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Vacuous Friends

Dear Barbarella, Emerson once said that "education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper," and Clint Eastwood said that "people used to be able to disagree politically and still be friends, which doesn't happen anymore." If your friends can't talk politics without losing their minds, that should tell you something about them ("Diary of a Diva," September 1).

Furthermore, if all your friends talk about is reality television, you have two problems — your friends and you have nothing in common and your friends are vacuous and boring.

Remember the piece you wrote a few months ago about cleaning emotional house? Re-read it and follow your own advice.

John
via e-mail

Random Killers

In response to the article titled "Peace Seekers" (Local Events, September 1), I just wanted to say the last paragraph was the biggest load of crap I've ever read. Grover states, "Gang members don't kill people that preaches peace 'cause all gang members are looking for peace."

How would gangsters know what kind of people they kill? They often shoot random people on the street they don't know at all. Gangsters would shoot the Dalai Lama if they didn't like the way he answered the ridiculous question, "Where are you from?"

As far as featuring ex-gang members in the Reader, please bring back the wisdom of Curtis Howard and spare us the inanity of Derek Grover.

Rebecca Stanger
Pacific Beach

Reach One Child

Re "My Past Announced Itself" by Curtis Howard

("City Lights," August 25). I just wanted to say I was extremely impressed with this article.

And I just wanted to let Curtis know that it is so true what people say: if you can reach one child — or just one individual — and make a difference in their life, it counts. It seems like a small drop in the bucket, but you never know what that person needed that day to encourage them to do the right thing, and you might be that one person, that one thing that makes them think twice, and you can stop a domino effect of bad things from occurring. I have two sons and I work with kids daily, and I constantly tell myself that no matter what happens, if I can make a difference in one child's life, just one, by even saying good morning to them — something they might not get at home — it makes a big difference.

So I just wanted to let Mr. Howard know that I really enjoyed his article. I thought it was great. And for him to keep up the good work and just know that that one person he touches will remember him, forever.

Tracie Moreland
San Diego

Krautrock

Hello, I'm writing this letter to Dave Good concerning his concert-preview piece about the New York Dolls ("Of Note," August 25). I know that this might fall under the "It's always something" label, but I must take issue with you over the description of Can as a "Stones-ish" band. Can isn't *anything* like the Stones. Certainly not in the era of the Dolls. During that era, the Stones were mining a deep blues vein and then shifted to explore dance-and-soul-inspired rhythms. The albums I'm thinking of would be *Exile on Main St.*, *It's Only Rock 'N Roll*, and maybe *Black and Blue*. Can is a German band that were deeply associated with what is called "krautrock." Although this term is loosely applied at best, considering the range of musical groups involved, it generally implies an odd combination of funky, James Brown-inspired beat with rigid, hypnotic melodies and lyrics reflecting futuristic and

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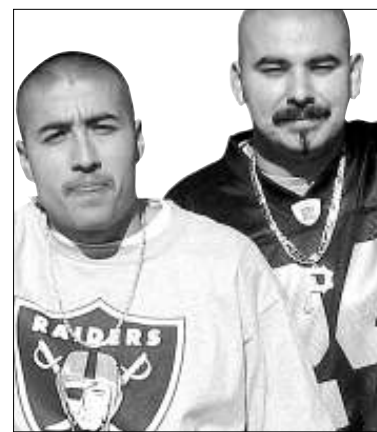
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Now they tell us With the city's finances in tatters, the *Union-Tribune* has lately been talking up the idea of raising taxes. In a lengthy front-page story a week ago Sunday, headlined "America's cheapest city," the newspaper set forth its case. "Despite their repugnance for higher taxes, residents and city leaders have



From the San Diego Union-Tribune, 8/28/05

long had a passion for pricey programs," the story declared, citing the "new downtown ballpark" as an example. "And with each new program, there has been no new revenue source to pay for it," the story pointed out. "The bottom line: San Diegans can blame themselves, in part, for today's financial chaos."

But maybe the *U-T* shouldn't be hard on its readers, since for years the paper has told them that the huge ballpark subsidy paid to megamillionaire Padres owner **John Moores** wouldn't require new taxes. One example is an editorial dated February 5, 2001, in which the *U-T*, long a cheerleader for public spending to benefit the Padres and Chargers, wrote: "Some council members have questioned whether the city can afford its \$225 million contribution to the ballpark's construction. The short answer is, of course it can." The editorial went on to repeat what for it was a familiar mantra: that the ballpark would be a great economic engine, financed not by locals but by hotel taxes paid by tourists, as well as real estate taxes on new Moores developments surrounding the park. "Annual financing costs on the ballpark bonds are estimated at about \$25 million, and they may be even less because of looming cuts in interest rates. What's more, redevelopment taxes in the ballpark district are running higher than anticipated and can help close any gap in hotel tax revenues." Critics of the subsidy, like ex-councilman **Bruce Henderson**, were routinely derided by the *U-T* as "obstructionists." Moores later gave the paper inside dibs on two multimillion-dollar condominium suites in the top stories of the ballpark's Omni Hotel, developed with the aid of city taxpayers, a fact also omitted from last week's tax-raising story.

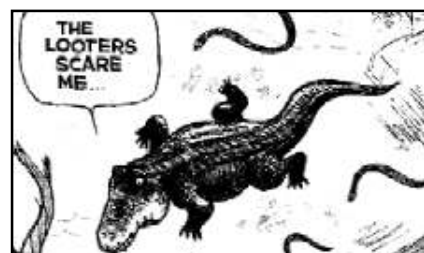
Unplugged The longtime head of the City of San Diego's cable television operation and founding manager of its cable TV channel has left his job over unspecified "personnel issues." Reached at home by phone, ex-city cable administrator **Mark Jaffee**, an "at will" employee who served at the pleasure of city manager **Lamont Ewell**, confirmed that he had been relieved of his duties without cause and given no reason for his dismissal. Some city hall insiders suggest that Jaffee's departure may have been related to watchdog **Mel Shapiro**'s call for the city-operated cable channel to televise a series of debates between mayoral can-

didates **Jerry Sanders** and **Donna Frye**. According to that theory, Jaffee was in favor of the debates, but city hall higher-ups like Ewell nixed the idea and got rid of Jaffee in the bargain. Others point to an earlier contretemps about whether city attorney **Mike Aguirre** should get coverage on the city channel; that idea was also vetoed. In addition to running the cable channel, Jaffee processed citizens' complaints and handled other cable regulatory matters. He says he is currently mulling employment options. His supporters say it's possible that whoever is elected mayor in November will rehire him. City officials declined comment.



Lamont Ewell

Cartoonish Two former San Diego political cartoonists now living in the region devastated by Hurricane Katrina had radically different takes on the disaster last week. **J.D. Crowe**, who drew for the *Evening Tribune* and then the *Reader* before taking a job at the daily *Mobile Register* in Alabama, offered a caricature of a befuddled **George Bush** standing under a line reading, "He's relaxed, well-rested, and almost four days late. He's our national disaster president," with Bush saying, "I got here the minute I found out... my vacation was over." On the other hand, **Steve Kelly**, fired by the *Union-Tribune* after a spat with editorial chief **Bob Kittle** following a spate of bad ink about Kelly's fathering an out-of-wedlock child with the widow of Hotel del Coronado mogul **M. Larry**



Steve Kelly cartoon

Lawrence, was less than sympathetic to the locals. Now working for the New Orleans *Times-Picayune*—which managed to publish via the Web during the peak of the disaster—Kelly pictured a wife reading a newspaper to her husband about post-Katrina unrest in the Big Easy. She tells him, "They're shooting each other in New Orleans." He replies, "So things are getting back to normal..." Another Kelly cartoon featured an alligator swimming down a New Orleans street, telling a nearby snake, "The looters scare me..." The executive board of the San Diego city Firefighters Union, Local 145, has voted to boycott the *Union-Tribune* "and encourage its members and Fire Department fire stations to discontinue subscriptions to the newspaper," according to a recent posting on the union's website. "Citing the numerous articles and editorials over the past year that contained misinformation, a distortion of facts and subjective reporting and editorializing, members of the L145 executive board have called for an end to patronage of the daily paper."

— Matt Potter

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She's No Dumbbell

By Don Bauder

Forget those jokes: blondes are *not* dumb. The proof is the former Nancy Hoover Hunter — now named Nancy Fletcher and once again living in luxury in San Diego County.

She and her husband of two years, Eugene Fletcher, have homes in Rancho Santa Fe and Coronado Cays and have access to the Del Mar beach homes used by the

home in Mexico and plan to sell the one in Coronado.

Fifteen years ago, she begged forgiveness for her role in the J. David investment scam, which mesmerized San Diego in the 1980s. Found guilty by a jury of four

investors' money, not their own. It was a classic Ponzi scheme — early investors being paid off with funds from later investors — and it collapsed, ultimately sending the lovebirds and some of their associates to the pokey.

Dominelli was sentenced in 1985 to 20 years. Early in his incarceration, she found another lover: Kenneth Hunter, a multimillionaire from Montecito, the super-upscale suburb of Santa Barbara. He spent \$2 million on her defense. They married and lived several years at his manor. He



The Fletchers' Coronado Cays house



Nancy Hoover and J. David Dominelli, 1982

Fletcher clan. They were built by Colonel Ed Fletcher, who arrived in San Diego in 1888 and developed such areas as Mt. Helix, Grossmont, Fletcher Hills, and parts of El Cajon. His descendants were kingpins in the savings and loan and legal fraternities, and the family remains socially prominent. Eugene and Nancy Fletcher are building another

tax counts, she was sentenced to ten years in prison but served 30 months because she provided information that was deemed useful in a related trial.

From the early to mid-1980s, she and her then-lover, J. David "Jerry" Dominelli, had gone on a spending binge from their Rancho Santa Fe digs. Alas, they were spending

died in early 2000, and his estate later coughed up \$10 million toward partial cleanup of a toxic dump he had owned.

Some amateur psychologists theorize that Nancy

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Neal Obermeyer



Trouble at Midnight

By Joe Deegan

In early September 2001, Carol Eklund went to Paris for a fashion show. She was looking for new lines to offer sales representatives of a wholesale business she had started two years earlier. Her return to San Diego was scheduled for September 10, but early that



Carol Eklund

morning she phoned her husband to say she wanted to stay longer. Would he change her airline reservations by 24 hours? He could pick her up at Lindbergh Field late the following day, she told him.

I spoke with Sven Eklund in March of this year. His wife's flight home was well under way, he said, when it was directed to return to London due to terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. During a call from London, he said, she complained that the flight was the worst she'd ever experienced. Everybody on the plane seemed to be coughing and sneezing. And now she too felt a cold coming on.

Most passengers from the flight had to spend four days in London. "Carol had a room one or two nights," said Sven Eklund, "but not every night. She stayed in the airport waiting for a flight home. Thousands of people were there in the same situation."

Carol complained of headaches, a backache, and a sore neck upon her arrival in the couple's Encinitas home.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

After several days of bed rest, according to Eklund, she visited a medical clinic, returning two more times after feeling no better from taking medications she received there. Each day a different doctor diagnosed her as having migraine

headaches. "But the third one," said Eklund, "told her that it might be meningitis and that if she didn't get better soon, she'd better get to a hospital."

"So on Sunday morning, September 23, I drove her to Scripps Memorial Hospital

Encinitas, and they diagnosed very quickly that it was viral spinal meningitis, which they said was not life threatening." Nevertheless, the hospital admitted Carol and put her on antibiotics in case she was suffering from the more dangerous bac-

terial meningitis. On Tuesday evening Carol began feeling better and called her husband to say that she had eaten and would come home soon.

But in the middle of the night, said Eklund, his mother-

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4007 St. Charles Is Dry

By Alan Boudreaux

Last Sunday morning, August 28, at about 7 a.m., I left my apartment on St. Charles Avenue to evacuate New Orleans as Hurricane Katrina closed in. The night before, my parents had plans to "vertically evacuate" to a room in a downtown hotel, but I had managed to convince them over drinks that they should leave town, because this storm looked bad. I didn't sleep that night, watching the weather channel as the storm approached. I packed light — some T-shirts and jeans in my backpack, enough books and DVDs to keep me occupied for a few days out of town, and the hard drives from my computer — just in case.

By now you all know the case: New Orleans is decimated, drowned. First by the 165 mph onslaught of Katrina, then by floodwaters and

broken levees, and now by anarchic criminal thuggery and an equally criminal lack of federal action. Who knows



Flooded New Orleans home

when it will end — it's Thursday as I write this — it's been four days since the storm hit,

and the situation only becomes worse by the moment. The devastation...it's unimaginable. The human cost, the emotional toll, the geographic destruction, the economic ruin, it's all more than my mind can even process. We evacuees are all walking around on autopilot, not really admitting to ourselves what happened and what continues to happen. At the same time, it's all we can talk about, and our televisions and radios and Web browsers are nothing but dis-

homes or our loved ones.

