire cast of characters, however widely scattered, comes together in a fantasy finale reminiscent of *Places in the Heart* or Fellini's *8½*. Despite that stab at magnanimity, the film doesn't really amount to much, though it whiles away a couple of hours. Writer-director Don Roos keeps the tone on the light side, the glib side, the superficial side, the self-conscious and posturing side. His principal tone-setting device is the intermittent split-screen title card, dispensing silent narration in the omniscient third person, an uncommonly



Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance

chatty, catty third person, omniscient into the future in addition to the past, telling us, for instance, that so-and-so *has had* sex with twelve women since his wife died and *will have* sex with two more before he himself dies. Verbatim prose samples: "She's not dead. No one dies in this movie. It's a comedy, sort of" and "Charley is now gay. Who isn't?" and "Nicky never lies. He's not her son, if that's what you're thinking." Apparently intended to be ingratiating but more apt to be just grating, these bring to mind the old *Saturday Night Live* gimmick of picking out an audience member with

the camera and captioning the image with some potential embarrassment such as "Has hemorrhoids" or "President of the Olivia Newton-John Fan Club." Lisa Kudrow, Steve Coogan, Jesse Bradford, Bobby Cannavale, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Tom Arnold. 2005.

★ (HAZARD CENTER 7)

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 regi-

mented drudgery and sterile isolation, under stricter rules against intergender "proximity" than at a Catholic-school dance, and with the desperate hope to hit the lottery and a free pass to the titular paradise, "nature's last remaining pathogen-free zone." Roughly forty-five minutes into the movie, the Island will turn out to be, along with much else, a mirage, a figment. Further revelations trickle out, but the main business of the next hour and a half is a chase, in gaudy music-video visuals, with low angles and wide angles, flash pans and smash cuts, shafts of light and blasts of glare, plumes of

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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 slap-sticky, 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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

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 *Huckleberry 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 welcome mat: a showy role for Amy Adams, if a tad condescending, a hand-me-down 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-the-hell. With Benjamin McKenzie, Celia Weston, and Scott Wilson. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agreló's documentary on New York City fifth-graders who've been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: "I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen," one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: "I still really don't understand what happened," a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for "ours." Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Matando Cabos — Mexican crime comedy with Tony Dalton, Ana Claudia Talancón, and Pedro Armendáriz, Jr., directed by Alejandro Lozano. (ESCONDIDO 16; HORTON PLAZA 14; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Me and You and Everyone We Know — Quirky comedy, without question, but quirkiness these days is no scarcer than shark's teeth, and it becomes necessary to distinguish between the pointlessly quirky and the pointedly. The issue still teeters in the balance when, for instance, a scraggly, trashy-looking white male, kicked out of the house by his black wife, says goodbye to his two café-au-lait children by setting his hand on fire outside their bedroom window. It has irreversibly tipped to the good, however, by the time a female driver of an Elder Cab, squiring a shut-in oldster to the shoe store to purchase a pair of neon blue Nikes, spies a goldfish in a plastic bag forgotten atop the car in front of her, is thereupon overcome by sentiments of sadness and helplessness over the fish's inevitable fate, yet feels honor-bound to accompany it to the end. You know right then that you're in the presence of a hyper-sensitive, a highly individual, and yes, a quirky vision, at once acute and tender. The vision would be that of the multimedia performance artist and first-time feature filmmaker Miranda July, who is an object of vision, herself, in the pivotal role of the moonlighting cab driver and, incidentally, aspiring multimedia performance artist, a figure redolent of insecurity and determination, pain and perseverance. Character interest is spread democratically among an assortment of oddballs, but centers on the wary mating dance between this cabbie and the scraggly hand-burner (John Hawkes), a sadsack shoe salesman for whom she has unaccountably set her cap. The separateness, the strangeness, the unknownness of people are subjects close to the crosshairs of the filmmaker's vision. Even closer to dead-center are the fundamental elements of hope and improbability in any romantic overture. The quirkiness of the thing, though it feels as if drawn from reality and not imposed by force, is nevertheless a kind of tunnel vision. 2005.

★★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Must Love Dogs — Hen-party atmosphere for a romantic comedy wherein the sisters of an Irish-Catholic divorcee push her into Internet dating to find a replacement. Diane Lane seems too good for the 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 date-from-hell auditioners. Too good, really, for the movie in toto. With Elizabeth Perkins, Christopher Plummer, and Stockard Channing; directed by Gary David Goldberg. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12)

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.

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As a graphic designer, I really liked the extras on *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* about how Kerry Conran created the effects and started it in his home.

I love *The Fifth Element* for its production design and art direction, especially in the city scenes with its retro future.

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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

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My Life Without Me is a great gem produced by Pedro Almodóvar and starring the wonderful Sarah Polley. A great Spanish woman director directs it. Just fantastic.

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Lone Star is set on the Mexican-American border and is very contemporary in feel, considering what's going on right now in our border states.

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nowadays to an early "B" movie by Anthony Mann or Richard Fleischer. Close in running time, that is; close in speed; not in style. With Brian Cox, Jayma Mays, Scott Bakula. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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3-Iron is an amazing, beautifully shot film from Korea. It elegantly unfolds in little hints and pieces with a dreamy quality, and then subtly shifts genres.

Before *Spirited Away* and *Howl's Moving Castle*, there was *My Neighbor Totoro*, one of Miyazaki's finest films. Simply told but so endearing that you'll sit with a smile on your face from beginning to end. Magical, but avoid dubbed version.

Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance, from the director of *Oldboy*, is a superbly crafted film about mostly good intentions going horribly awry. Turns conventional protagonist/antagonist roles on their head. It pulls no punches and is a perfect antidote for formulaic Hollywood fare.

3-IRON: SPECIAL EDITION (South Korea) 2004, Bitwin (Region Three Encoded)
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MY NEIGHBOR TOTORO (Japan) 1988, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment
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SYMPATHY FOR MR. VENGEANCE: SPECIAL EDITION (South Korea) CJ Entertainment (Region Three Encoded)
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technique. With Mía Maestro, Jean Paul Leroux, and Rubén Blades; written and directed by Jonathan Jakubowicz. 2005.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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Sky High — Kurt Russell goes back to his beginnings: silly Disney family films, this one a sort of live-action version of *The Incredibles*, with Russell and Kelly Preston as the superhero parents (realtors by day) of a “late bloomer” who in his freshman year at the elite prep school must be assigned to a Sidekick course of study, otherwise known as Hero Support, while awaiting a manifestation of superpowers. Russell is very skillfully silly (“All I ever wanted for him was to save the world”), and on balance the whole show tilts more toward pleasant than

painful, and in any event it’s several degrees more human than *The Incredibles*. With Michael Angarano, Danielle Panabaker, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Lynda Carter, and Bruce Campbell; directed by Mike Mitchell. 2005.

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A Sound of Thunder — Ray Bradbury time-travel tale, with Edward Burns, Ben Kingsley, and Catherine McCormack, directed by Peter Hyams.

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Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith — George Lucas closes the circle: the last of the three prequels, evenly spaced out at three-year intervals. (The filmmaker’s latter-day visual style comes back to us in a twinkling: the flatness of the humans and the overfertilized fluorescence of their computer-generated surroundings, something like sticks of wood in a stop-motion tomato patch.) Anakin Skywalker, as we all are aware ahead of time, is on course to explore the Dark Side of the Force, his personal Darth side, “motivated” by his im-

palpable passion for Padmé, the Senator formerly known as Queen, and by his premonitions of her death in childbirth. Looking more and more like Uma Thurman (pupils floating upwards) and talking more and more like Ryan Phillippe (pouty lips over tight jaw), the leading man, Hayden Christensen, appears to plumb the depths of darkness about as far as a college sophomore facing a term-paper deadline when he’d really rather be chugalugging beer. It’s true that he has a hand in a lot of carnage (personally dispatching a roomful of “younglings,” sentimental overkill reminiscent of the slaughter of Macduff’s family in *Macbeth*), yet the dire warnings of the film’s unsuitability for children seem a bit off base. Surely it’s more suitable for them than it is for adults. Lucas’s obsessive castration symbolism (a fear bordering on

hysteria) may be over their heads, but on the other hand they will be less likely to carp at the murky exposition of the *faux*-Shakespearean political skulduggery, more likely to sit there in contented comprehension, 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

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Vogue
226 3rd Ave (619-425-1436)
Batman Begins (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 8:00;
Sky High (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 6:00; **War of
the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 10:30

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The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 10:00; Mon. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00; Tue.-Thu. 4:15, 7:00; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri. 4:30, 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Mon. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:15; Tue.-Thu. 4:30, 7:15; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. 2:00 (4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Mon. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. 2:00 (4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:30; Tue.-Thu. 3:15, 5:15, 7:30; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Mon. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Tue.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. 3:45, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Mon. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; Tue.-Thu. 3:45, 6:00, 8:15

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Poway 10
 13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:30
 (2:15, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. 11:30
 (2:15, 4:45) 7:45; **The Brothers Grimm**
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Cave (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45)
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the Penguins (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 3:15
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Sky High (PG) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15)
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Undiscovered (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:45;

San Marcos 18
 1180 West San Marcos (800-555-8355)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10; **An Unfinished Life** (PG-13 Sat.-Sun. 7:00; **Broken Flowers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 2:10, 4:55) 7:45, 10:20; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri. (11:00, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 5:05) 7:00, 8:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 5:05) 8:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 5:05) 7:00, 8:30, 9:50; **The Cave** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:25, 4:40) 7:10, 9:35; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:25); **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:20) 7:50, 10:50; **Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:35, 10:05; **The Dukes of Hazzard** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:20; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:50) 7:25, 10:45; **The Great Raid** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:10) 9:15; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:10) 7:05, 9:25; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:05, 4:35) 7:05, 9:45; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35) 6:30; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **A Sound of Thunder** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 2:20, 5:00) 7:30, 10:15; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30) 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30; **Underclassman** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00; **Valliant** (G) Fri. (12:00, 2:55, 5:00) 7:20; Sat. (2:55, 5:00) 7:20;

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 Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (1:00,
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The Aristocrats (Not Rated) Fri.-Sun. 11:15
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Mon.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Griz-
zly Man** (R) Fri.-Sun. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30,
10:15; Mon.-Thu. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30;
March of the Penguins (G) Fri.-Sun. 10:45
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8:00; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Sun. 10:45
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McGregor, Natalie Portman, Ian McDiarmid, Samuel L. Jackson. 2005.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance —

Reviewed this issue. With Ha-kyun Shin, Kang-ho Song, and Doona Bae; directed by Chan-wook Park.

★★ (KEN, 9/2 THROUGH 8, 9:35 P.M.)

Tony Takitani —

Reviewed this issue. With Issei Ogata and Rie Miyazawa; written and directed by Jun Ichikawa.

★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/1)

The Transporter 2 —

Jason Statham stars in an action film directed by Louis Leterrier.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/2)

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



Valiant

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)

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 houseflies. With the voices of Ewan McGregor, Ricky Gervais, Jim Broadbent, Hugh Laurie, John Hurt, John Cleese, and Tim Curry; directed by Gary Chapman. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

War of the Worlds — Steven Spielberg’s retelling of H.G. Wells’s s-f classic. The alien-invasion subgenre, as everyone now knows, blossomed during the Cold War, fertilized by fears of Communist takeover; and it’s quite reasonable, quite knowledgeable, to deduce that 9/11 and its aftermath could dump some fresh manure in the field. Spielberg makes damn good and sure that no one will miss the relevance: the “sleepers” hidden beneath American streets; the hero’s coat of ashes fabricated from his incinerated fellow citizens; the shower of clothes from the sky; the bulletin board of the “missing”; and of course the natural question in the first confusion, “Is it the terrorists?” All of that seems legitimate enough. This is a serious film in a way that *Independence Day*, merrily blowing up the White House so few years earlier, didn’t

need to be, want to be, or pretend to be. There’s something of an air of penitence in Spielberg’s choice at this time to do an anti-*Close Encounters*, an anti-*E.T.* Or if not quite penitence, then a reappraisal, a caveat. He would appear to have seen a new light. And if his conversion falls short of total renunciation, it at least infuses him with a new zeal. Still, the decision to re-do the seminal alien-invasion story, rather than to do a new one, tends to raise the familiar specter of Spielbergian arrogance. In spite of the gracious gran-and-gramps cameos for Gene Barry and Ann Robinson, the two stars of the commendable 1953 treatment of the novel, there is the inescapable implication that that version didn’t have the wherewithal to do the job right. No matter how eye-popping Spielberg’s special effects may be, no matter how much “improved” over those of a half-century ago, we are at every turn confronted by his belief in the almighty dollar, his infatuation with size, his complacent certainty that bigger is always better, and his dependence on mere loudness and suddenness to elicit a response from his audience. And his trusty old device of the temporary death, the takesy-backsy death, the just-fooling death, would indicate that his penitence for *E.T.* lacks a little something in sincerity. Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins. 2005.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; 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 self-written vows of their older sister and new brother-in-law. The funny business, in what amounts merely to a newer convention, is pushed to such extremes of crassness and grossness that you feel as if the laughs are being extracted not by feather tickler but by thumbscrew. E.g., the ancient matriarch of one of America’s leading political families will pepper her dinner-party conversation with epithets like “asshole,” “homo” (of her own grandson), and “rug muncher” (of Eleanor Roosevelt), while her granddaughter administers a hand job beneath the tablecloth. Audiences do laugh at this sort of thing. But why? With Christopher Walken, Jane Seymour, Will Ferrell. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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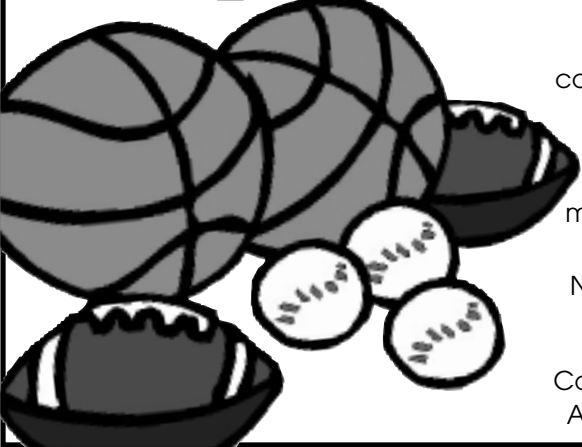
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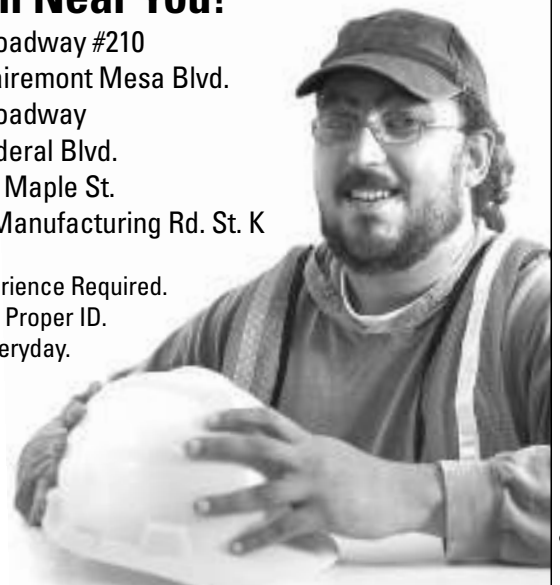
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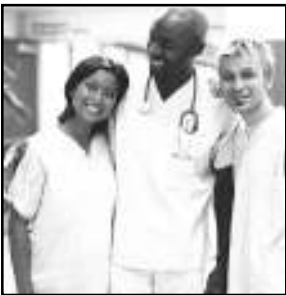
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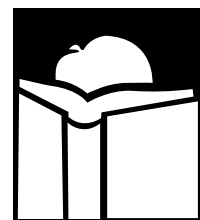
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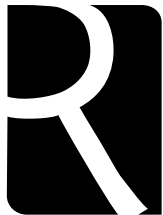
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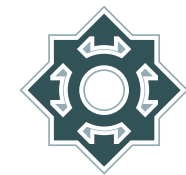
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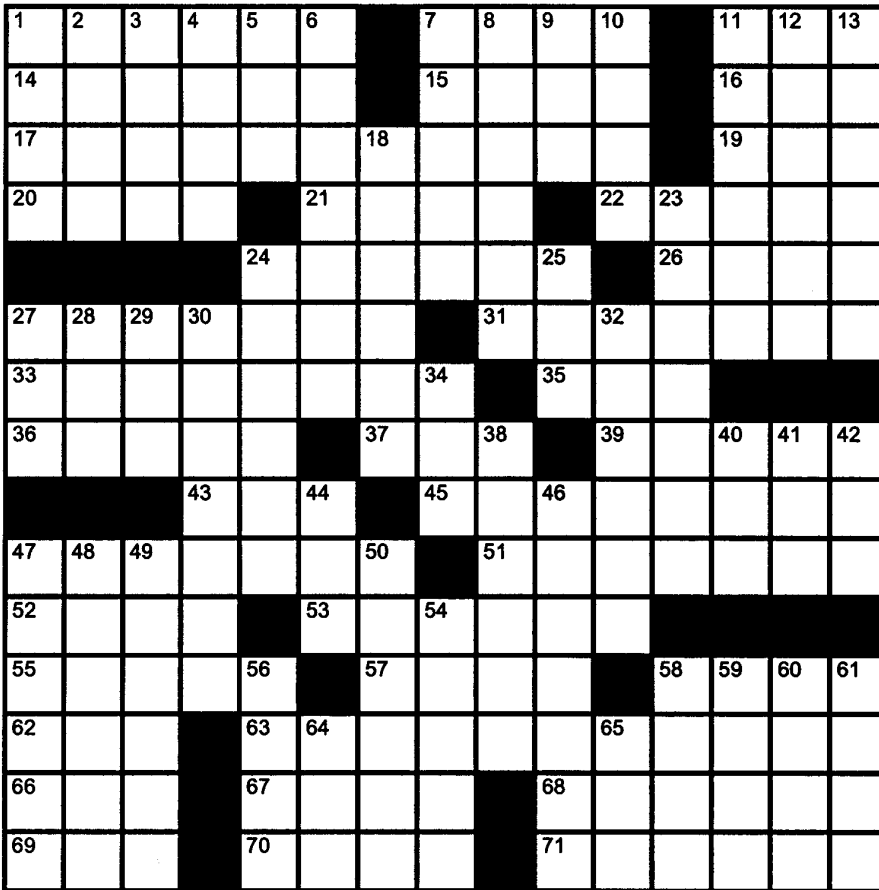
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- Baseball Hall-of-Famer with 3,081 hits
- Terriers, e.g.
- Profit
- Tissue additive
- Eight-footers?
- Isle in the Bay of Naples
- Do another stint
- Juan's hand
- "_____ little teapot ..."
- Something to look for in 17-, 33- and 45-Across and 11- and 49-Down
- Fish/fowl connector
- Part of CNN
- "I'll pay any price!"
- Clock std.
- "The Gift of the Magi," e.g.
- Reaches

Down

- Commerce acronym since 1948
- "Eww!" inducer
- Big book
- "Raindrops Keep Fallin' _____ Head"
- Not in the clergy
- Was philanthropic
- Certain razors
- Grant
- Suffix with strict
- Polite request
- "The Thrill Is Gone" singer
- 1974 foreign-language hit
- Like a meadow
- _____ customer

RULES OF THE GAME

- The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
- 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).
- All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
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- 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.
- All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- One entry per person.