I'm lucky; I was able to evacuate with my family (my parents, grandmother, two aunts, a great aunt, and a cousin) to Destin, on the Florida Gulf Coast, where my parents have a vacation condominium. It might be a crazy place to evacuate to, on the coast and all, but by the time we left, it was clear that the worst we'd see here would be nothing compared to what was about to happen in New Orleans. Things have been easy here — it's the beach, we have everything we need, all our relatives are safe, and my family can stay here as long as they want. But I'm in the great minority of evacuees in that sense.

E-mail has been an incredible asset through this whole ordeal — and so has my Weblog, *Unapologetic*. I've received e-mails of concern and support from so many of my friends that I've lost count — people I haven't spoken to since college have written to make sure I was okay. I've even gotten sympathetic e-mails from readers in Brazil



St. Charles, New Orleans before hurricane

and Singapore and Germany. It's amazing how much that constant flow of support has helped me to get through this week, has kept me from the creeping depression that isn't far from any of Katrina's victims. That being said, I've developed the amazing superpower of being able to cry in public, whenever some little memory hits me and I realize I may never again experience the little details that were my day-to-day life — coffee at PJ's

Coffeshop on Magazine Street, drinks at Molly's at the Market, jogging on the street car tracks under the great live oaks of St. Charles Avenue.

I've also been able to keep in contact with many of my friends from town, now fellow evacuees scattered throughout the country, and to read their stories — most got out early, as I did, but some of them, or their relatives or friends, stayed through the

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latched on to Dominelli because she was envious that her sister, Carolyn, was married to a Fletcher — Steve, who is a cousin of Eugene's. Now it has come full circle: they are both married to Fletchers.

"Nancy's defense in the fraud case was that she was a dumb blonde, just doing what Jerry told her to do," says Gay Hugo-Martinez, the former assistant U.S. attorney who successfully prosecuted Fletcher (then Hoover Hunter). "She is no dumbbell. I don't know what this woman has. But she could make millions writing a book and letting other women know how she does it."

Only one juror voted not to convict her on a group of fraud counts. After the decision, Hugo-Martinez interviewed the lone holdout. "The juror told us, 'I know she is a dumb blonde because I watch all the soap operas on TV, and all the blondes on the soaps are really dumb.' The agents and I looked at each other and said, 'Holy cow, can you believe that?'" recalls Hugo-Martinez. She left the U.S. attorney's office years ago, complaining that it was mismanaged by Alan Bersin, who has since gone on to the education field. She is serving as president of the San Diego Chamber Orchestra this year and heading a search for a new artistic director.

"I honestly believe

Dominelli would never have committed this crime if he hadn't been having this affair with Nancy," says Hugo-Martinez. "He was a poor, sick puppy dog in love; he just couldn't say no to her." While she took care of the administrative side, he was supposed to be trading in foreign currencies. But he wasn't trading. "They both knew it was a fraud. She wrote that damning little note, the smoking gun that showed she knew exactly what was going on."

Nancy refuses to be interviewed. But Eugene Fletcher says, "Nancy feels she has paid her dues. We don't want people throwing darts at us." My book about the J. David scam, *Captain Money and the Golden Girl*, which the *Reader* reprinted over the summer, is "nothing but trash, crap. She feels it was trash."

Neither he nor many other sources I interviewed know Dominelli's whereabouts. He spent a dozen years in prison and was released to a halfway house in Chicago, where he is presumed to remain. He had suffered a stroke early in his prison stay and has probably not made much headway, say sources who interacted with him earlier.

One member of the Hoover/Dominelli inner circle who appears to be missing is Ken Holm, the brother of Nancy and Carolyn. He went to jail for running his own Ponzi scheme. Eugene Fletcher and another family member say he hasn't been seen for some time.

Some people involved in the J. David adventure have done very well. Mike Aguirre, who pressed civil suits against firms that provided services to J. David, is trying to clean up San Diego as city attorney. Roger Hedgecock, former mayor who was convicted on felony counts of taking under-the-table campaign payments from his friend Nancy, is a right-wing radio commentator who sometimes pinch hits for Rush Limbaugh. Most of the convictions were overturned by the state supreme court, and Hedgecock settled with prosecutors. His campaign consultant, Tom Shepard, admitted that he had taken funds illegally. Shepard has since handled campaigns for former mayor Susan Golding and is now coaching mayoral candidate Jerry Sanders.

Hedgecock's lawyer in his second trial, Mafia defense attorney Oscar Goodman, went on to become a nationally known mayor of Las Vegas. He is a part-time Coronado resident. George Mitrovich, J. David's community relations adviser, became a downtown insider and corporate welfare booster.

Sheryl White, J. David's first accountant, smelled out the scam early and tipped off federal authorities, who wouldn't listen. Now she has a firm, Statecraft, that designs compliance software for politicians. She had handled Duke Cunningham's account since 1992, then was fired by his new chief of staff right before stories of his financial impro-

prieties broke. "I lost him but picked up three others," she says.

One-time Dominelli attorney Norman Nouskajian spent eight months in prison for mail and securities violations. After he got out, he was reinstated by the bar and is practicing in San Diego. "It's an old story," he says.

Allan Frostrom, who was the final bankruptcy trustee, notes, "There were a billion dollars of claims [by investors]. When it was all sorted out, it seems to me that there were 1400 people that could prove they lost money. The final sum, it seems to me, was \$93 million," but investors recovered much of that from deep-pocket suits. Today, Frostrom is an attorney who also has a real estate business.

Some people who were deep in the J. David adventure didn't fare well. Richard Silberman, who hoodwinked Dominelli into making a gold mine investment, later went to prison for money laundering. Attorney Nicholas Coscia, who had joined J. David and immediately smelled out the scam, pleaded guilty to manipulating a stock and was sentenced to two years of probation in 1996.

Beginning in the early 1990s, a lawyer and local judges became involved in ugly bribery cases. One of the lawyers pressing deep-pocket J. David suits, Patrick Frega, was convicted of racketeering charges for his gifts to local judges. Former judge James A. Malkus, who had

handled one of the J. David cases, was convicted. Former judge Michael Greer, who had been a J. David investor, pleaded guilty to a bribery count.

Jerome Schneider, who sold Jerry and Nancy a bank on the offshore haven of Montserrat, was sentenced to six months in prison last year for defrauding the Internal Revenue Service. Richard P. Stark, jury foreman in Hedgecock's second trial, was sentenced to ten years in prison in 1993 after his real estate lending machine fell apart.

When Hedgecock was running for mayor, Larry Remer ran a publication that Nancy financed. Remer used the paper to plug Hedgecock and planned to use his mayoral connections to squeeze potential advertisers. Later he became a political consultant and is now under indictment for illegally using taxpayer funds to promote a bond campaign.

Some prominent personalities have died. U.S. district court judge Earl B. Gilliam, who heard Nancy's case and sentenced her, died in 2001. Retired Marine General Louis Metzger, the primary bankruptcy trustee, died last month at 88. M. Larry Lawrence, San Diego hotelier who loaned Dominelli money early on, then wisely up, died a supposed war hero but was dug up in ignominy. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery because of his purported heroics with the U.S. Merchant Marine. But it was all untrue, and his body was disinterred. ■

Trouble at midnight

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in-law, Teresa Garcia, staying bedside, noticed that her daughter was having trouble breathing. At seven the next morning, a code blue sounded, and Carol Eklund was pronounced dead. She was 34 years old. In addition to her parents and husband, she left behind a daughter, Tova, 9, and a 3-year-old son, Sven Diego.

What happened and didn't happen in Carol's hospital room between midnight and 7:00 a.m., September 26, 2001, became the focus of a lawsuit that Sven Eklund filed seeking damages from Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas on behalf of himself and his children. While waiting for the trial, Eklund in 2002 moved his family to Sweden, where they live today. In the meantime, he hired attorney David Miller to handle his case. After several delays, the case went to court in February of this year. Eklund attended the trial and returned in March to handle further matters relating to the case.

As the trial unfolded, the main point of contention became whether Scripps Hospital breached the "standard of care" that a patient in Carol Eklund's condition could expect to receive. Not long after midnight on the morning of her death, according to records presented at trial, Carol again began experiencing a lot of headache pain. To counteract the pain, hospital staff reminded

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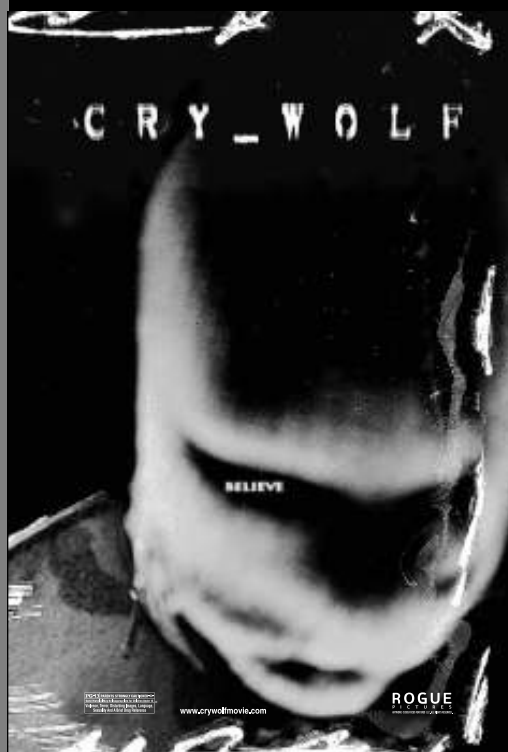
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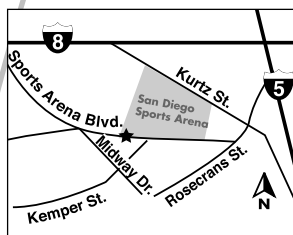
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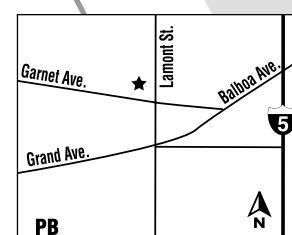
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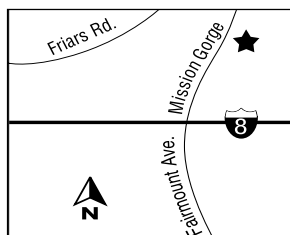
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Scripps Hospital nurse Joan Loftin made the following nursing chart entry for Carol at 3:00 a.m.: "[Patient] found lethargic and unresponsive to verbal and painful stimulation. Medicate." It then notes intravenous administration of two milligrams of Narcan, a drug that counteracts the effects of morphine. Subsequently, the log records, Carol was observed "thrashing" about in her bed.

But Teresa Garcia testified during trial that throughout the early-morning ordeal, hospital nursing staff did little more than make their routinely scheduled checks of Carol's vital signs. Scripps Hospital's nursing supervisor, Rebecca Long, seems to corroborate the point in a pretrial deposition. There she agrees with a hospital attorney's summary of her position that reads: "The nursing staff...all failed to recognize the acuity of the patient and that this patient needed a higher level of care than could be provided in a med/surgery area." Long also stated that although nurses

did "assess" Carol's pain, they did not ask why she was having it. And Long agreed that among the nurses, there was a "lack of in-depth neurologic assessment after the administration of Narcan as well as a lack of continuous respiratory assessment."

At the trial's conclusion, the jury responded "yes" to the question, "Was the defendant negligent in the treatment of Carol Eklund?" They then were asked, "Was the defendant's negligence a substantial factor in causing the death of Carol Eklund?" Their answer of "no" has denied to Sven Eklund any monetary compensation for damages to him and his family.

In all, including money to hire three expert witnesses, Eklund maintains he paid attorney David Miller over \$90,000 to pursue his case against Scripps Hospital. At the beginning of their relationship, according to Eklund, Miller exuded confidence at the lawsuit's prospects. At trial's end, the two were feuding over courtroom tactics. Eklund has found another attorney to take the trial's verdict to California's courts of appeal. Miller did not return phone calls seeking comment on the situation.

Eklund's disappointment in the lawsuit's outcome is heightened by his feeling that Miller did not make Ativan, the last drug given to Carol before her death, a major focus in the trial. After Narcan counteracted the effects of morphine in Carol's body, nurse Loftin sought a decision from physician and neurological

specialist Benjamin Frishberg about how to address Carol's "agitation." According to trial records, Frishberg, on duty at the hospital that morning, prescribed one milligram of Ativan, a common antianxiety medication. He did not look in on Carol, making his decision on the basis of nursing information.

According to court documents, Frishberg also testified at trial that he did not prescribe any further administration of morphine. Nevertheless, trial transcripts reveal that someone turned Carol's morphine pump back on between the time she received the Ativan dose and the pronouncement of her death at 7:00 a.m. But this information did not appear on Carol's nursing log.

In consulting with doctors in Sweden, Eklund has come to believe that a combination of Ativan and morphine in his wife's body is what killed her. Eklund put me in contact with Bengt Nellgard, head of the neuro intensive care unit at a university hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Nellgard wrote me that an unconscious patient given morphine must be monitored at all times. "If an unconscious patient is given Narcan to reverse morphine treatment, that patient should be transferred to an [intensive care unit] and not be given Ativan. Ativan given after morphine can decrease breathing drive and in a meningitis, supposedly with higher intercranial pressure than normal, this may be

deleterious."

I took the issue of morphine and Ativan interaction to several local pharmacists and to Professor Gordon McGuire at UCSD's School of Pharmacy. The pharmacists requested anonymity but agreed that nothing they know forbids Ativan from being given patients already on morphine. One of them, however, said that the situation can be similar to someone drinking heavily and then taking sleeping pills, which also depress the central nervous system. That combination has had fatal consequences, she said. Both Ativan and morphine depress the central nervous system too.

McGuire told me it is not uncommon for hospital patients already on morphine to be given Ativan to relax them. He also states that Narcan, even though its action lasts only an hour, permanently reverses the effects of a morphine dose.

In appealing the trial's verdict, Eklund may only be acting out his grief. But most medical experts contend that viral meningitis is rarely, if ever, deadly. Steven Campman, of the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office, testified at trial, however, that an autopsy of Carol Eklund's body revealed the cause of her death to be "meningoencephalitis." He explained that the Coxsackie B2 virus that had caused her meningitis had entered her brain.

Eklund remembers the only time he spoke with Campman. The doctor called him nine days after Carol's death, according to Eklund, to say there was

no evidence of the virus having entered her brain and that he was puzzled as to the cause of her death. Several weeks later, Eklund received the autopsy report. But it was a report on the death of a 65-year-old man. After notifying the medical examiner's office of the mistake, Eklund said he finally received Carol's autopsy report. He observed immediately that it was dated the day after her death, yet it identified the cause of death as meningoencephalitis. "So apparently Campman declared the cause of her death," said Eklund, "well before he called me to say he couldn't explain it."

Campman, said Eklund, "never returned the eight or nine calls I made to his office to get clarification of the inconsistency." The next time Eklund saw Campman, he was testifying from the witness stand.

Reached by phone, Campman told me that in their conversation he told Eklund that he couldn't "see" meningoencephalitis as the cause of her death. But that's because the naked eye cannot detect it in the brain. Later, when results of microscope analysis came back, he learned that the cause of death was meningoencephalitis. The medical examiner's toxicology report did show that morphine was present in Carol's body but not in excessive amounts, said Campman. And he maintained that a combination of Ativan and morphine could not have killed her because her body had no remnants of the Ativan. ■

St. Charles is dry

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storm and were forced to leave when the levee broke. One friend's parents were rescued off of their roof, brought to dry ground, and left there. They walked to a friend's home for shelter, and found him there, protecting his property with a shotgun, and together they got in a car and drove along a railroad track until they were able to cut down a fence to reach the interstate and head out of town. Everyone has stories like that, but what's worse are what you hear about those who haven't been able to leave. I know of several people — a friend's mother, someone else's aunt and uncle, a neighbor in my condo complex — who have been in touch via text messages and remain holed up in their homes in uptown New Orleans, running out of supplies, and afraid to even look out of their windows for fear of being murdered by criminals. A doctor friend of my aunt's, who had stayed at Children's Hospital with patients, had to be "escorted" with her patients by private armed guards to a helicopter when the hospital fell under siege by looters trying to reach its pharmacy.

I've been trying to speak with as many other evacuees as I can around here this week. Everyone has been eager to trade stories in hopes that they'll hear something about their neighborhood, their block, their home, their friends who

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they haven't been able to get in touch with. I thought I might find people out and about at the local beach bars and restaurants trying to drown their sorrows or make the best of a bad situation, but those places have all been empty of evacuees. Nothing could ever make this feel like a vacation. The only places I've found people congregated are around what few computer terminals there are here (in the lobby of the Sandestin Hilton hotel) that are open to guests, and everyone is just concerned with finding that one bit of hopeful information. A website that had been set up at www.scipionus.com was extremely useful, as it contained a Google map of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast, which people could annotate with damage reports for specific addresses.

That's where I met a nurse named Jean, trying to find information about her home in Diamondhead, Mississippi, west of Biloxi — nothing definitive turned up, but she found reports that some nearby homes had been totally destroyed. Another family, from New Orleans, was gath-

ered around Laurie, a Mount Carmel High School sophomore who was checking discussion groups for information about her friends, and when, if ever, they might be able to return to school there. Mount Carmel is near the break in the levee that has caused so much of the flooding into the city, and the news seemed bleak. An attorney named George was concerned for his home in an affluent suburb after hearing a rumor of deep flooding, but wasn't able to find any relevant information and left, obviously shaken and nervous. I even ran into a friend from home, a graphic designer named David Caruso, who with his fiancé, Liz, searched until they found an aerial photograph of their neighborhood and only the roof of their newly purchased home visible in what must have been 12 feet of water. In the same photo I located my grandmother's house and an aunt's, all completely submerged. All we could do was laugh, because...what else can you do? We've all cried so much already.

Like everyone else, I've looked for word on my own

address, and found the simple message that "4007 St. Charles is DRY." I got chills of joy. Why exactly that cheered me up, I don't know, because even if I got very little wind or flood damage, the situation in New Orleans is so fucked up at the moment that (living on a major thoroughfare as I do) I've got to almost assume that by the time we can go back there in a few months, my building will have been ransacked by the looting thug mobs that have taken control of the city. As far as my stuff is concerned, it's not important, I think we've all kind of written off all of our property — you can't count on it being there intact, and even if it is, what does it matter in the face of what everyone else has lost? That's not what bothers me. What bothers me, and what's killing the living, breathing thing that was New Orleans, is the loss of order, the dissolution of the social contract, and the descent of modern Americans into complete bloody savagery.

It's beyond comprehension. The danger is immense. They looted and burned a shopping mall and shot at the

firemen who tried to put it out. They've shot so many New Orleans Police that the police that are left are turning in their badges by the hundreds. I'm sorry, but these are savages; if they're so content in a land without law, they don't deserve trials and juries. Anyone seen committing a crime should be shot on sight, or better yet, left there in the water for the next few months to die slow deaths from cholera and malaria and toxoplasmosis.

I had to turn off the television just now because I can't stand listening to the director of FEMA spewing forth about how good a job the federal government is doing responding to this disaster, while we've got the radio tuned into the one New Orleans station still broadcasting, WWL 870 AM, and hearing our elected officials, now helpless and in tears, describe the situation as "the worst type of hell on earth," pleading for troops and humanitarian aid for the starving masses of people at the superdome and the convention center, and saying that FEMA, the Red Cross, and federal law enforcement are

almost completely absent throughout the city and Jefferson Parish despite what they claim in press conferences. They sound like something out of *Black Hawk Down* or some other war movie, infantry lieutenants pinned down with their squads under heavy enemy fire, desperately radioing for backup and being told that it's "on the way" — but it never comes. Forget the most devastating hurricane ever, the federal government's botched response to this is looking like a bureaucratic cluster fuck of biblical proportions. So much for Homeland Security.

We're all still in shock, several days later, but reality is setting in. Talk inevitably turns to the uncertainties and difficulties of the future — will there be a city to go back to? How long will it be before we can? Will we have jobs if there is? Where do we go next?

As this first week of our hellish odyssey comes to an end, everyone is trying to figure out their long-term plans. Most of the people I've spoken to here, as well as friends I've been in contact with by e-mail, can't afford to stay in

hotels much longer and are moving on for extended visits with family or friends in other parts. We won't be let back into our city for several months, and even then probably won't have jobs to go back to — so those of us without extravagant savings have to start finding places to live and work. It looks as if I'll be heading to DC or Chicago, where my generous friends have offered me room and board for as long as it takes to get on my feet again. I'll make it work; not much choice, is there?

There's so much loss I can't talk about it all, I can't understand all the implications, I can't wrap my head around just how bad things are for my city and the wonderful people who gave it spirit and heart and made it the living thing that it was. It is still alive, critically injured, but alive, and mark my words, we will rebuild New Orleans. It will come back, because there are too many of us who love it and need it to be there. New Orleans will be back, better than it was. And I'll be there when it's time to bring it back. ■

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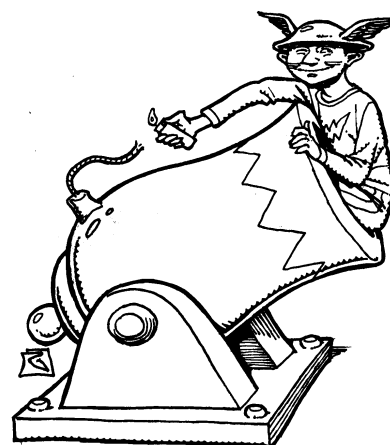
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Dear Matt,

I won't join a circus to find out, so this task goes to you, Matt. What propels the human cannonballs? I don't believe it is a powerful explosive charge. That's for effects. Not a spring, maybe a giant and long bungee, compressed air, steam (catapult), or hydraulics. These are my likely guesses. I can hardly wait to find out.

— Curious Greg Gieselman in Point Loma/OB

Well, how did you know that Grandma comes from a long line of circus folk? We have these cute pictures of Grandma practicing riding a bicycle across a high wire, having a little trouble with her training wheels, though. As a teenager, she was swept off her feet by a trapeze artist but gave up the career when he accidentally dropped her into the elephant pen. But she still gets teary when she sees a big top. And she can tell you without a doubt that no gunpowder is involved in the human-cannonball trick, except as special effects. The living projectile hops into a cylinder that slides down inside the barrel. At the base of the barrel is a container of compressed air set at about 150 psi. The release of the air shoots the cylinder down the barrel, it stops before it's ejected, but of course the human bean keeps going. It might seem like the tricky part is over, but more human projectiles are injured or killed by missing the landing net than by any problems from the concussion. It's a tricky business. The first human cannonball was a woman in a circus in England, and she used a contraption made of springs and wires.

And now, so we can get the Labor Day barbecue going, here's something from the Matthew Alice archives.

Dear Matt:

The other night, when my family and I pondered this question, I had a "Eureka." I realized only one guy (and a few elves) would be able to sort this one out. Our family dog, who's gone by the name of Boondock, is not brilliant, but he's incredibly thoughtful and perceptive. Most of all, he is the most photogenic in the history of all our family pets. When we show him all his great photos, he gets a funny gleam in his eyes. He puts his ears back and licks his lips bashfully. Is he recognizing himself? Can his vision process what is on a photo? And then can he realize how silly he looks in a hat or begging to be photographed? Or are we over-anthropomorphizing?

— Karen in Carlsbad

We get so many cat questions, I guess it was only a matter of time before the doggyphiles checked in. Put down their pooper scoopers and took up pencil and paper. Luckily, dogs' brains are a little more transparent than cats'. And because dogs consider us to be dogs, they talk to us a lot, though sometimes we only hear what we want to. Boondock, f'rinstance. He's saying, "Huh? What? Whazzat? CanIeatit, canIeatit? Pet me! Pet me!" Thoughtful, perceptive Boondock doesn't have a clue, Karen. He knows he's the center of attention, which is good; and you're sticking your hand out like you're giving him a treat, which is good, but the treat doesn't smell, which is not good. Not only can he not recognize himself, he can't even see the photograph very well. He can't begin to appreciate how cute he looks wearing goofy hats. All he knows is that when you pull out the funny box and put it in front of your face, he gets all kinds of attention. Then you get excited and say things such as, "Good boy, Boondock!" Then he gets excited as though it's playtime, and the more he keeps it up, the more attention he gets. All the manipulation is exhausting.

Now go find Boondock and look right into his friendly old doggie face. Note where Boondock's dopey old doggie eyes are. Kind of pointing off to each side, yes? That gives dogs good wide-angle vision but poor ability to focus straight ahead at close range. This makes sense when you consider that dogs are designed to hunt and chase down prey, not be art critics. And dogs are stimulated by things that move. Waving the picture at him might catch his attention, but a plain old Polaroid held in front of his nose simply has no meaning, assuming he can see it at all. That's especially true since not animals don't see things in the detail that we do. They react to larger forms and big movements, not minutiae like the cute expression you've captured when you took the snapshot.

Flashy, multicolored hats on Boondock won't help either. Dogs can distinguish very few colors, since they are designed to hunt at twilight. In short, there's not a thing about your adorable portraits that Boondock finds interesting. All he knows is, you seem to be having fun, and he wants to join in. You're top dog in the pack, after all.

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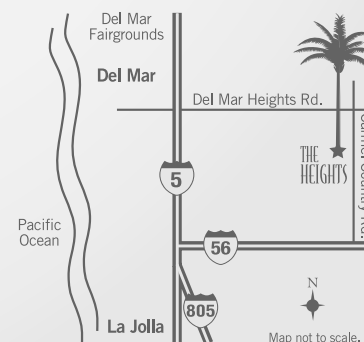
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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

This Week In Sports

On August 24, 1968, Mary McBride and I stood one mile south of Hawthorne, Nevada. It was 108 degrees, and we hadn't eaten in a day or had a change of clothes in two. She was 17. I was 24. We were in love.

Mary grew up in Columbia, a California town of 2500 set in the Sierra Nevada foothills. She was tall — five foot, ten inches — had outrageously long, fire-red hair, green eyes, thin, wide lips, long legs, and large breasts. Now add a sweet disposition and significant talents in art and piano.