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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 8/25/05.

Of the 202 entrants, 190 were correct. The winners are:

- Jessica Hall, *Oceanside*
- Nicole Smith, *Point Loma*
- Gerald Diaz, *San Diego*
- Tracy Mecheney, *San Diego*
- Tim Field, *El Cajon*

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DAVIEBABE. is on the East coast, wishing he was on the beach with marshmallows

to toast. 8/25/05. Still crazy after all these years.

HGS. 9/16/05. Twelve months and one day ago, I never believed the past twelve wonderful months could happen. TYS. Michale. IRDLY 24/7/365.

I LOVE, I HAVE LOVED, I will love. Pray and work for peace, love and understanding. Thanks!

JET, NOTHING'S OVER! I just need a little something to drink. I'll be back. There you'll be sorry. I miss you. Tons... of fun. Sasha.

NICK K, NICK K, Nick K. Would like to hear from you. Weeks have gone by. Time goes by so fast. WI WI WI.

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Last week's place: College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Avenue. This 1966 building sits on 12-1/2 acres and can fit 1500 people inside. These "Billy Graham" Baptist Conference followers have come a long way since they set up in a small building on Market Street in 1892. (Last week's winners: Nancy Winter, Kelcie Reyes, Jose Butler, Robert Legler, Michael Fortin)

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) ☎48765

TRAVEL FRIENDS. Female, 54, seeks compatible, outgoing ladies for trips and evenings out. Must be open-minded and fun-loving. (9/14) ☎48788

FRIENDSHIP AND TRAVEL. Male, 62, would like to meet other senior males or females for travel, dining in, and other activities. (9/14) ☎48776

MATCHES WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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

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

L'OREAL GOLDEN BROWN, 52, 5'3", enjoy movies, wine, cooking, animals, beach, hope you are 49-55 with similar interests. Humor a plus. (9/14) ☎48985

BEYOND STUNNING ASIAN, sassy, humorous, domestic, active, subtle, faithful,

eclectic, honest, 45, look 32. Seeking handsome, 38-49, genuine, kind, intelligent, accomplished, chivalrous, monogamous, 5'8"+. (9/7) ☎48967

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) ☎48957

LEFTIST, 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

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE, slender, 5'6", European cultured, educated, ladylike, youthful, 63, feels and acts 43. Loving, cheerful, mystical, psychic, spiritual-healer. Love life, outdoors, beaches, walks, galleries, music; monogamous. Seeking soft spoken, faithful, best friend-sweetheart. (9/14) ☎48995

I WANT A MAN, 50-60, that will look past a beautiful face and see me for the

woman that I am on the inside. (9/14) ☎48988

HERPES. ATTRACTIVE, brunette, 43, slightly full figured, easygoing, good values. Searching for an attractive male who shares the same for a long-term relationship. (9/14) ☎48979

INTELLIGENT, SEXY, FUNNY, easygoing, affectionate, 5'4", full-figured, hazel-eyed beauty, 56. Seeking friendship, activity partner, 50-62, sense of humor, playful and fun! Hello! (9/7) ☎48975

SINCERE, ROMANTIC LATINA. Seeking gentleman, 43-54, for a rewarding, loving relationship, dancing, dining. Let's enjoy it all together; life, love and happiness. (9/14) ☎48983

GOOD LOOKING LADY, fun and full of romance. Seeking monogamous, sincere relationship with 58+, tall gentleman who is seeking TLC, laughs and memorable good times. (9/14) ☎48992

ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE golfer, Asian, 39, funny, healthy, smart, educated,

sweet, outgoing, travel, sexy. Seeking gentleman, 38-50, smart, young-looking, caring, honest, happy, kids OK, educated. (9/7) ☎48969

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) ☎48963

RESCUE ME. European lady with taste for good life, living in the country, have fun in the city. Gentleman, honest, trustworthy, generous, must love animals. (9/14) ☎48982

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

SWEET CHOCOLATE LADY looking for a nice, considerate gentleman for companionship. I am a nonsmoker, nondrinker, love quiet evenings at home. Call me. (9/14) ☎48799

50s, PRETTY, SEXY, 5'3", 120lbs., financially secure. Seeking good looking, strong, financially-secure boyfriend for sweet love, parties and travel. (9/7) ☎48973

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) ☎48964

39, HISPANIC, 5' FEMALE. Seeking white professional male, between 35-45. No smoking. Good humor, for dating maybe more. Let's have fun! (9/14) ☎48994

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) ☎48976

MEXICAN LADY, 35. Seeking male, 42 years old, single or divorced, healthy, with kids, for serious relationship. (9/14) ☎48981

ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, 48. Seeking honest, kind, humorous, emotionally/financially stable, spiritual/Christian gentleman for friendship, dating and possible long-term relationship. North County area preferred. (9/7) ☎48955

EAST COUNTY WOMAN, nonsmoker, mid-40s, 5'2", brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoy sports, nature, places like Sea World. Seeking gentleman, same location, to enjoy above. (9/14) ☎48996

COMPANIONSHIP WANTED by 54-year-old plus size sensual woman. Love music, movies, coffee, conversation and lots of laughing. Let's meet and see what happens. (9/7) ☎48954

PRETTY, RETIRED secretary, Irish ancestry, 5'3", 107lbs. Seeking kind, sincere, marriage minded, nonsmoker/nondrinker gentleman. (9/14) ☎48990

FEMALE, PLUS SIZE. Enjoy camping, fishing, picnics, waterskiing, pool, cooking, walking, reading. Looking for gentleman that likes the same. (9/14) ☎48997

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) ☎48966

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 a relationship without games. (9/7) ☎48965

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) ☎48956

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

ATTRACTIVE, SLIM, real estate agent, 59. Love the outdoors, travel, was an art docent. Seeking reasonably fit, attractive man for conversation and glass of wine. (9/14) ☎48987

SINGLE, TALL, GREEN-EYED, blonde looking. In shape, 37 (young), outgoing, extrovert personality, positive, laughs a

lot. Nonsmoker. Want tall, white male, good kisser. Call. (9/7) ☎48959

LIFE IS GOOD! 34, green-eyed brunette, cute, kind and lovable. Seeking funny guy with integrity to share my journey, 35-41. Follow your bliss! (9/14) ☎48999

ATTRACTIVE MEXICAN, long hair, nice legs, sexy, classy. Want to meet very attractive guy, 40-52, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, nondrugs, for friendship or possible relationship. (9/7) ☎48972

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE, 46, interested in casual dating. Must be sincere, honest, romantic, and able to make me laugh. Looking for my soulmate. (9/14) ☎48978

YOUR HAIR MAY TURN GRAY, your skin may wrinkle, but you're never too old for romance. 60s, slim, pretty, educated, successful, sexy, interesting, fun, you? (9/14) ☎48977

SINCERE, ROMANTIC, PETITE, Hispanic lady. Seeking sincere, honest, caring, loving, mature, healthy gentleman who likes dancing, dining out, and bringing me flowers. 50-65, 5'6"-5'8", 150-160lbs. (9/14) ☎48980

SINGLE, AWESOME HISPANIC girl looking for a synchronized team. You: 35-45 (only), childless, nonsmoker or drugs. No games. If ready for fun, please call. (9/14) ☎48986

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

WIDOW RETIRED SENIOR, classy, companionship, travel, cruises, very gently hand to hand, enjoying memories together. Permanent relationship. Sincere Latina, happy, love life. (9/14) ☎48993

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. (9/14) ☎48984

JAPANESE WOMAN, EXOTIC, petite, sweet and loyal. Seeking companion, prefer dark hair with green or blue eyes, 5'10"-6'2", 36-46, handsome, nice, loyal, with stable career. (9/14) ☎48991

BEACHES, MARTINIS, OCEAN. You: fit, outgoing, love music, outdoor events. Me: cute, energetic, contemporary taste, outgoing. Let's talk. (9/14) ☎48998

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

ATTRACTIVE, FOREIGN BORN, European educated, spiritual, compassionate, healthy, conscious, love music, dancing, traveling. Seeking 60-70, cosmopolitan, open-minded, spiritual, loving, generous, sincere gentleman, long relationship. (9/14) ☎48989

MATCHES MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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

ECLECTIC, SPIRITUAL, adventurous, handsome, caring, warm, ex-hippie. Want real happy woman, Taurus, Capricorn, Virgo sign for peaceful path towards togetherness, excitement and growth in life! (9/14) ☎48781

JUST A HAPPY DIVORCED white male who would like to meet a lady who would enjoy a man who likes feet. (9/14) ☎48786

NICE LOOKING, SLENDER, Irish-Italian, 34, brown hair/eyes. Want to meet attractive, slender woman who likes dating, fun, movies, and good relationship. No smoke. (9/7) ☎48739

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

LAKESIDE, BACK COUNTRY. Seeking country gal to share slower lifestyle. Diner out, home cooking, conversation with white 60s guy, hugs, romantic, long term. Race open. (9/14) ☎48777

NICE LOOKING, YOUNG, 56, 5'8", 160lbs., loving, active, healthy lifestyle, dancing, dining, cruising, unencumbered, financially secure. Seeking attractive, fit, caring, soulmate for lasting relationship. (9/14) ☎48793

MUST LOVE LIFE, laughter, romance, indoors/outdoors, movies, home cooking. I'm 5'7", fit, black male. Seeking monoga-

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mous, honest, romantic, fun female who's 30-40s, race open. (9/7) ☎48747

SPIRITUAL, OUTDOORS, honest, caring, affectionate, understanding. Ex-hippie in search of soul mate/friend for outdoor adventures and fun. Must be happy woman in love/self. (9/14) ☎48780

RENAISSANCE MAN, 50ish, European educated, fit, secure, spiritual/nonreligious, dreams of 40ish contessa/con-scenza. Enjoying my exciting life as either happy lover or happy companion. (9/14) ☎48801

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

GREY FOX SEEKS SOUL MATE. Ladies are you the one. Be queen for day every day. Can you deal with grey for 40-56. North County. (9/7) ☎48754

YOUNG, ATTRACTIVE, FIT, intelligent, 26, 6', 150lbs., blond, blue, good looking, but financially struggling. Seeking mature woman, 25-65, for mutually beneficial relationship. (9/7) ☎48746

54, TALL, SLENDER, inactive, unemployed boozler with minimal cults, habits, and vices. Seeking slenderish babe over 50 with no sense of humor. (9/7) ☎48743

ADVENTUROUS, HANDSOME, unencumbered 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) ☎48745

TRAVEL, TENNIS, FUN, 61. Seeking a significant other to fill my days and nights. I'm 5'8", 150lbs., healthy, no drugs/smoking/drinking. You the same. (9/14) ☎48784

FIREMAN, WHITE, 40, fit and frisky, business, Point Loma home. Seeking cute hottie, 25-40, for fun, dating, romance? Dial my 911 and have some fun! (9/7) ☎48769

BRAINS AND BEAUTY. 43, 5'10", retired professor seeks interesting companion. Race irrelevant. Please be stable, real, and in it for the long term. I am. (9/14) ☎48787

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SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl looking for a lasting relationship. Please be kind, caring, slender. I am 47, 160lbs., blond, blue, my daughter is 8. (9/14) ☎48808

57, CAUCASIAN, 5'8", medium built, brown hair, blue eyes, mature, young attitude, spiritual, eclectic, upbeat. Enjoy music, film, metaphysics, dining out, teacher, author, student, joyful. (9/14) ☎48785

SINGLE WOMAN WANTED. Me: charming, sincere, steady income, secure. Enjoy travel, movies, camping, drawing, painting, art, music, relaxation. If we match, let's meet. Quiet guy. (9/14) ☎48805

MALE, 53, 6'2", financially and emotionally 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) ☎48741

RETIRED SENIOR LADY sought by South Bay gentleman, nonsmoker, for friendship, companionship, travel, cruises, theaters, dinners and all other enjoyable activities together while we may. (9/7) ☎48749

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

HANDSOME, 39, 6', 265lbs. Seeking big, beautiful, voluptuous lady, 27-41, classy, fun, intelligent, sweet, kinky, affectionate. I'm charming, eclectic, intelligent, creative, musical, sentimental, great kisser. (9/14) ☎48806

ROMANTIC, CARING, FUN loving, good looking, professional, nonsmoking, Democrat, fit, gym, yoga. Seeking honest female, 55-70. (9/7) ☎48772

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

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (9/14) ☎48794

ITALIAN, 46, HARD WORKER. Seeking nice simple lady for long-term relation-

ship. Open race. No smoker, drinker. Enjoy travel, romantic dining. Ciao Bella. Call me. (9/14) ☎48807

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together, is that you? (9/14) ☎48783

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

GOOD-HEARTED BIKER seeking fit woman for fun and possible relationship. Let's enjoy life. Call me. (9/7) ☎48766

LATE 70s, 6', 155lbs., fit, humorous, still working, conservative, western civilization, proselytizer, with wide-ranging activities, needs slender, similar values lady. Come be with me. (9/14) ☎48800

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

WANTED: SOUL MATE, share laughs, love, life. Be sexy, slender, spontaneous, sense of adventure. I'm attractive, fun, fit, 45, brown/blue, 175lbs., North County Coastal. (9/14) ☎48782

WE'RE MISSING LIFE and fond memories together! I'm active, 78-year-old nonsmoker, secure homeowner. Like RV camping, traveling, fishing, quiet home-life, wanting permanent relationship. (9/7) ☎48767

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) ☎48738

SPIRITUAL PATH, sense of humor, honest, intelligent, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue grey. Enjoy coffeehouses, movies, rock music, nature, books. Seeking someone to share life with. (9/14) ☎48789

MARRY ME! I'm 39, 5'10", 175lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with sincere, friendly female. (9/7) ☎48755

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

59-YEAR-OLD MAN seeking North County woman, nonsmoker, with good sense of humor who likes herself and her life, who wants a good man. (9/7) ☎48748

FURTHER OUT ON A LIMB than Shirley MacLaine. Metaphysical, spiritual, holistic healer, blue eyes, youthful, 52 look 30s, 5'6", slim. Let's raise our kindlings together! (9/14) ☎48795

BEAUTIFUL DAYS AHEAD! Experience new beginnings, we communicate and share our love with nature. Please have a heartbeat. (9/14) ☎48798

VETERINARIAN, RETIRED, Portuguese, 56, tall, dark, handsome, affectionate, kind, compassionate. Want attractive woman, 46-59, secure, kind heart, romantic, sensual, walks on beach, romance. (9/7) ☎48774

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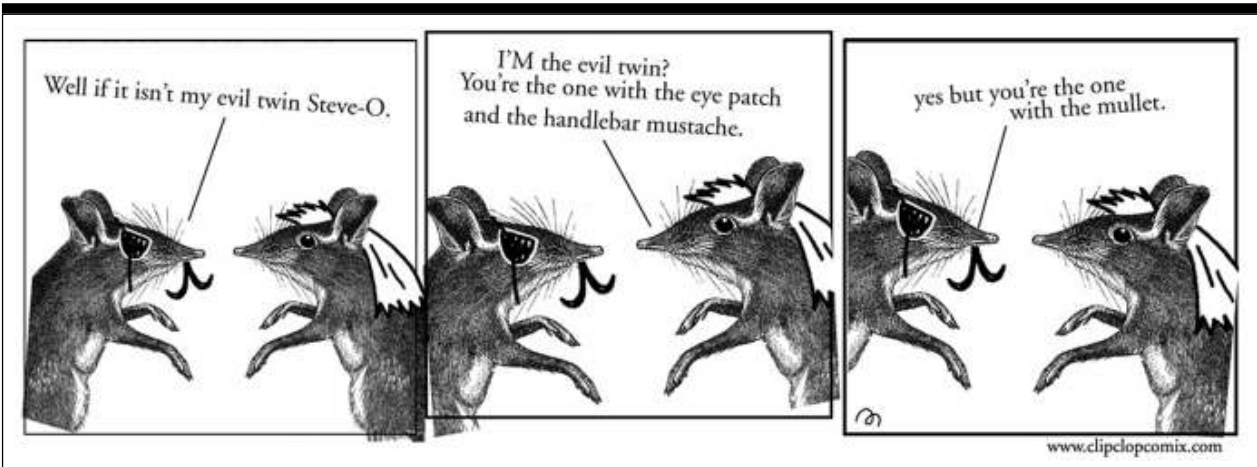
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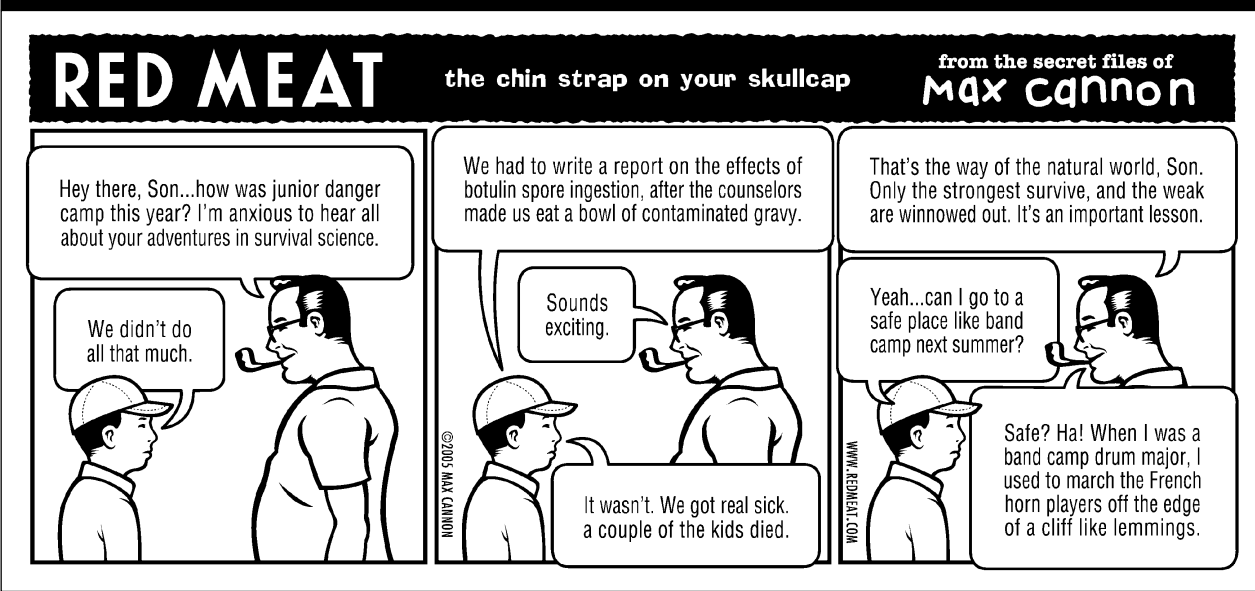
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Stephanie Lincoln
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It would have to be field hockey; do they even still have it? I never played, except for maybe in gym class. Field-hockey players were sort of like the dorky ones who didn't play soccer or do cheerleading; no one went to their games, they ran around in those skirts, and it didn't really make a lot of sense. My school had a lacrosse team, and it was pretty good for the girls; I went to school in New York and [lacrosse] was a little more popular there. I don't know if they even play it anymore because I went to school 15 years ago.