We'd met, the preceding spring, in Los Altos Hills, California, at one of my stops, Foothill Junior College. I was living in a 75-dollar-a-month hovel that became, within the space of one week, a 75-dollar-a-month hovel/love nest. At the end of spring semester, Mary, at her mother's insistence, went home to work in a photographer's shop, a job mom arranged the moment she heard that daughter was off the leash.

We planned an August rendezvous at the Fresno airport. Mary would pick me up in her boat of a Ford Fairlane and drive us back to the Bay Area. She would resume her studies, and I, reformed by the love of a good woman, would commence an epic trek to a Ph.D. followed by a tenured life of piano recitals and faculty barbecues.

The Fresno airport closed at midnight, and at midnight I was patrolling the empty terminal under the visual custody of two janitors. Showing the kind of gumption that, 30 years later, would find her as sole owner of a greeting-card company, living on an honest-to-god Mississippi plantation, Mary got through to one of the janitors, who walked the length of the terminal, tapped me on the shoulder, and led me into his office.

Mary said there was an accident followed by a fire. Miraculously, no one was hurt, but she lost her Ford, clothes, money, and I.D. She called from her mother's house in Columbia.

The next morning, I hitched over to retrieve Mary. It was a hostage situation. Her mom had telephoned the cops (Mary was underage by two months) and demanded my arrest. While mom waited for the police to do their duty, we went for a walk. The Bay Area was blown; what should we do? We walked and talked and then, without discussing it, put out our thumbs.

It took two days to travel the 151 miles from Sonora into Hawthorne. This is 1968 in

central Nevada and two longhairs were regarded as alien invaders. For this reason, we set our hitchhiking post one mile south of town, not wishing to disturb Hawthornites as they woke to another fucked-up day. I told Mary, "On all accounts, let us not excite the natives." And, aside from the odd beer can thrown at us from passing pickup trucks, and apart from the deputy sheriff, who drove by every hour to order us out of town, our deployment was a diplomatic triumph.

Happiness, thy name is Jarrod. That was his name, Jarrod Pridham. He was driving a big, black Caddy hearse and stopped to give us a ride.

Jarrod worked for a Las Vegas mortuary. When a wealthy Vegan died out of state, he was dispatched to haul the carcass home. The carcass currently resting in the back was picked up in Seattle two days ago. We gradually pieced this rare morsel of concrete information together in between Jarrod's relentless monologues celebrating his sexual exploits on the road.

It's 315 miles from Hawthorne to Las Vegas. Mary counted off every one of them out loud. We escaped at the first stoplight in downtown Las Vegas. A phone booth beckoned. I walked over, picked up the phone directory, began turning pages, muttering, "Liberals, liberals, liberals. Where are you? There's got to be one." I leafed past bakers, cocktail lounges, optometrists, and then, "Bingo, here's a university."

I considered the question, "What's the most liberal department in a college?" and then called the Nevada Southern University sociology department. Bruce Burger came on the telephone, "Hello."

I said, "You don't know me, but..." and run down current events. He invited us to his office.

We wound up staying six weeks in Bruce's apartment. Bruce got us into school and lined out a magnificent package of NDSL loans, Pell Grants, student loans, and work-study jobs. Pretty soon, Mary and I were pulling down more money as students than we'd ever made working in the hive.

We stayed in Nevada for a few years and then I started traveling, Mary moved to Santa Monica, took up freelance work as a graphic artist, married a man from Pass Christian, Mississippi, moved there, started a greeting-card company, got divorced, stayed on, and grew her business.

Pass Christian, Mississippi, disappeared from the face of the earth during the early morning hours of August 29, 2005.

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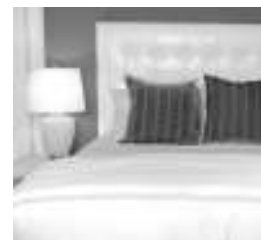
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Founded locally: September 2003
Senior pastor: Yucan Chiu
Congregation size: 40-60
Staff size: 1
Sunday school enrollment: 3-5
Annual budget: \$36,000
Weekly giving: n/a
Singles program: no
Dress: casual
Diversity: Asian, white, Hispanic, Ethiopian
Sunday worship: 10:15 a.m.
Length of reviewed service: 2 hours
Website: www.ethnos.us

"God is involved in a lot of ways in hurricane Katrina," said Seth Pruitt, the worship leader at Ethnos. "God is sovereign. He allowed Katrina to occur. In allowing it to occur, He has a plan beyond my understanding. Maybe it is to open people's eyes to the importance of compassion, now that the hurricane has come and gone. Or it reminds us of the frailty of human life. It may help people see the acts of evil and selfishness that exist under the surface of our civilization. Ultimately, why God allowed it to happen, I don't know."

"I do know that God does not delight in the suffering of people," said Pruitt. "He is intimately aware of every person He's created. It doesn't please Him when people die. Personally, I don't think God is pouring out His wrath on the city. All the wrath of God, the Father's wrath, was poured out on His Son. God is very gracious in His dealing with us. Everyone has been given a time to accept His grace and we can avoid His wrath if we accept it. This is hard love. I know it isn't much comfort to someone who lost their children in the hurricane. I grieve with [the people who experienced loss]."

A number of Christian groups have said the hurricane was a form of punishment from God. The Columbia Christians for Life said that the storm was God's way of punishing Louisiana for having ten abortion clinics and to prevent Southern Decadence, a gay-themed bash, planned for Labor Day weekend. Another group, Repent America, stated, "Although the loss of lives is deeply saddening, this act of God destroyed a wicked city. From 'Girls Gone Wild' to 'Southern Decadence,' New Orleans was a city that had its doors wide open to the public celebration of sin. May it never be the same."

Pastor Yucan Chiu disagreed with the responses from these groups. "I think it is presumptuous to determine what God's motives are. Unless we have a direct revelation from God, Christians shouldn't say those kinds of things," Pastor Chiu added. "The amazing thing is that God hasn't done this to all of us. Sin has distorted creation and the human heart." Yucan said this is why he wants people to hear about Jesus, who provides forgiveness for sin.

Ethnos is Greek for an ethnic people group.

Central to Ethnos' vision is to reach a variety of ethnic communities. "In the UTC area, there are 40 languages spoken at the local elementary school," said Pastor Chiu. "We want to help people realize that Jesus is unique and culturally relevant to all people." Chiu said he is intentional in his outreach to numerous cultures. In Ethnos' membership class, time is spent on multicultural training. Chiu cited numerous Bible passages, such as Galatians 3:8, which emphasized God's desire to reach all people. "People are attracted to Ethnos because of our multicultural vision, so they come knowing and wanting to experience many cultures. We are a real mix, which includes low-income families, Ethiopians, Gypsies. I'm a Chinese pastor; we have a white worship leader, and we often sing worship songs in Spanish."

"Multiracial churches honor God," said Seth Pruitt. "God put it on the heart of Pastor Chiu to pursue a multiracial church, and he has been obedient. It isn't something that can be programmed." I asked Pruitt why more churches don't have multicultural success.

"It's hard enough to come together and reach out in faith to a God who is unseen. Then, add to this the discomfort of multiracial services. For many it's too much." Seth Pruitt believes it is sin to not pursue diversity. "It is a falling short of what God has intended. Whenever we fall short, it is sin. [Christians] need to pray and search the scriptures to inform us of God's heart for all people. Ask God to teach us His heart to make a practical difference because we need to reach all people." Pruitt mentioned cultural changes he has brought into worship. "I've been studying Indian music at Aradhna.com to bring in some of these elements. We use a sitar in the worship music. We sing songs in other languages, or we have had Ethiopians perform a song."

Last Thursday I attended a midweek Ethnos community group. The community group met to discuss different

characteristics of Jesus. The group sat on couches and chairs in Seth and Courtney Pruitt's living room. After introductions, the women and men split for a time of accountability and prayer. In the men's group, men who requested accountability wished to discuss pornography, relationship problems, and work. Seth Pruitt asked the group to pray for him, that he would be a better witness to a coworker in the office. A college student asked for prayer for depression. The student desired to feel closer to God. After everyone spoke, the group prayed for each other. When the women returned, Steven Lee, the facilitator, requested that the group spend the remainder of the evening in prayer about the hurricane Katrina.

I asked Seth Pruitt what happens to the people who died in the hurricane. "The person who dies without Christ will face God's wrath," replied Pruitt. "Christians who die go to a new life with God. They go to a new creation that Jesus is preparing for us called heaven."

—Drew E. Goodmanson

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YUCAN CHIU

**Ethnos
La Jolla**
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Sermon

content★★★½
delivery.....★★

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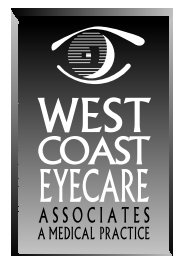


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Dear Saffron,

After living in National City for ten years, I finally had my house painted. It wasn't cheap, but I was pleased with the result — it made my home look fresh and new. My next-door neighbor seems to have gotten the home improvement bug, too. A week after my paint job was completed he had a big block wall put up around his front garden and had the wall stuccoed. This wall is right on the property line between his house and mine and very close to one side of my house. So close, in fact, that the guys he hired to do this job, who he did not supervise at all, slopped stucco on my newly painted house. Now my house is dotted with splotches and blobs of stucco. The walkway on that side of my house has stucco drippings on it, too. I'm quite mad about this. My wife says that since the next-door neighbor isn't the most pleasant person in the world that we should keep quiet and call the painter and pay for him to touch up the paint and clean up the stucco. I say I have a right to tell my neighbor that since his workers messed up my property, he should pay for having it put to rights.

FROWNING HOMEOWNER

Dear Frowning,

This seems pretty clear-cut. If your neighbor hired workers who didn't clean up after themselves and left stucco souvenirs on your house and grounds, then he needs to pay for whatever needs to be done to tidy up the mess. Maybe he can get his workers to come back and finish what they began by doing a proper clean-up. There's no reason why his wall construction should leave your property splattered or add unwanted sculptural dimensions.

Dear Saffron,

My little sister married a dude I can only describe as a slacker. They have three girls, and this man hasn't had a steady job since their oldest was born eight years ago. There's no good reason why he can't work — he just doesn't want a job that isn't perfect. He's been involved in a few stupid get-rich-quick schemes, all of which have bombed. My sister is a stay-at-home mom, and our father (Mom died when we were teenagers) has been pretty much supporting my sister's family. Dad is getting on in years and my wife has started to wonder out loud what will happen to my sister's family when Dad isn't around to bankroll their existence. My wife is worried that my sister will come to us hoping for financial support. My wife and I cannot afford to help

them in any significant way. How are my sister and her family going to survive when their safety net is gone? This is starting to keep me up at night, but I can't think of anything to do. I only keep feeling this terrible dread.

HARD-WORKING GUY IN
SPRING VALLEY

Dear Hard-Working Guy,

You and your wife are wise to start wrestling with this problem now, before your sister and her family hit rock bottom and everyone has to go into emergency mode. Can you talk to your sister about your concerns regarding her family's financial well-being? Something has to change or your sister and her family are going to end up living on public assistance, or worse. Your brother-in-law needs to get over his allergy to bread-winning, either on his own or with some help. Your sister needs to consider entering the job market herself. If either of them need job counseling or training, or want to take some college classes that might lead to employment, maybe these kinds of things are an investment your dad might make. Your brother-in-law and sister are going to have to start taking responsibility for supporting their family of five. See if you can set up the first of a series of family meetings immediately so that the necessary transition to financial independence can be set in motion. Your dad, wife, sister, brother-in-law, and you should sit down and try to develop a game plan so your nieces can look forward to a bright future.

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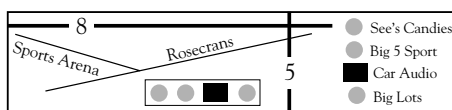
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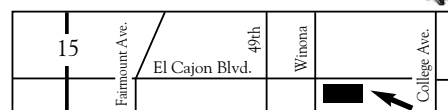
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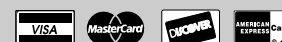
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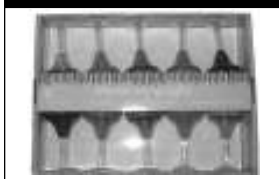
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—EVE KELLY

Two of my brothers-in-law are superstars in karaoke world. Carl and Leon are both tall, handsome, wannabe Vegas singers. Leon, whose curly hair earned him the nickname David Hasselhoff, favors cheesy '80s rock ballads: Journey, Air Supply, Rick Astley, and the like. Carl is more of a Sinatra man, though he isn't above the occasional soft-rock favorite.

Recently, the two crooners brought their families to town for a Kelly reunion. We wanted to have karaoke night, but we didn't want the expense and hassle of going out for it. So husband Patrick and I decided to rent a karaoke machine.