Myra Gilman
Student
Mission Valley

I played basketball in high school, and I wasn't sure why people would go to wrestling when it was going on. My ex-boyfriend was a wrestler, so I understood what was going on. I'd go and watch him at meets and there were in-school tournaments as well. It was exciting when you'd watch people you knew, but not if you didn't know the person. It can be distracting, especially if there're a lot of matches going on at the same time. The singlets [tight wrestling outfit] were kind of funny; I never really cared for them. Guys shouldn't wear singlets around, but singlets aren't as bad as Speedos. I never quite understood water polo; I'm not a good swimmer, so I could never do it.



Britney Pens
Student/Sales Associate
College Area

I'm not a big fan of wrestling. One of my guy friends in high school wrestled, but I don't know... As a sport, I don't see the point of it. I went to, like, one [competition], and it didn't interest me. I prefer football or soccer. I just never knew too much of what was going on during wrestling; something about pinning the other guy down never fascinated me too much. I did cheerleading, but some people don't consider that a sport even though people get injured doing it. I had a disc in my back go out because of it.



Michael Taggett
Music Teacher
Otay Mesa

I'd say water polo. Baseball and basketball are cool sports to do. I thought lacrosse was cool—strange, but cool. It seems like a fun, yet underrated sport. I'm pretty much of the belief that people should do whatever they think is cool. For the social aspect, it's good to participate in sports. I did orchestra. The aesthetics of art might be more pleasing to me.



Mildred Kim
Student
College Area

I played basketball and tennis; I'm a pretty big sports fan. Water polo is funny because you're in a pool throwing a ball around. I want to bash the guys who play it; it's just the sport, in general. Basketball is a good sport to play in front of people because it's a high-intensity sport. With tennis, it's just you and one other person. Basketball can be dangerous because you can twist ankles and get elbowed a good deal. I grew up in a soccer family and have always liked it as well. I think sports are great for kids to get into, regardless of what it is.



Cassandra Astorda
Student
University City

Drill team. Girls on drill team are, like, the reject cheerleaders. The dancing sequences aren't that impressive, and they're not really that peppy like the cheerleaders are. I played volleyball, and there's nothing lame about it. Volleyball's a good active sport that emphasizes teamwork.

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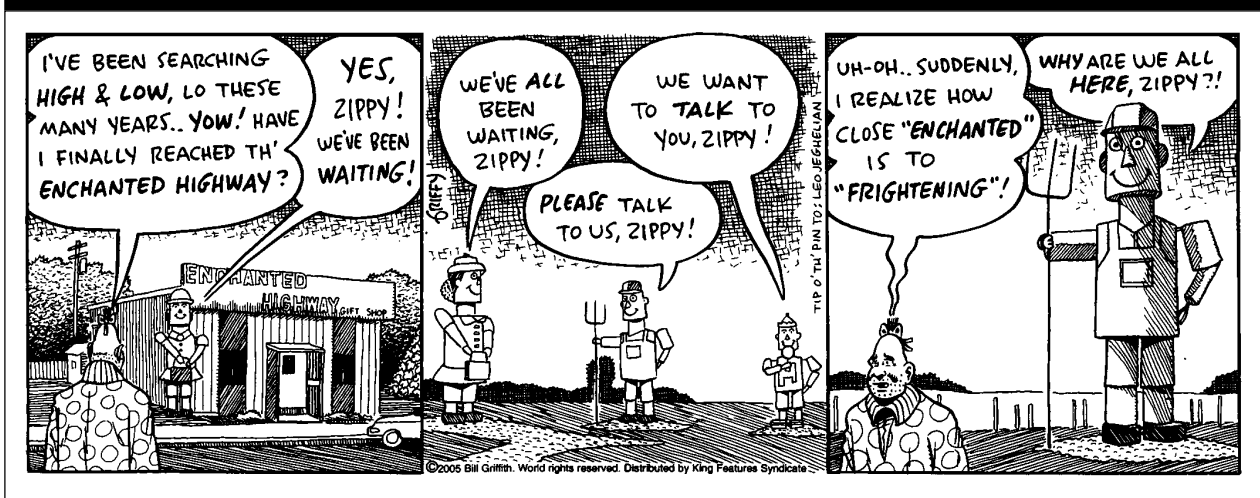
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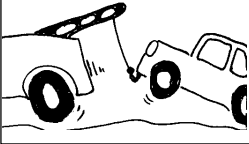
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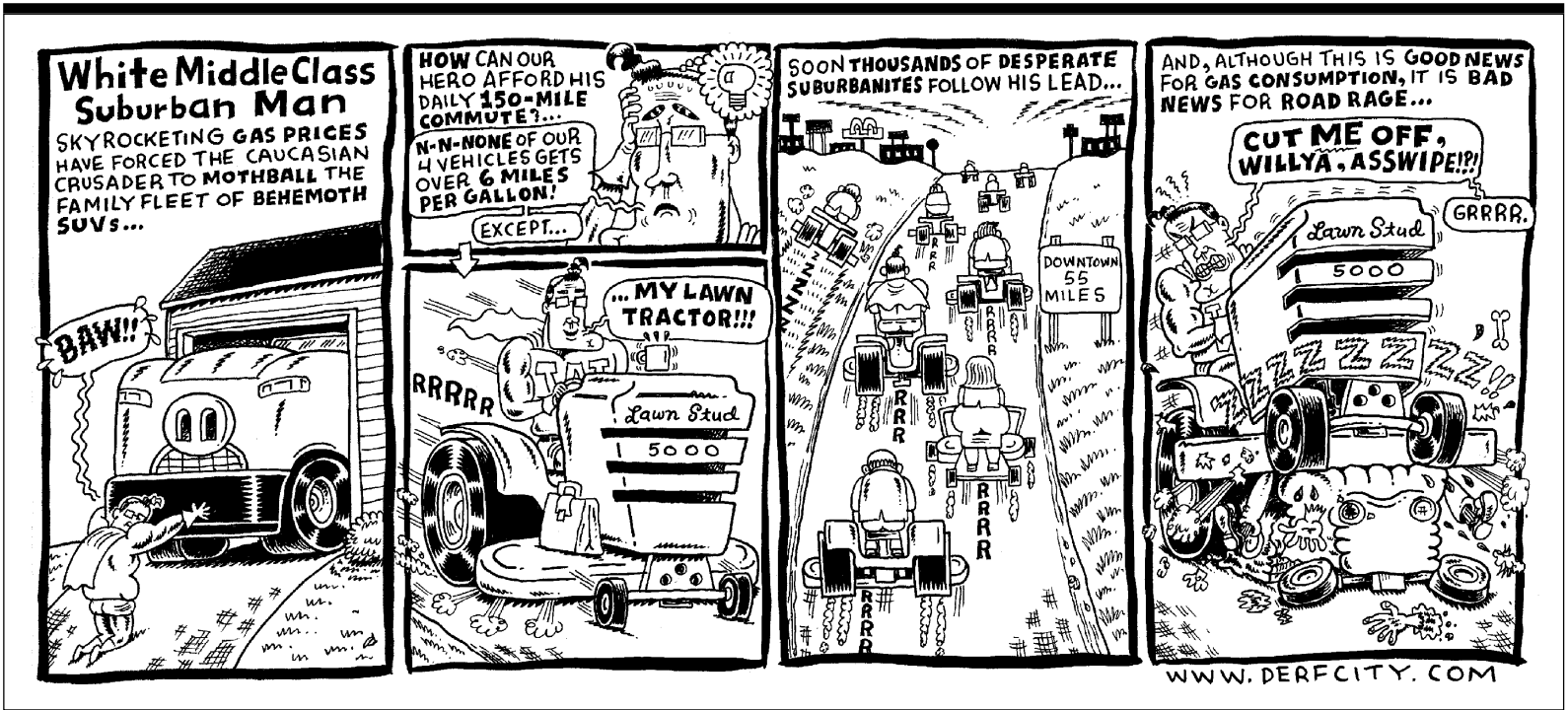
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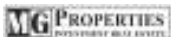
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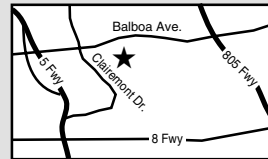
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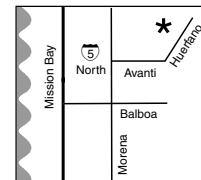
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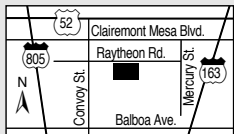


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— Even though India now has 80,000 licensed dentists, nearly 100 “street dentists” continue to operate in dusty, open-air “offices,” performing extractions and “fitting” used dentures for, typically, 1 percent to 2 percent of what a licensed dentist would charge. One patient of practitioner Mahender Singh, observed for a June dispatch from Jaipur in the *New York Times*, was “spitting streams of blood into the gutter” after removal of an incisor that, said Singh, “was not working right” and “kept turning left and right when he ate.” Singh uses anesthetic but said some patients still pass out from the pain.

Cultural Diversity

— A French bus line filed an unfair-competition lawsuit against a group of cleaning ladies in Moselle, who used to be customers but who recently began car-pooling to their jobs across the border at European Union offices in Luxembourg. Transports Schiocchet Excursions wants the ladies fined and their cars confiscated. ... In Tokyo in July, a group of French-language schoolteachers filed a lawsuit against the city’s governor (asking the equivalent of almost \$100,000) for his having denigrated the French language, calling it a “failed international language.” Said Malik Berkane, head of a French school in Tokyo, “[I]t’s unacceptable for him to insult French in this way.” — In Kyrgyzstan (and some neighboring Central Asian countries) the pre-12th-century tribal custom of “ala kachuu” continues, in which a man reduces the time and expense of courtship by riding up on horseback to a woman, snatching her up, and taking her to his family home, where his relatives (and sometimes hers) prepare her for marriage. According to an April *New York Times* dispatch from Bishkek, more than half of wives are acquired by ala kachuu (although the term can also mean a more-benign “elope-

ment”), and even some of the snatched wives eventually “consent” to the marriage. Ala kachuu has been illegal for years, but the law against it is rarely enforced.

Questionable Judgments

— First prize in the youth division of the Fourth of July parade this year in Haines, Ore., went to three kids, aged nine and ten, who dressed as large, shelled insects (actually, in inner tubes covered by garbage bags), pushing huge rubber balls coated in sand, dirt, and dead grass, according to the *Baker City Herald*. (Yes, the parents had conspired with their kids to dress them up as dung beetles!) — The Living Word Tabernacle in Waverly, Ohio, terminated the membership of Loretta Davis recently, according to a July report by WCMH-TV in Columbus, because she had stopped paying her tithe. Davis’ contributions ended in January after she was hospitalized the first of 15 times this year for congestive heart failure. The church’s founder said non-member Davis could still attend, but Davis’ daughter said, “In the time of [her] need, [the church] should be caring, supporting, asking what she needs, help her if she needed help.” (When healthier, Davis was donating \$60 a month out of her \$592 Social Security check.)

Recurring Themes

— Incompetent Home Improvement: A bee-plagued homeowner in northwest Tucson, Ariz., attempting to “frighten the bees off” (according to a fire department spokesman) by lighting a small fire in the attic, inadvertently ignited insecticide vapor, with the resulting blaze causing about \$100,000 damage to the roof (March). ... A woman in Mecklenburg County, N.C., attempted to chase snakes out of a couch on her front porch by dousing the nest with lighter fluid, but then an accidentally dropped match set a fire large enough that she had to jump out a window to safety (June). — Fetish du Jour: In July in Exeter, England,

Paul Pennington pleaded guilty to engaging in sexual activity in a public restroom while dressed in a baby diaper, bib, and girl’s dress and carrying a baby bottle (but also wearing a stuffed bra). ... Sean Kelly, 35, was arrested in Sebastian, Fla., in July, and charged with fraudulently attempting to obtain health-care services after he showed up at a clinic complaining of back pain but dressed in a baby diaper (which he eventually “loaded” and demanded a change). ... Calvin Milo Alvarez, 30, was arrested in Fayetteville, Ark., in May on a child-pornography charge after he was found by police arguing with another man at an apartment house, with Alvarez dressed in a baby diaper and bleeding from the mouth.

Latest Religious Messages

— Britain’s Church Mission Society, with 200 missionaries around the world, decided recently that a place that needs a missionary the most is the town of Telford, England (population 150,000), where fewer than one in a hundred residents attends an Anglican church. (Said a CMS spokesman, “These days the CMS goes to the hard places and takes on the hard cases.”) (The Church of England might have a larger problem, according to a July survey by Bangor University researchers: 3 percent of its clergy doubts the existence of God, which works out to nearly 300 non-believing ministers.) — A growing number of historical sites in Mecca (perhaps even including the home of the Prophet Muhammad) may soon fall to urban renewal as developers plan skyscrapers with stores and condominiums, according to a July Reuters dispatch. (Ironically, many devout Wahhabi Muslims support the demolition, hoping to prevent people from worshipping such “sacred” buildings instead of concentrating on their proper duties in Islam. Those Wahhabis view only the Grand Mosque, which is the destination for the annual hajj pilgrimages, as untouchable.)

— The New Born Fellowship Christian Center in Rochester, N.Y., recently adopted a several-weeks-long “Spiritual Warfare” theme that featured its pastor, Warren Meeks, delivering sermons while in military fatigues (and asking congregants to wear fatigues, too), to battle the spirits opposing U.S. troops overseas and those challenging American youth with drugs and gangs. Meeks also brought in an Army missile, to help with the message, according to a report on WHAM-TV.

First Things First

— In June, the Arab Balad party went to court in Haifa, Israel, challenging ultra-nationalist Jews of the Gush Katif settlement, who are virulently opposing the government’s mandatory withdrawal from Gaza. However, the Balads’ complaint has little to do with sovereignty or religion. The party has for years used orange as its organizing theme color and filed the lawsuit to make the upstart Gush Katif stop using orange in its own materials.

Thinning the Herd

— The bodies of Kentucky State Reformatory inmates Avery C. Roland, 26, and Michael Talbot Jr., 24, were found in a nearby landfill the day after they went missing in July. A Department of Corrections official said they had probably hidden inside a garbage truck without realizing that, to prevent escapes, the prison requires that garbage be compacted twice before it leaves the grounds. ... Four days apart in July, two 19-year-old men (in Sheboygan, Wis., and Louisville, Ky.) fell to their deaths while car-surfing at high speeds. (According to a witness, the Sheboygan man’s fatal fall came shortly after he yelled to his driver, “Is that all you got?”)

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Hi, I'm a stay-at-home dad. Now, before your eyes glaze over and you slowly back away, let me just tell you why I am one. Most boys don't spend their childhood dreaming of one day changing diapers, emptying dishwashers, washing pee-soaked bed sheets, kissing boo-boos, and learning to make chicken broccoli casserole. They want to be firemen, baseball stars, soldiers. As they get older, most men strive for career, status, and a lower golf handicap. Me, I had early dreams of a Hollywood career, collaborating with the likes of Spielberg, Lucas, and Coppola. Later, after grad school, there were visions of corporate ladders and hostile takeovers. But once my first child was born, everything changed, and my focus was placed squarely on the infant in my arms. Soon, my wife and I realized that one of us had to be home with him permanently. By financial default (my wife made more money than me), I was the lucky winner.

At first I had no idea how to be a father. Not having one around as a kid, I had no male role models to look to other than the ones I'd seen on TV. So I thought, "What would Charles Ingalls do? Or John Walton? Mike Brady? How about Darren Stevens?!" Actually, I discovered a really good role model on TV in Fred Rogers. I listen to him most carefully still. He's not just talking to pre-schoolers when he smiles into the camera and doles out sage advice... He's talking to us grown-ups too when he says things like "You don't have to look like everybody else to be acceptable and to feel

acceptable." I learn a little wisdom from The Neighborhood most every single day. Plus, it's fun to see how graham crackers and crayons are made.