The evening was riotous. Carl's "Annie's Song" and "Abracadabra" were hilarious, as was Leon's "Don't Stop Believing." Their willingness to temporarily suspend their dignity inspired others to take up the microphone. Husband Patrick's "Bust a Move" rap had the party writhing on the floor in laughter. The singing went on until 2:00 a.m., when Patrick unplugged the machine as Carl rasped through "Feelings." The following morning, as the family rubbed sleep out of their eyes and nursed hangovers, Carl revved up the machine again, spinning some easy-listening tunes for brunch entertainment. The children, who had been chomping at the bit for some mic time, got their turn after breakfast, yelling out some *Sound of Music* tunes and kiddie songs, such as "Mary Had a Little Lamb." The following day, I spoke with Angel Cortez, owner of The Party San Diego's Karaoke Experience (619-477-1121), who rented us the machine.

"We started renting karaoke machines for our family parties about eight years ago," answered Cortez. "My wife got us hooked on it. I think she rented a machine six times in five months. Then she bought the company."

Cortez related that he later lost his wife to breast cancer, but continues her business. "We took on the legacy, keeping the company in business for her sake because she loved it so much."

Karaoke was popular in the Philippines, explained Cortez, and then it came to the United States. "People rent the machines for entertainment at their parties. Often, they will rent an Astro Jump for the children and a karaoke machine for the adults. It's an entertainment source. We also provide machines for bars and restaurants for their karaoke nights."

"The largest unit I rent out is 500 watts of power, with two large speakers and a 400-CD changer with about 8000 songs. It accommodates a hall with seating capacity of about 350. That rents for \$175.

"The next smaller unit, the one you

Husband Patrick's "Bust a Move" rap had the party writhing on the floor in laughter.

rented, is 120 watts of power, with capacity for about 200 people, with 400 CDs and about 8000 songs. That is utilized mainly indoors, though it can be both indoors and outdoors. That unit is ideal for restaurants because it has plenty of power but not too much. That one rents for \$150.

"The smallest unit I rent has a little over 100 CDs with about 2500 songs on it. That machine is more geared for teenagers with more of the modern songs that are coming out. That one rents for \$135."

The unit we rented did have some modern songs on it, though the majority were from my era of '60s, '70s, and '80s. "The machine you rented was built about seven years ago," offered Cortez, "but I updated it by pulling out about 50 CDs that were not utilized that much and replaced them with some newer music."

Cortez said the CDs are not cheap. "It's very expensive to provide entertainment for karaoke. For a CD with six songs, you'll pay about \$9. For 15 to 20 songs it'll cost about \$20, and for 24 songs about \$28. In the 400-CD changer that I rent, I have over \$8000 worth of CDs. So it doesn't really pay to buy your own inexpensive unit. For a little four-inch screen unit with 60 watts of power, it will cost you anywhere from \$79 to \$150 just for the machine."

At our party, singers were marveling at the authenticity of the backup instrumentals. Carl, who normally sings over synthesizer-style accompaniments, was thrilled at the Vegas-style, big-band orchestrations backing his Sinatra tunes. "There is definitely a quality issue with the instrumentals on the CDs," Cortez explains. "Just like buying a purse at Wal-Mart versus buying a purse at Neiman Marcus, so it is with the music for karaoke. Some companies are better than others. Sing Young Music World has a very large selection of karaoke equipment and music."

"The rental is up to 24 hours," he continued. "The second day is usually half price. We had a family that rented the machine for New Year's Eve, and they had so much fun, they called up and rented it for a second day." Cortez recommends reserving a machine one or two weeks in advance, longer for weekends. "This Saturday's reservation has been booked for a month now," he offered. "It's for a KOA campground karaoke party for the campers. Weekends book up early, though sometimes you can make a last-minute reservation on a machine if it is for a weekday."

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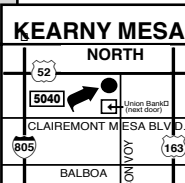
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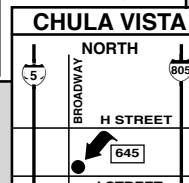


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Thirty Years Ago

I left San Diego at 1:00 p.m. on the 21st of July for Vancouver, British Columbia. I had been rapping about how much fun I was going to have for so long that the night before take-off, my good friend, Mike, signed on for the expedition. Solo hitching is easier, there's more opportunity to wheel and deal. Two people seldom get a ride in a Volkswagen bug, and Volkswagen bugs give a disproportionate amount of the rides to hitchhikers.

—“THUMBS UP!” Robert M. Cook, Jr.,
September 11, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

“In 1976 Archie Moore told us if we could find a good, strong white kid, he'd only have to be a fairly good boxer, and we could still do big things and make a truckload of money,” says Ray Hamel. “We didn't realize then that we'd go through a truckload of our own money and a truckload of white guys lookin' for him.”

—“PUNCH HARD, BUT DON'T GET HIT,” Bill Owens,
September 11, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Testimony in Hedgecock's criminal trial last week included the disclosure that former Channel 8 news anchorman Tom Lawrence was paid \$2000 to coach Hedgecock on how to talk and look better in front of TV cameras.... Hedgecock, writes Lawrence, “exhibited a certain coolness ... as if not really open to questions or new thoughts.”

Hedgecock's performance improved as the session continued. Lawrence commended him for this “very positive kinds of responses...even your laugh is more open.”

—“THE INSIDE STORY,” Paul Krueger,
September 12, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

While we tossed down brew after brew, gliding through the salt marshes south of Mexicali, the trick was to remain in control. Men. Partners. *Compadres*. Drinking as much as they could without losing control. I'm a stud. If you can't keep up with me, if you get sick — if you can't maintain — you're a wimp, a weasel, a fag. We were prisoners of traditions that extended much deeper than any lies we ever swapped about sexual prowess and appetite.

—“I TOOK MY LAST DRINK OF ALCOHOL OVER
FOUR YEARS AGO,” Hank Larson,
September 13, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Q: Did you meet the Beatles?

A: Not exactly. But I sang on the first Plastic Ono Band record, “Give Peace a Chance.”

Q: ?



San Diego Reader, September 13, 1990

A: It was Jann Wenner's fault. He asked me to interview Timothy Leary for *Rolling Stone* in early 1969, after I'd left *Crawdaddy!* A few months later Tim called me at my commune in Mendocino and said he was going to run for governor of California and would I be campaign manager.

First we went to San Luis Obispo, where he lectured to students in the gym and then to a rock festival in Hollywood, Florida, with the Grateful Dead and the Youngbloods and maybe Quicksilver Messenger Service. We found out that John and Yoko were planning to do a Bed-In for Peace in Montreal, like the one for their honeymoon in Amsterdam, subject of the Beatles' single “The Ballad of John and Yoko.” We had to go to Montreal. Tim called *Playboy* and told his contact that I would conduct an interview with Tim and John at the Bed-In and got *Playboy* to front us plane tickets.

—“CRAWDADDY'S DADDY,” Paul Williams,
September 7, 1995

Five Years Ago

We watched the 10:00 news while the baby performed gymnastics under my maternity shirt. “Wow,” Jack said after a particularly large kick.

“I swear, this baby is going to fight his way out,” I told him.

When Jack and I climbed into bed around 11:00, Jack reached over and stroked the hair that fell across my forehead. “I hope you get some sleep tonight,” he said.

“Me too.”

—KID STUFF: “GOOD NIGHT AGAIN,” Anne Albright,
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LITERATI AND LIQUOR

by Josh Board

I enjoy Evite party invitations for the on-line responses from people who are showing up or declining.

A woman named Bonnie (an editor at *WORD San Diego*) sent me an Evite: "Bring a dish to share, along with a piece of your original writing to accompany the wine, though I'm not sure which genre goes with either white or red."

Victoria responded, "I'll bring a red wine poem, a white wine poem, and a gin-induced rambling."

Another response said, "I'll have nothing to read because I haven't written anything but e-mails and budget justifications for years."

A guy named Nate wrote, "I'm maybe-ing because I know more people who ask me to help them move than invite me to parties."

Kathy, a teacher, responded, "No! I will be doing a bunch of writing that weekend, but unfortunately it will be report cards. Maybe I should just bring them along. Who knows, after a glass of wine or two, everyone may get an A."

I e-mailed Bonnie about her party. When she wrote back, I jokingly told her that she uses too many exclamation points in her e-mails. The



essay I wrote for her party was about people using the wrong punctuation in letters and e-mails.

I can't cook, so bringing a dish posed a problem. I live near Filippi's Pizza and decided to pick up one of their lasagnas. I didn't realize that it would cost \$70.

There was a lot of food and wine at the party. Bonnie poured me a glass and said, "I thought you said you didn't



that you don't drink? Obviously, you do."

The rest of the night, Victoria gave me a hard time about drinking. If I started telling someone a story, she'd interject, "Did that happen

five years earlier, still called. "It's more than just insurance forms and logistics. There are some things even new wives can't fix. Or understand." Later she says the new wife is named Lydia, which rhymes with chlamydia — "both nasty and unwanted."

Someone at the party told me that a lady named Amy got a two-book deal with Viking/Penguin and would be working with the same editor who had worked on Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees*. Amy read from her second novel, a piece called "Fingers and Underpants": "Wendella

had never seen a human finger before. Or at least not one that wasn't attached to a hand or the rest of the body...She recognized what it was right away. Kicked it a few times around the patch of grass on the alley side of the chain link fence. Saw that the nail had been chewed down to the nubbins, as her mom would say, just like her own. Wendella liked biting her nails. She found it soothed her insides, especially when she'd been through a cussing out by her daddy." I was captivated by this character who plans to win the school science fair...by bringing in the finger.

Amy's boyfriend, Eber, was interesting. We agreed on movies — we both thought *Million Dollar Baby* was overrated, but had an argument about *Crash*. After 15 minutes of discussing it, others asked us not to ruin the story for them. We went into the kitchen and argued for 45 minutes. When a woman heard Eber say how the movie shows that "all of us are racist," she objected. (I found out via e-mail the next day that some people at the party were annoyed with me for not letting the topic drop.)

The story Eber read was about a guy who woke up and

"Who knows, after a glass of wine or two, everyone may get an A."

drink." It's what I tell people, because if I drink, it's a glass or two of wine. She commented on a party I wrote about where I got buzzed. I had forgotten about that. She said, "Well, why don't you just stop saying

because of your drinking?"

Victoria is a court reporter. She read a story called "The Great Divide," in which a woman was in an accident with a drunk driver, and her husband, who had left her

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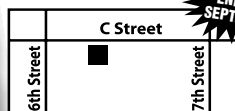
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realized he didn't have a mouth: "I attempted a yawn and only felt my cheeks stretch. Breathing was working okay. Thank God for clear sinuses." He also mentions how much easier shaving is. The funniest part of is when he says how he goes through 47 ATM receipts and writes, "I just dutifully collect them each time I go to the ATM until my wallet barely bends and sitting on it becomes uncomfortable. Then I sort through them in an obligatory ritual, feigning a sense of fiscal responsibility before throwing them away."

Eber told some funny stories later in the evening. He talked about how his youthful experimentation with drugs almost kept him from a job because he was honest about it on the application. Eber said he once worked in a college radio station that brought Bob Marley in for an interview. Eber was in his office while Marley was on the air, and he saw billows of pot smoke coming out of the windows. He thought the FCC would come shut the station down.

A doctor named Suzi was at the party. She wrote a mysterious piece about a homeless woman digging through trash at a hospital because of the large amounts of food hospitals discard. "Since bags were tied tight, you couldn't smell, and it led to surprises." Her piece was funny and scary — she ended it with a cliffhanger. I never asked her how she was going to end it. Or if hospitals throw away the funky, bloody things she described.

After Suzi read, someone convinced Bonnie to turn off the disco ball she had in her living room. Everyone laughed. Between stories, her husband Randy was playing bongo drums they had in the corner. (I thought he could've punched up some of the pieces with bongo beats in the right places.) I told Randy the disco ball would look great on top of a

Christmas tree, and he told me they'd done that before.

A curly-haired blonde named Erica read a handful of her poems. I liked a few, but the rest were too cryptic. One about L.A. was interesting: "Where the cars seethe by like

mechanical lemmings/as their fumes intoxicate your lungs with a ransom." It concluded: "high above the botox of the rhinoplastic playground/the moon is breaking off in great chunks."

Bonnie wrote a funny piece about a lady with

Alzheimer's who was lost. In the story, after police search the area, describing the woman and her clothing to the neighbors, Bonnie decides to dress like the old lady and walk around the neighborhood.

Later, Bonnie told me that Christopher Reeve was

her soul mate. In the '80s, Bonnie put a quarter into a machine at a movie theater. The machine asked her a series of questions and then spit out the name of the actor who was her soul mate. "So when he died, it wasn't just Superman dying, it was my soul

mate.... It would never be." ■

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by Barbarella

Sorrow and Solace

Death must be so beautiful. To lie in the soft brown earth, with the grasses waving above one's head, and listen to silence. To have no yesterday, and no to-morrow. To forget time, to forgive life, to be at peace.

— Oscar Wilde

Getting fired, in the end, was a welcome push to go home after two years of exhausting self-discovery and death-defying party habits.