So I found myself in this new role, and it didn't take long to discover that it's one of the most difficult, exhausting, emotionally-draining jobs in the world. It's also the most rewarding. I get paid with hugs, smiles, and the occasional funny quote from my kids, like when my son learned that some animals are herbivores and some are carnivores, so he figured, "Hey, Daddy, I'm a Candyvore!" I can't think of anything else I'd rather be doing than to be my kids' dad. It's how I introduce myself to people when they ask what I do for a living. And it sure feels good to say that. I must be pretty good at my job, since just the other day my son said "When I grow up I want to be a daddy too!"

Taking on the role of Daddy meant giving up a few other things that once defined me, including a few

friends who didn't understand why I was no longer sitting at a desk and earning an income. But I don't really miss the old life. This new one brings new adventures and challenges every single day. And I go out and solve the problems and figure out the challenges, every now and then seeking advice from the memory of some old TV



show, like *Little House on the Prairie* when my daughter tells a fib, or *The Brady Bunch* when my son teases his sister.

I've long given up attempting to explain to people I meet what I do and why I do it. Most folks just don't understand. They're either

confused, condescending, or highly critical. Surprisingly, stay-at-home moms are the worst, almost like I'm attempting to gain membership into their exclusive club. The moms don't accept me, the dads don't understand me. Luckily I meet enough welcoming parents, including other stay-at-home dads, who also realize that having one parent at home with the kids is the best way to raise them. Daycares are fine for single moms and dads who have no other support, but when a child has two parents in their lives it should have at least one of them as the daily caregiver.

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C. stated that G. did the same thing three weeks ago, except then he took \$20 out of the cash register.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Location: 10th Avenue and Island Avenue, East Village
Time/Date: 1:30 a.m. on 8/21/05

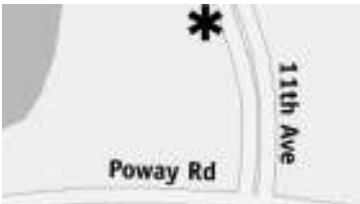
Officer's Report: After giving an unidentified black male a ride in a pedi-cab...the male grabbed the driver of the pedi-cab from behind. There was no loss in this incident.

Victim's Statement: I picked up a black male...he asked me to take him to 10th and Island. When we got [there], he

told me that he did not have any money. The guy grabbed me from behind with both of his hands and grabbed my fanny pack. He was pulling at my fanny pack, trying to pull it off. I yelled and screamed and I was able to run away from him. The guy ran away on Island Avenue (west-bound). I can recognize him if I saw him again.

GRAND THEFT

Location: 12620 Sabre Springs Parkway, Poway
Time/Date: 3:10 p.m. on 8/19/05



Report: Unknown suspect(s) stole George H.'s fanny pack, containing his police badge and I.D., and his handgun. While working the Northeastern Telephone Report Unit, I contacted off-duty Carlsbad Police Officer George H. to take a report of his lost property.

Officer H. told me he had taken his private car to the "Best Car Wash." While his vehicle was going through the wash, Officer H. exited with his pet dog and the listed missing items, which were in his fanny pack. He sat the fanny pack down on a bench and began playing with his dog. Another customer had a dog there and H.'s dog began to play with it. After a few minutes, the dogs began to get angry and started to fight. Officer H. got up from

the bench without his fanny pack and picked up his dog. At that moment, an employee told him his vehicle was ready. Officer H. got back in his vehicle and left without realizing that he had left his fanny pack behind. About 30 minutes later he realized he didn't have [it] and went back to the carwash. The fanny pack was gone. He checked with the carwash employees, but nobody knew anything about [it]. The carwash manager let Officer H. view the videotape from their security camera. Unfortunately, the spot where he had left his fanny pack was not in the field of vision of the camera.

Officer H. notified his agency of the loss and cancelled his credit cards.

KIDNAPPING

Location: [9700] Caminito Cuadro, Rancho Peñasquitos
Time/Date: 12:00 p.m. on 8/20/05



Officer's Investigation: Officer Messenio #5278 and I responded to an assist call at Carmel Mountain Road and Sparren. We arrived...and searched the area. I was flagged down by H. H. told me she found a crying woman, Z., walking along Carmel Mountain Road and drove her to a nearby address. Z. told her she was kidnapped. H. pointed out the address on Caminito Cuadro.

I talked to Z. in her home. She was crying but told me she was C.'s

girlfriend for about four years, and lived with him. She was pregnant with his baby three years ago but had a miscarriage. About three months ago, she found out he had a new girlfriend so they broke up and she moved in with friends. C. was never violent with her and had no problem with their break-up. They have had no contact since she moved out. She recently got a new boyfriend and is now three weeks pregnant.

Today at about noon, C. knocked on her door. He seemed angry and said (in Spanish), "I need to talk to you." She did not want to disturb her roommates so she stepped outside. C. yelled at her and put his hand over her mouth. He dragged her to his van, parked on the street, while yelling, "I need to talk to you." He put her in the van and drove away with her. He said, "You bitch, you didn't make a baby with me, why did you make a baby with another man? I will kill your baby."

She tried to reason with him and asked why he wanted to kill her baby, and why he was doing this, but he just yelled. When he stopped at a red light on Carmel Mountain Road and Sparren, she jumped out of the van. He parked and grabbed her as she stood on the sidewalk. She cried and several people slowed down as they drove by. Finally he got into his van and drove away.

I called C.'s home and work numbers but could not reach him. Officers from Mid City Division checked C.'s home address but neither he nor the van were there.

— Michael Hemmingson



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Jeff's All-Purpose Hybrid

Jeff Yates tells me, "We were looking at the different hybrids, at the Toyota Prius and the Hondas. Honda has an Accord now with the six cylinders and the electric motor. It gets more power and keeps the same fuel economy. But the power wasn't our biggest issue. We've got a nine-year-old and a six-year-old, and we carry around their baseball equipment, their backpacks for school, the whole works. The Civic was too small and so was the Prius, but we still wanted something that got good gas mileage, so we looked at the Ford Escape.

"It's roomy. I'm six feet tall, and I can sit in the back and feel comfortable behind the driver's seat with it adjusted as if I were driving. And they claim that it will get 36 mpg in town and 30 on the freeway. But I drive on the free-

way to and from work, and I'm averaging about 27 mpg. I work down on Otay Mesa and we live in Allied Gardens, so that's a pretty good commute. The Escape has a meter on the dash that tells you what gas mileage you're getting. Going to work is mostly uphill so I get about 27, but coming home I'll get 31 or 32.

"When you first drive a hybrid, if you pull up to a stoplight and the engine shuts off, you think, what happened, did it die on me? But you get over that. And the Escape is a comfortable ride. It feels like you're driving an SUV, up high. But with the economy, it's the best of both worlds."

Having heard of SUVs being inclined to roll over, I ask, "Does it ever feel tipsy?"

"Sometimes," Jeff admits. "When you make a sharp turn, you get the feeling it could roll over if you cut it too sharp at a high speed. But if you're an experienced driver you're not going

to jerk the wheel."

"Does it have as much power as you'd like?"

"Uh-huh. The motor's an Atkinson four-cylinder. The way they advertise it, it will go longer between oil changes and wear much better. One of my concerns was, with the engine always starting and shutting off, that it would wear down fast. But the way the guy described it, that's what this motor is made for, taking all that abuse without wearing down.

"It's got what they call a continual variable transmission, so it doesn't shift, like into passing gear, which is kind of hard to get used to. When you jump on it, it doesn't feel like it's taking off. But it accelerates. It doesn't feel like a four-cylinder. It definitely gets out of the way when you need it to."

I ask, "Does the hybrid cost more than the gas-only model?"

"The non-hybrid was at \$22,000 or



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--- PRICE: \$31,300

\$23,000. Mine was around \$31,000."

"Well," I say, "With gas approaching \$3 a gallon it might not take long to save the difference."

Later I calculated that an improvement of 10 miles per gallon would save about 17 gallons per 1000 miles; 17 gallons at \$3.00 each is \$51. So if gas averages \$3.00 per gallon and the car's lifetime is 150,000, then Jeff will break even. Meanwhile, he's spewing less crud into our world.