For me, the month of September holds significance for two life-changing reasons: it is the month of my birth and the month in which I face my greatest fear — loss. It's ironic that I can embrace change the way I do, yet still be afraid of those changes I cannot control, like getting fired from a job for political reasons, being left by a love-interest for personal reasons, or having to say goodbye too soon to a loved one who dies of unnatural causes. Loss can show its frightening face in many forms. Experiencing it never prepares you for more of the same.

During my first few

months of living in Los Angeles I was consumed with worry that my friends in San Diego would forget about me. I held parties to draw them up north, and when they didn't come, I drove down to be with them. Despite my efforts, physical separation led to emotional distance. While lamenting over my loneliness in the shallow sea that was L.A., I was fired from my job.

Shock, anger, and self-pity were the fires I burned for months to come. The truth is, I didn't even like my job. But to suddenly lose it — to have my identity as a headhunter fall out from under me — was devastating. I woke up every day for my job, dressed for it, thought of it at night, never introduced myself to someone without announcing it as part of me. And then it was gone.

I'm of the belief that

things happen for a reason. That somehow, we are each able to manifest our deepest desires. I wanted to go back to San Diego. Getting fired, in the end, was a welcome push to go home after two years of exhausting self-discovery and death-defying party habits. The death of one phase led to the birth of another.

I started a new job and forgot about my fears. I skated through life without paying much attention, until one September day. It was six-something in the morning on the 11th when the phone rang. I was dressed for work, but my wet hair was still wrapped in a towel.

"Barb, turn on the TV," said the voice in the phone. I can tell you it was one of my family members, a parent maybe, perhaps even a sister. I just can't remember which one. When the news was on, and I was trying to process the images in front of me, whoever it was on the phone informed me in a trembling voice, "Jeffrey is in there."

Jeffrey. Father, husband, son, brother, New York firefighter — my cousin. I was too stunned to cry. *He's probably all right*, I thought. I was unwilling to accept the possibility of death. I watched in disbelief as the second tower fell. I don't know how it is with your family, but my cousins are closer than most siblings I've encountered, and I might as well share an appendage with each of my three sisters. I had talked to Jeffrey on the phone more often than I spoke with some friends. He was worried about me because I had told him of my frequent partying. He had every right to worry. But I was fine.

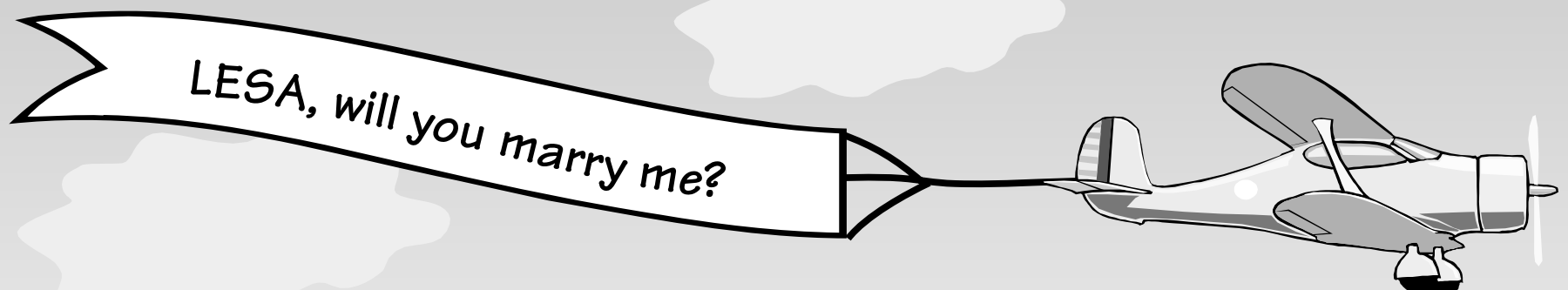
And he was missing.

A month later, the family gathered en masse to say goodbye to the man whose remains wouldn't be found for two more weeks. Everyone dealt with the loss in his or her own way. Some channeled their grief into anger toward those responsible for the atrocity. Others withdrew from the rest to cope on their own. But we all had one thing in common — we missed Jeffrey. We missed his hilarity-inducing smile, his positive energy, and his ability to diffuse awkward, painful situations — like going to a funeral.

When Jeffrey went missing, I handled the loss in the only way I knew how — escape. I held my birthday party at a friend's house in L.A., where I was everything but sober for three consecutive days. Beneath my chemically created mania, I agonized.

Now, four years later, my birthday approaches in the wake of another tragedy. Last week, my family experienced an unexpected loss when Susan, my brother-in-law's mother, passed away. I can't speak for Susan's children, her husband, or her grandchildren, but I imagine their pain is a magnified version of mine. I wept after my sister called to inform me that Susan was gone. But with my grief I felt something else — gratitude for having known her.

There's no such thing as forever. How you live your life depends on how you react to, and bounce back from, each of your losses. Death also comes in many forms — the death of a relationship, the death of a lifestyle. You can't



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In September, my fear is heightened. I find myself fretting over potential loss. I ask myself, *What would I do if I lost David, the love of my life? How could I continue living and breathing without him next to me?* One by one, my family members line up in my mind and, for a moment, I panic and grieve with the idea of losing them.

"What's on your mind, babe?" David asked this morning, when he awoke to find me concentrating on his face — memorizing the angle of his brow, the soft curve of his nose.

"I love you so much," I said. My eyes puddled up from the force of emotion and fear behind my words. "I don't know what I'd do without you." Because the sun had not yet burned its way through the morning mist, the light in our room was as soft as the comforter beneath which we were buried.

David pulled me close to him. "I love you, too," he whispered, then kissed the top of my head as I rested my cheek against his chest, the sound of his heartbeat drumming in my ear. Warm and

safe within the arms of my love, I thought of the upside to my fear of loss — it forces me to appreciate what I have. Rarely does a moment pass that I don't savor the love and happiness in my life, the people I get to spend time with, and hundreds of other simple little things that delight me, like the bird that hovered for a moment outside of my office window today, or catching the phone when my father calls from abroad.

Every moment in life is an opportunity if you look at things in the right light. This September, life and death converge in an interesting way. Susan's funeral is being held on the day I turn 29, six days after memorial services will have taken place across the country for Jeffrey and the rest of the victims of 9/11. The celebration of my life will be accompanied by the presence of death and the awareness of how precious we all are to each other, right now.

This month, my fear of losing those I love will be the catalyst for me to remind them that they *are* loved. And as we grieve for our losses, I will do my best to ensure that we remember all that is not lost. ■

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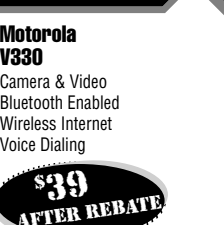
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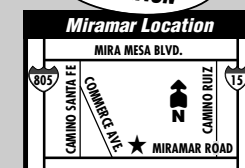
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WHEN THE LOUD BELL RANG

My first day in school was really my second day.

It was September 1950, and that first day my brown uniform shirt scratched, the heavy corduroy pants were stiff with newness, my suspenders would not stay up, and my new shoes (bought a size too big for growing into) had slippery leather soles that made each step an effort. My mother carried my lunch and, gripping me with her other hand, led the way from our house on L Street to Our Lady of Angels, a two-story square brick building at 24th and Market Street.

Standing at the door of the first-grade classroom was somebody really scary. I could see no hair, but I guessed that she was a lady because she wore a long-sleeved black dress that went almost down to the floor. She was as big as a sixth grader, and she had wrinkled skin, and she wore a bib as stiff as a paper plate. From under the bib, hanging on some wood from her neck and at eye-level to me, was a man wearing a diaper. Also, we had nylon curtains at our house, and this lady had one that went down her back just like our curtains except that hers was black. Around her waist was a rope of big wooden beads that were each the color and size of an extra-large black olive.

She said her name was Sister Ruth, and when she smiled she was not so scary. She told me to sit in the second row and pointed. There were six rows and six desks with somebody in almost every desk. Others came in after me. The girls wore dark blue skirts and white blouses; the boys had everything brown like me. Big windows let in lots of sunshine. Pigs, lambs, and happy tabby cats were taped to the walls. In one picture above the blackboard a lady was holding a baby in a nightshirt like the kind my grandpa wore to bed. They both had yellow hair.

I did not see my mother leave that first day.

Sister Ruth closed the classroom door just when a loud bell rang. Some children were crying and Sister Ruth said, "Well, now." We learned to sit at attention and raise our hands, and that first morning she taught us how to get under our desks and cover our ears for air raids. Nobody was crying by the time Sister Ruth finished reading a story. We colored with crayons and pasted with glue. Recess was for going to the toilet. Boys and girls had their own bathrooms. In the boys' bathroom, some boys had their underpants on backwards and had to pull down their pants and their underpants too. Sister Ruth made us wash our hands. The Borax powder felt like sand, and the paper towel hurt.

At noon we were back outside to eat lunch and run around. Other ladies in black clothes were on the playground, but we stuck close to Sister Ruth. After lunch, before we laid our heads on our desks for quiet time, Sister Ruth asked who knew that the baby in the picture was named Baby Jesus and that He loved us. I raised my hand like everybody else because I forgot that I only got baptized just so I could go to Catholic school and that nobody at my house talked about how Baby Jesus loved us. Sister Ruth said Baby Jesus was God's only son and that He wanted each and every one of us for His very own, but I had brothers at my house and I had to learn how to share.

Afterwards, my mother was waiting for me in the playground. She asked how I liked school. I gave her my coloring and said it was fun, but the next morning it was the same thing all over. I put on the same clothes, and we walked that whole way again. Sister Ruth stood at the door just the way she did yesterday. My mother kissed me, said goodbye, and turned away. That's when I got it. Today was like yesterday, and tomorrow was going to be like today — stories, lunches, and quiet time, over and over and always without my mother. This was school.

A primitive awakening gripped me and I howled, but my mother kept walking.

"Stop that!" said Sister Ruth. She took me by the cuff of my shirt and led me to my seat, where I wept more. My heart was breaking, and then others remembered and their hearts started to break too. At the front of the classroom, Sister Ruth said that that was enough of that; and then she called me by name. I shut up and gulped air, baffled. I had just heard my name spoken, so it seemed to me, for the very first time.

— Jangchup Phelygal

THE RADIATORS THAT TICKED HEAT INTO THE ROOM

The winter I was in fifth grade, my father brought home a *National Geographic* book that seemed to consist entirely of swamp photographs. He turned the thick, glossy pages for me, and I stared at the lakes and moss-draped trees, remembering a glass-bottomed boat in which we had once, on a family vacation, traveled through Okefenokee Swamp Park, peering down in the murky water for a green-yellow flash of alligator. He said he had been transferred from New Mexico, where we lived, to South Carolina, the place shown in the book. We were moving to the South.

My father had already picked out a house and met some of the neighbors, and he told us the boy across the street might come over and say, "Hi! I is your new neighba!" He was an otherwise generous, thoughtful man, but this was his way of telling me that the boy, Chris Bethel, was black, and that black people spoke with a kind of folksy ignorance. Clovis, New Mexico, as it appears in my school pictures, was full of white people.

When we arrived in Sumter, I saw the swamp that lay to the north of us along one side of McCray's Mill Road. I saw the houses on Manning Avenue, the poorest part of town, where black families still lived in wooden shacks no better than slave cabins. I saw the admittedly small but unfenced alligator that liked to sun itself on a spit of grass near the path at Swan Lake city park, and I met Chris Bethel, whose mother fed me cake and called me Dear.

On my first day at Millwood Elementary I wore the clothes my mother had sewn for me: red pants, red vest, and a red hooded jacket lined with plaid flannel, as if I were Little Red Riding Hood on her way to Grandmother's. I loved that jacket. I remember the heavy front door, the long dark tunnel of the hall, the classroom at the far end of the classroom wing, the radiators that ticked heat into the room. The air they warmed smelled of baking metal, a sweetish smell that reminded me of ironing my father's handkerchiefs.

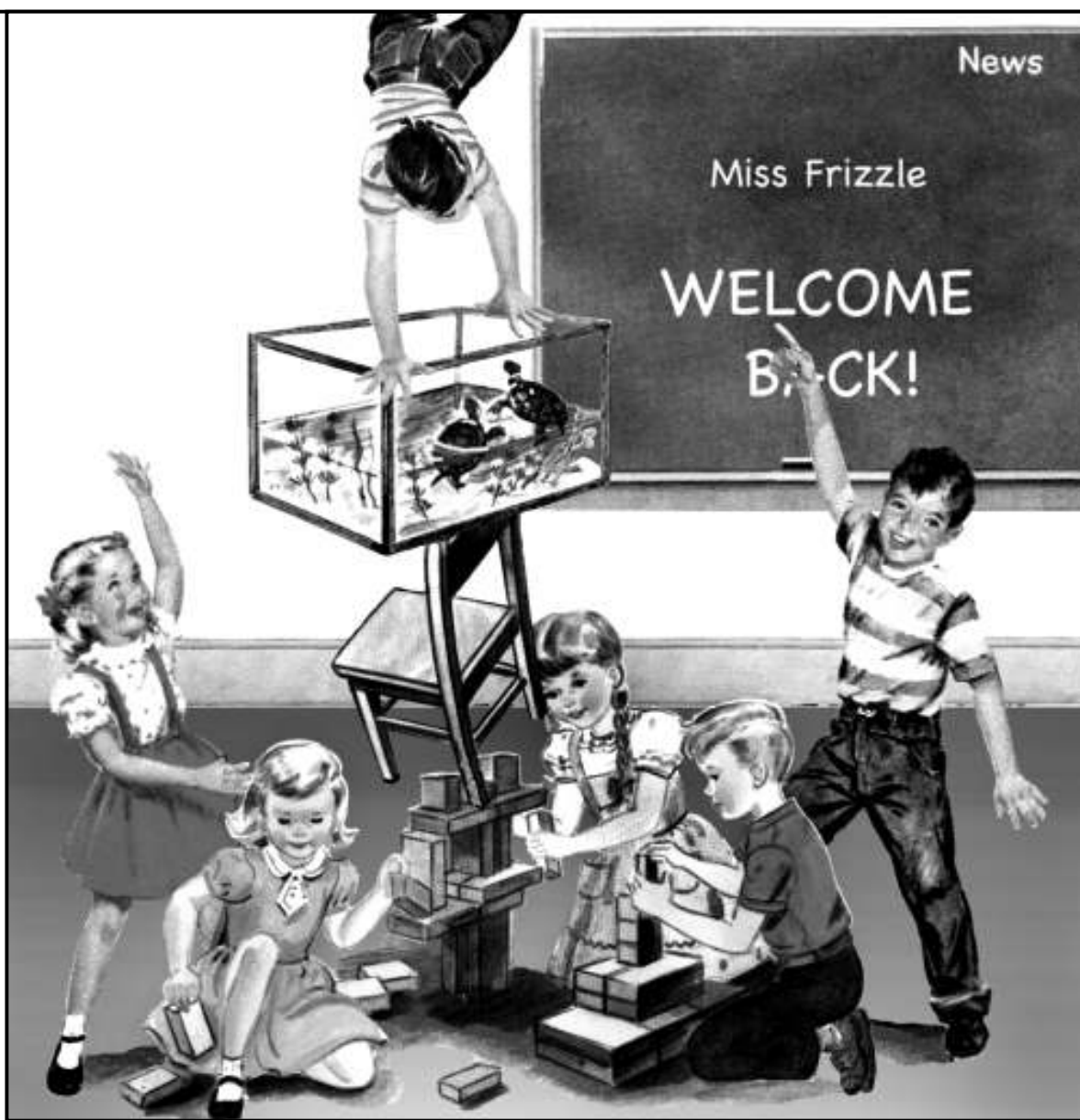
All of my teachers in New Mexico had been women of advanced age with stiff, stylized hairdos; polyester pantsuits; and glasses attached to beaded chains. My new teacher was Mr. Leach. He looked like a detective in a TV cop show: rumpled white dress shirt, wavy silver hair, sideburns, a toothpick in the corner of his mouth. For years I had pretended when playing house that I was married to Starsky, Fonzie, or Carmine Ragusa, Shirley's boyfriend on *Laverne and Shirley*, and Mr. Leach had their stubbled good looks.

"This is our new student," Mr. Leach said in his laconic way. "Laura Rotten."

I blushed because my last name wasn't "rotten." "Readin', Writin', and Wrote-n," my father always explained to people, but this never helped on the first day of school.

I corrected him. I stared at the children in all the desks before me, 29 of them, half black, half white. I took my seat next to the radiator and class resumed. When there was a break in the lesson, after recess, a black boy named Anthony climbed up on the desk and chair beside me, balanced himself like a gymnast on the parallel bars, and asked if I was

"Mama, when they bleed,



American. He thrust his pelvis at me ever so slightly.

"Of course," I said. He was at ease in a way I was not. He didn't speak with a folksy ignorance. In fact, he seemed years ahead of me.

"No, you're not," he said.

"Yes, I am."

"But Mr. Leach said you're from Mexico."

Instead of assuming that he'd misheard, I assumed he didn't know the states of the union. "New Mexico," I said, but I could tell he considered me a foreigner, and this made me strangely uneasy, as if he, in not knowing the place I came from, made it a less real place, one to which I could never return.

From that day on, I clung to Mr. Leach, with his undeservedly ugly name and his comforting, fatherly affection. He hugged me, an unthinkable act now, and told me I was pretty. I considered him my only ally, my only friend. In my mind I wrote letters to friends in New Mexico, describing my loneliness except for Mr. Leach, who at various points in the day would find me hovering near his desk, wanting to show him photos of the latest swamp my father had driven us out to see. I sat on the radiator

and felt the heat scorch my legs and hands.

One day when I was hovering, he told me that he was a child getting on a bus when he saw a black person for the first time. He said he asked his mother, “Mama, when they bleed, do they bleed red or do they bleed black?”

It was a strange story, and I don't know if he was trying to teach me that we were all alike, or that we looked at one another and saw alien creatures, or both. Sometime that winter, before the dogwoods bloomed, I left the red hooded jacket on a hook in the classroom and it disappeared, and within three years, we, too, had disappeared, gone to another Air Force town, another school. I don't know what happened to Mr. Leach or to a single soul in that desegregated but starkly divided classroom, though I remember the names, still, and the smell of the radiators, and the story I heard not long ago about the alligator that used to sun himself at Swan Lake Gardens. He grew too large and ate the swans, apparently, and they had to get rid of him. I like to think that the huntsman cut him open and the swans fell out, alive and whole, to float away through the dark, wet woods.

— *Laura Rhoton McNeal*

REAR RANK RUDY

I was enthusiastic about it from the start. World War II had ended only three years before, and I had spent my early childhood poring over battle maps in the evening paper, reading comic books with GI heroes, and watching the Marines kick the hell out of the Japanese in the Movietone News.

My stepfather had been killed bombing Hamburg, and I remember being awed as I handled his insignia, the beveled edges of the brass U.S., the delicate etching on the wing and prop insignia of the Army Air Corps. When WWII ended I was astonished. I didn't know the idea was to get it over with; I just thought it was what we did.

I viewed this as my entrance into that world. And it was.

But I don't remember the trip to Ponca City, OK, to the Ponca Military Academy. Maybe Mom borrowed a car. Maybe a friend took us. I don't remember being fitted for my uniforms either, if "fitted" is the term.

The first thing I remember is sitting in my

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room with my three new roommates. They were 10- and 11-year-old boys, away from home for the first time, and two of them were crying.

This was my eighth grammar school, which meant that every time I'd started to make friends in one school I'd gone to another. For my first 11 years, every time I got to my feet I was cut off at the knees.

My roommates were crying, and I thought it was lame. This was no big deal.

The fifth grade was the first year I spent an entire year in one school, and it had been, for me, a disaster. I made no attempt to play with other kids, only knew the name of one other kid, Jess Kirby, who lived down the street and with whom I traded comic books. I had cut myself badly, early in the year, playing alone, and was instructed to come straight home after school and lock myself in. The year I reached puberty, I spent less time in the sun than an inmate of a maximum-security prison.

In the military school, on the other hand, we were required to vacate the barracks from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. I still don't recall playing with other kids much. But I was outside, surrounded by green things. There was a horizontal ladder out back of the gym that I liked to play on. Only I got tired of swinging on the ladder and I liked to swing up on

do they bleed red or do they bleed black?"



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top of it and walk the ladder, ten feet off the ground.

The swing set was huge, with six swings. The overhead bar, in my memory, was 20 feet high, although it probably actually wasn't. My game was to swing as high as I could. I wanted to get enough velocity to swing over the bar. I was only able to swing high enough that the swing didn't swing back down; it dropped 4 or 5 feet, caught, and then swung back.

Since I couldn't get over the bar I adopted the habit of getting the swing as high as it could possibly go, almost even with the bar, and then I would get off and fall somewhere between 12 and 15 feet to the ground.

Keeping me inside had not been an act of wanton cruelty. It was a necessity.

Back to the first day. While I was sitting in my room in my new uniform, sneering at my roommates, an older kid came in, maybe in the seventh grade. He told me to come with him, and I went across the hall, where I was presented to an eighth grader, a fat kid named Shep. It was his intention to haze me. His method was to jump on my back and ride me around.

He faced me toward the windows in his room and went all the way back to the door, then ran and jumped toward my back. I was plenty scared but didn't want him there. I heard his feet shuffle on the floor, and I heard them stop. He had jumped. Reflexively, I bent quickly over: he sailed over my back, crashed onto his desk, and slid across it, slamming his head into the radiator. He lay there a minute, dazed, and then got up, blood streaming down his face.

For two years nobody bothered me at that school.

When I went to bed that night I was the lowest of the low, a cadet buck private, a rear-rank rudy in the most nowhere military institution in the known universe. But I had three times as many friends as I'd ever had in my life (three), and I felt as though I owned the place.

— Jim Morris

FORGET-ME-NOTS

Upon my return from Boston, where I attend college, and dizzy with the prospects of home, the customary pile of mail one expects after a long sojourn greeted me. Two thin off-white envelopes lay within the bank statements and junk. Printed across them was the pseudo-rustic seal of my elementary school. Envelopes like these come every so often, as graduates of private academies are likely familiar. They bear preformulated notions of nonspecific nostalgia designed to coerce us, hearts pining, into reaching for our checkbooks. I ripped them open without much expectation, which is, as I think about it, how these things always begin.

The letters were two of the most terrible I have ever read.

"We are devastated to inform you..." the first letter began, words printed across the page in neat black type, the second letter unimaginatively similar. "We regret to inform you..."

In five minutes, two of my favorite people were gone.

I sat on the floor, trying to think. Trying to cry. I held the letters, one in each hand, side by side. Their death made no sense and seemed perfectly logical at the same time, and by this tandem I was somewhat eased; the shock of death is old hat, a friend I hadn't seen in a while.

I read their names; Joan Zuckerman Morgan. Veronica McLeod. Names reduced to prim, sanitized words on expensive letterhead stock. I read the names again and again, searching for their owners, as though they were lost, which, in a way, they were.

And after some thought, I found them.

Joan Morgan was tough. She was a pioneer, the creator of a program of movement, dance, and conceptual space she had dubbed "Rhythms," linked but not identical to Waldorf's concept of eurythmics. Conducted on the near-topmost floor of the school in the "Rhythms room," a high-ceilinged space with plate-glass windows and a pretreated ballet-school floor, Rhythms mixed child's play and yogatic wisdom. Set to the soundtrack of a live piano, and, in that vast room framed by teal curtains, sunlight pouring in from those huge windows as we frolicked to the concertos and arias of greats we didn't know the names of, Rhythms could be downright magical.

Joan was the first adult that I ever struck a deal with. At age three, I had developed a precocious sense of self-consciousness and was prone to severe embarrassment my peers seemed either not to possess or not to indulge. I, however, was much the helpless victim. While my classmates were happy to perform whatever tasks were called for, I often stood rigid in self-preservationist abstention. In short, I was crippled, alone in the wake of the others, sweating feet planted firmly on the Rhythms room's urethane-slick floor.

While most teachers would not have this, as this is the way of teachers — you must sing, you must run the obstacle course, you must do "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" — Joan



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understood something about me, something I didn't yet understand about myself. Of how she and not the multitude of progressive educators I was passed around to happened upon this I will never quite be sure, but I remember her dark eyes and the flash of a metal crown as she spoke, dropping her commanding voice an octave: "If you really don't want to do it, don't do it," she said, as though speaking to an adult, "Come sit by me."

So I'd sit. Sometimes I wouldn't and would instead get swept into the swing of things — galloping, for example, which I loved, with my strong legs and tall-girl stride — but, if plagued by my own premature neuroses, I'd take my place on the stage where

Joan sat, holding whispered court with her between her barks of "change!" or "higher!"

Joan was not an easy woman. She was stubborn and commanding, and her expectations were high. But she was fiercely brilliant, usually democratic and incredibly dedicated. Part choreographer, part yogi, and part dramaturge, she both ran our classes and drafted together our end-of-the-year class plays from the haphazard ideas with which we bombarded her. How she turned wary eight-year-olds into colonial settlers, sixth graders into Socratic scholars, and kids about to enter high school into post-revolution American families is a mystery to me. But she did, pulling, forcing, and stirring

things from us we did not know we had. She got us through and around the bend.

A few years after her retirement and my entry into college, we met randomly in the West Village. We stopped to chat, and I watched her as we talked, taking her in. She had always been a strong presence, but there was something I had missed, and I tried to pinpoint it as we rehashed the old days with both fondness and shared frustration in a school we felt was departing from its original philosophy. Mostly we talked about our lives, what was new. Looking into those eyes, I saw it, what I had not quite caught all those years, what had either eluded or simply not occurred to me: Love. As

she walked away, as I walked away, it dawned on me as it never had before. "She loves me," I thought to myself, as if it were impossible. I knew it was true then and knew, with a touch of bitter-sweetness, that it had been true all along.

That was the last time I saw her.