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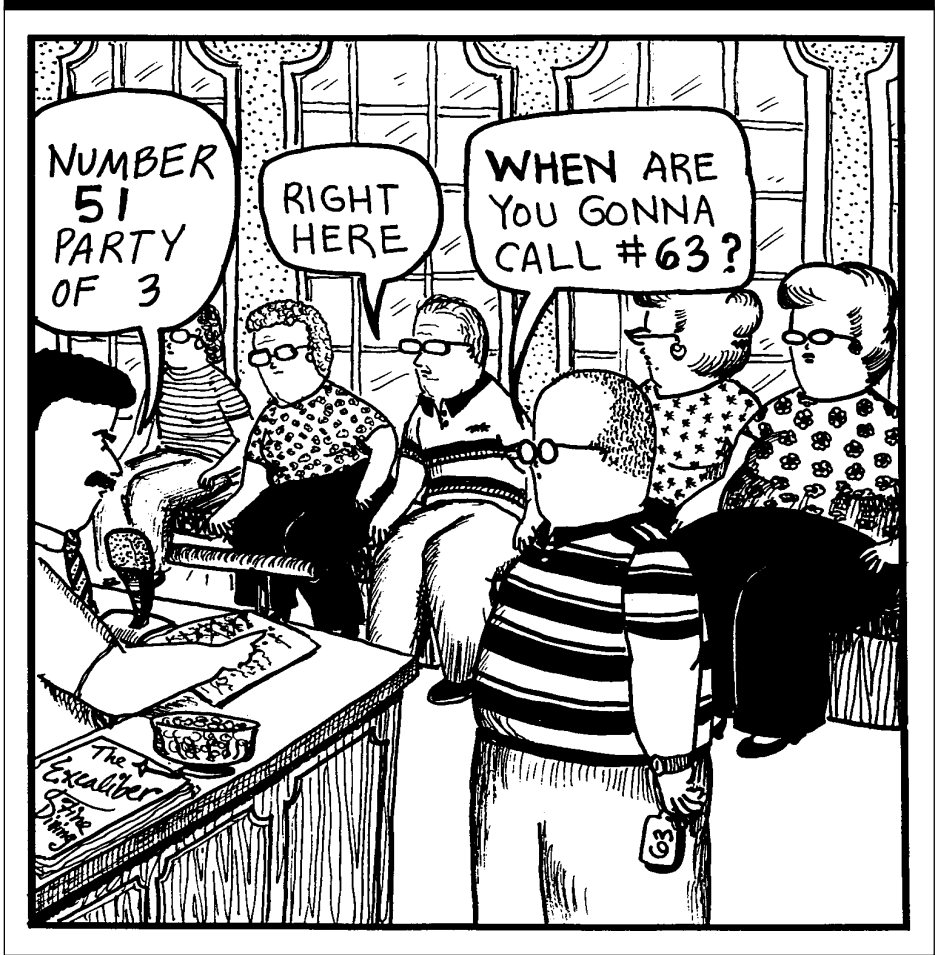
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I look over at my dad. “Don’t even think about it,” he says, stubbing a cigarette. Saying nothing, I point at the TV screen. “No!” he yells.

“Shady Acres isn’t a retirement home for old folks. It’s an active community for seniors who still have some pep,” the announcer states matter-of-factly. A couple in white bucket hats plays shuffleboard; they stop to wave at the camera. I’m still pointing at the television set.

“You’re not putting me in one of those goddamned homes!” Dad yells. I say nothing, my finger still directed at the screen. “Nope,” he says, calming a little. “I’m not going.”

“In you go,” I say. “I give you, eh, maybe ten years.”

“I’m not going!” he yells. “I’m moving out in the desert. Out in Nevada. Where it’s hot and they don’t have the stupid laws that they’ve got here. I’m going to sit out on the front porch in the sun and shoot my guns and then go ride my motorcycles.”

“Oh, no,” I tell him. “You’re going to putter around with those old farts. It’s going to be white v-neck sweaters and sandwiches in the clubhouse. It’s going to be crafts and bingo and movies on Wednesday night. We’re going to trade in your greasy jeans for a nice pair of khaki pants. Those Harley T-shirts will have to go. No more smoking and drinking.”

My dad pops a knife from its holster on his belt, “I’ll cut your throat.”

“You won’t be able to,” I answer. “You’ll be a doddering old coot. You won’t have your faculties. I’m going to sell your motorcycle and guns and donate the money to Dianne Feinstein.”

“Why you, filthy little — ” he stops, replaces his knife. He cradles his head in his hands for a second and then says, “Where did I go wrong with you? I’ll tell you what. If you put me in that home, I’ll burn it down, I’ll drive that golf cart to the nearest motorcycle dealership, and I’ll ride away. And, when I die, it’ll be on that bike, out in the desert, and for a funeral you can stick a bone up my ass and let the dogs drag me off. Deal?”

He leans back in his recliner and lights another cigarette. The old man. Smoke circles his head and hangs.

“Deal.”

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
CHICAGO HOPE
DHCP 9:00 A.M.
My physician and roommate, Kip, has suggested that eating three almonds a day is

enough to ward off cancer. Since I’ve heard this news I’ve been eating seven almonds a day. I expect to be bulletproof by the end of the week and invisible in time for Halloween. I should get a cape.

LARRY KING LIVE
CNN 9:00 P.M.
It takes a village to raise an idiot.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
60 MINUTES II
KFMB 8:00 P.M.
Bring me the eyebrows of Andy Rooney!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
PRESIDENT BUSH'S WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS AND DEMOCRATIC RESPONSE
CSPAN2 3:45 P.M.
If Condoleezza Rice had a white-templed beehive hairdo she’d look like the bride of Frankenstein. With those saloon-door teeth and that Neanderthal brow I can’t help but imagine lightning shuffling up a Jacob’s ladder behind her head and the eerie “ooooWOOOOooo” of a theremin.

CONNECT WITH ENGLISH
ITV 3:30 P.M.
I’m teaching my neighbor American slang and he’s teaching me Korean. The building across the street was just painted the same color as a band-aid. “Hot ass, Stephan. It looks like hot ass.” He points his finger and nods his head. “Look like hot ass.”

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
GACY (2003)
EMYST 5:00 P.M.
Last week I told of a young woman who had a Tupac statue on her coffee table. You think that’s bad? Steve the Texan has gone over to a nice young woman’s house after a few drinks and found her CLOWN SUIT in the closet. That’s as creepy as it gets.



R U the Girl with T-Boz and Chilli

JUDGE JUDY
KUSI 7:30 P.M.
I’d pay to see Judge Judy take on Judge Joe Brown. No-holds-barred. Cage match. Smart money’s on Judy.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
MY SUPER SWEET 16
MTV 6:00 P.M.
I feel like I need a tetanus booster just knowing this exists.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
R U THE GIRL WITH T-BOZ AND CHILLI
XUPN 8:00 P.M.
Why would they spell “the” and “girl” correctly?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
DAILY SHOW
COMEDY 8:00 P.M.
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"I curse the day I set foot in this godforsaken colony."

By John Brizzolara

My associations with Labor Day are pretty much nonexistent. It was a union thing, I figure (without going to an almanac of any kind) and another occasion for long weekends and socially sanctioned beer consumption. I seem to recall it was once Arbor Day, (nice idea, plant a tree or something), but I may be thinking of something else. Possibly Veterans Day, for example, née Armistice Day. At any rate, other than an occasion to blow off work, drink beer, and (at one time) cease wearing white, it only signaled the end of summer vacation and back to school.

School is several lifetimes behind me, and until I moved to San Diego in 1980, the first week of September was a demarcation of an end in sight to a kind of reverse Seasonal Affect Disorder. Summer can depress me thoroughly. While, back East, the end of it might have been in sight with a few heat waves to go, here in San Diego, we usually have until late October to grin at each other with a kind of hyper-mania, smearing on sunscreen and congratulating each other on the native intelligence to get in out of the rain.

The occasion also arises to think about changing, say, elevator conversation

from, "Hot enough for you?" to "Where did the summer go?" as a segue to "Got your Christmas shopping done?" or my favorite, the maddening, rhetorical, implicitly critical, "Ready for Christmas?" Any one of these, were I king and not just president of my tenants committee, would be cause for justifiable homicide. Actually, Wal-Mart, as I write this, seems fairly ready — or it may be Kmart or both.

Meanwhile I can still be seen on the streets muttering to myself in a Sidney Greenstreet baritone phlegm, "Indeed, sir. I curse the day I set foot in this godforsaken colony! The heat, the flies, the bloody lazy punkah wallahs. Rude wogs, sir. Rude wogs, with their surfing planks. Well, I suppose that's why we're here. Set the bloody place right. Still, the sun, sir, it gets to the brain, it does. Wear your sun helmet, and make no mistake. Plenty of Boodles and quinine as well, if you take my meaning."

Does this help me? I think it does and it certainly keeps anyone from speaking to me on the trolley as I'm blinking sweat from my eyes and trying to read *The Raj Quartet*, a task, I tell you, nearly impossible while being forced to listen to R. Kelly's narrative of furtive bedroom booty escapades at deafening volume from a murderously loud CD player.

The film *The Endless Summer*, viewed from a Chicago movie theatre in the dead of February, seemed blissfully idyllic. The very title is now a cruel irony of relentless stiflement and searing, sunny weatherbabble mouthed by the aboriginal real-estate boosters, Chamber of Commerce cheerleaders, and the savage brain-burned dingbats of Enron by the Sea.

Why don't you just move? Go back to Chicago! We'll help you pack! I can hear the indignant sun chauvinists as they move their lips reading the paper, crayons clutched in one hand, Prozac prescription in the other, bent over their caramel/cranberry/almond half-caf and decaf combo with low-fat whip, macadamia sprinkles, and Madagascar cinnamon frappe-latte mochaccino Americano Ventres...your whey biscottis and ginseng breath mints. Oh, you would like that, wouldn't you?

Don't think I'm unaware of who you are. All of you, with your Hawaiian,



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regular-guy shirts and razor-cuts, manicures, and avocado facials. Heh, heh, and don't think I don't see you women either. Tormenting me, all of you with your too-tight harlot T-shirts exposing your navels and nubile rolls of bronzed baby fat, trying to catch my eye on the #2 bus! Well, it won't work. You see, I have taken precautions against the sun and the weatherman and the surf-report guy.

And the evil Republican emanations from your diabolic totem, that Panda-thing at the zoo! I have girded my loins with aluminum foil in my pants. And beneath this Padres hat? More aluminum foil. So, you see, I am impervious and you are all on my list.

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