Roni McLeod's favorite art piece was a terra cotta bust of Abraham Lincoln, crafted by a student long since graduated. This little likeness — and it was quite striking, as I recall — was an item she kept front and center, a space of honor on the shelf. I, too, loved it, the idea that it had been left in the wake of its maker, existing entirely on its own. Our mutual delight in the Lincoln bust was the first

thing that linked Roni and me. I regarded the delicate handiwork as impossible, and she was immensely pleased by what she knew was merely exemplary.

As a small child, I was intensely afraid of Roni. Her jaw jutted forward at an odd angle and, framed by a row of impeccably straight teeth, made her appear slightly ghoulish. Her voice, loud and booming, reverberated in the hallway, filtering up the stairs to where I stood, petrified.

But Roni was softer than she seemed. Her overwhelming presence, the one I shrank from in the stairwell, proved to be a healthy dose of vivacity mixed with tough love. She was, I learned, prone to laughter, to boisterous

expression, to bursting into song. And oh, she could sing. That great, big voice of hers carried the tunes in a low, almost mannish baritone, so low and rich and full. At assemblies, when the school gathered to sing folk and seafaring songs, Roni's voice rose from the back of the room above all the rest, true and clear. In class, she sang us numbers from *The King and I*, telling us the story as she kneaded clay with her wrinkled brown fingers. I repeated it to myself, that phrase: the king and I, the king and I, until the king and I became the king and I.

She let us breathe, Roni did, and for that we were in her debt. She ran a wide berth around us, giving technical instruction and then letting us

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go. This freedom was not taken lightly, and any slackers were given a few harsh words, loudly delivered and forceful, worse than any punishment. We worked well in that room, under slightly dimmed light, cooled to keep the clay moist. She watched us from her big brown eyes, set against surprisingly youthful, softly padded cheeks, leaning in to comment over our shoulders. She let us play, let us stretch, and, during after-school, sang us rousing rounds of "O, Canada" as we rinsed our brushes.

After Roni's retirement, the art room was

given new designation as the second grade headquarters and was crammed into the schools' new annex, a building that lacked the soul and ambiance of the old one. On the day of the first class there, I asked the new teacher (a woman I would later befriend) if she had seen that little Lincoln. Her brow furrowed, and she gestured to a few unopened boxes, shrugging. "I don't know," she said; "if he's in here, he's in here."

But he wasn't.

The school letters sit somewhere in my room. If I pick them up and

read them once more, they will no longer hold meaning, the "regret" and "devastated" will fall flat. These two women do not lend themselves to paper in a form letter, a token of mass condolence. I can't believe they're gone by the same logic that I can't quite believe the world is round — we should be walking upside down, no? Joan and Roni's presences should not still be sending out signals. They should grow quiet, as many probably expect will happen. But it won't.

I have made sure of that.

— Rosa Colwin Jurjevics

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The second day of seventh grade, the students of my new junior high were having a sit-in in the library over open campus. There were about 40 of them on the floor between the stacks, and I immediately joined them, thinking, "This is the school for me."

I was a little radical — it was 1970 after all — and I had just moved from Placerville (formerly known as Hangtown) to Davis (formerly known as Davisville). On former

names alone, you could probably guess that a place ending in "ville" would be a kinder environment for a free-thinker than one beginning with "hang."

The junior high students wanted open campus at lunch so that they could go to restaurants other than the cafeteria, such as Taco Bell, which was a couple of blocks away. (Twenty miles east in Sacramento, the Taco Bell there was voted best Mexican food for several years, according to my sister, who lives there.) In small towns, you get excited over the small things.

In Placerville, rebelling students would have received a stiff penalty — I got sent to the office in sixth grade for not signing my elementary school's version of a loyalty oath. But Davis, a university town, was influenced by the campus's liberal atmosphere, and consequently, the students triumphed. Taco Bell picked up a few extra customers, and the girl leading the sit-in became a human rights lawyer.

In Placerville, my father taught junior college in the temporary buildings at the fairgrounds. Junior college

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was suspect there because it was considered “higher learning.” In Davis, junior college was chopped liver. Just about everyone’s parents were employed by UC Davis. The town was so intellectual that all the streets running east/west were named after universities. Growing up there familiarized one with Antioch, Bucknell, and Fordham; Villanova, Brown (my street), and Cornell — knowing the names was one less barrier to attending.

In Placerville, my father had a student who came in one day, and her front teeth had been knocked out by her boyfriend. This girl, one of ten siblings, had a younger brother in my grade who liked me and demonstrated this similarly, by knocking me down on the playground. Placerville wasn’t a lot different than Dogpatch when it came to claiming a girlfriend. I kissed my first boy in seventh grade.

I remember asking boys to dance, but even Davis proved conservative on this front. I stumbled into a discussion on “Women’s Lib” during English. Being pro-Women’s Liberation — the previous name for the feminist movement (before that the women were “suffragettes,” I think because they suffered) — was still taboo.

The English teacher allowed us to have a debate on Women’s Lib, and so my newfound feminist friend Sally and I recorded all sorts of statistics to bolster our argument that women should have equality with men, but it came down to the other side — a cheerleader and her friends — claiming that women’s brains weren’t as big as men’s; that if women were equal, men wouldn’t open doors for them anymore (only an idiot would trade money for chivalry); that children needed their moms more

than their dads. Sally and I lost the debate and suffered the derision of our classmates.

When I tried that summer to get a job at the local Baskin-Robbins, the owner told me that women’s wrists weren’t strong enough to scoop ice cream, and he refused to hire me. The positive side to all this is that being on the forefront of a movement means that you’re there at the inception. At age 12 I helped start the Women’s Center on the UCD campus and got to meet Betty Friedan, the mother of Women’s Lib, who told my mother, “We’re doing this so that she [meaning me] won’t have to fight these issues when she’s our age.” And here I am, their age, and the world is better for women.

My sister, seven years younger than me, is a civil engineer. (I majored in theater.) I know many women scientists just a few years younger than

me and a couple my age or older. Thirty-One Flavors has to hire women these days. And so, I want to know, where are all those people from my junior high who used to taunt me and call me “Miss Women’s Lib”? Now that the world has gone the way I predicted, why aren’t they writing me to apologize? Where’s Javier Teeferteller, who used to yell in the hallways, “Jennifer Ball doesn’t shave her legs”? Where’s Gretchen Kubiack, who asked me in the swimming pool when was I going to start shaving under my arms. I hadn’t even started my periods yet. I had one hair under one arm. I was an unintentional radical.

I was so oblivious that I assumed most thought the way I did. I never burned a bra, but then I rarely wear one. In my eighth grade, all the girls were required to take a semester of home ec.

The boys took a quarter of apartment living. Originally the boys had to take a semester, but one of them threw a coffee cake into the dryer, and that was the end of the boys’ requirement. My parents let me cut home ec, and, instead, the school finally allowed me to host Susan B. Anthony Day, where speakers from the UCD Women’s Center came and discussed equal rights while threatened teenagers yelled at them. It was the most exciting thing since the sit-in.

Davis was not an apathetic town. I spoke at Career Day recently for local seventh and eighth graders. It took a lot of asking questions and hyperactivity on my part to get the students to participate in their own education for that hour. I missed my junior high — teens take their rights for granted these days and don’t realize that in this climate of paranoia (not

so dissimilar from the 1970s), those freedoms (privacy, for example) will erode if acquiescence takes the place of action.

Placerville still has the dummy hanging outside Hangman’s Tree tavern on Main Street, but they got rid of the noose that formed the O in the word “Police” on the city’s police cars (both decisions, I believe, prompted by tourism). Clearly money and chivalry can coexist; but girls, don’t expect to get either by simply sitting around.

— Jennifer Ball

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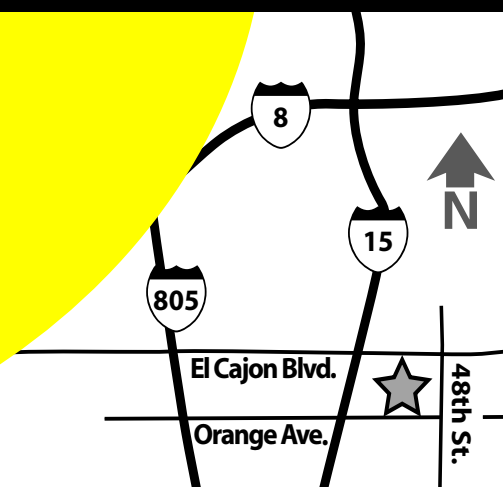
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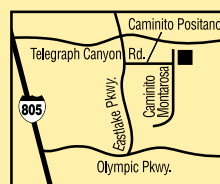
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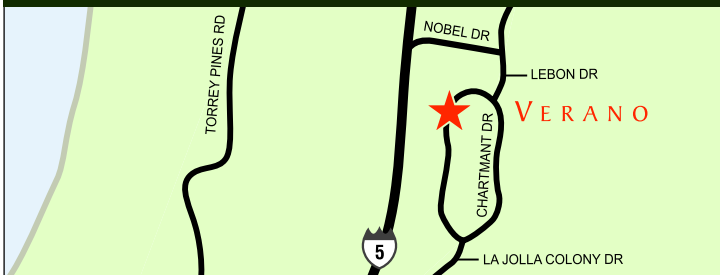
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of cookie dough ice cream that I'd ordered my then-boyfriend to fetch me from the corner store. This limited my shopping option to the local Lane Bryant or Fashion Bug Plus. In search of something "cool" yet professional, I

pawed through racks of tent-size, part-polyester tunics organized, depressingly, by pastel color. Loathe to make my first appearance on campus looking like a waddling tub of rainbow sherbet, I went with

something I already owned — the outfit I wore to my grandpa's funeral only a few months before: A matronly, long black skirt patterned with soft blue flowers, a black tunic, and a matching long sheer scarf with more of

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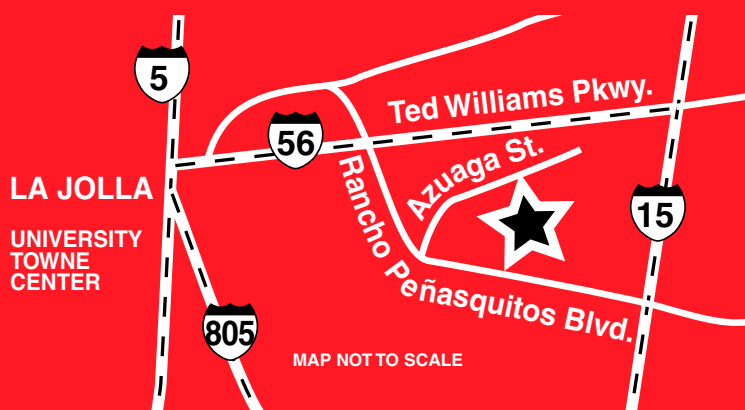
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small bald patches on my head. The scarf did what it could to help.

Dressed and anxious I went to my first official appointment with my first-year advisor. A smart and kind man, he immediately put me at

ease, asking about my undergrad professors at Buffalo and asking reasonable questions about what I had been working on before my arrival. Trying to sound as calm and erudite as possible, I launched into a passion-

ate monologue about my work on Anne Bradstreet and several lesser-known women writers of the 17th Century. As I spoke, the scarf on my head began to unwind. Words continued to come out, "monstrous births,"

"maternal impression," as the scarf slid down, down, down. I didn't stop, I couldn't stop, because the room was spinning and I thought that this indeed was what it felt like to be tied to the tracks with a train barrel-

ing toward you. A message played over and over in my head: "I do not belong here. This is a mistake. I'm a mess. He's going to see my bald spots and know I'm a lunatic." It's only when the scarf fell over my

mouth that I paused to remove it. And then the kind professor let me go on my way.

I ran out of the English department office and behind the first ivy-covered building I could find. It was only 9:30 a.m. on my first day as a graduate student, and I already had found a hiding spot for on-campus crying.

It's hard to remember the rest of the day. I got to know my cohorts a bit. There were ten of us, and when I found out from a professor that only five percent of applicants were accepted into the Ph.D. program, I was ever more certain that they'd made a serious mistake. I went to a state school, and I was working class, and I'd never even read *Moby Dick*. I couldn't properly accessorize, and my parents weren't curing cancer or publishing papers about their archeological finds.

Oh, but the day was not to be done until the dreaded hour of the cocktail party/dinner. Oh, oh, oh.

The only professor at the party was the host — an aging medievalist with a cloud of white-gray hair and a tribe of similarly fluffy pets. My contribution to the meal was a box of Entenmanns' chocolate chip cookies (I'd purchased two boxes but wisely left one at home for post-party stress eating). The meal was nice but unmemorable. The other students and I noticed the bread knife at once — a giant, ancient-looking blade better suited for decapitations than bread slicing. Together, we stifled a collective laugh. Together, the guests turned on the host. I don't know why we did it. I felt bad and awkward, and I wanted to go home. The night wore on, and the stifled laughs became more obvious. Everything seemed absurd to us: the pet-hair-encrusted slipcovers, the oversized

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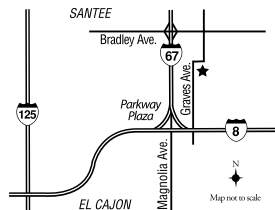
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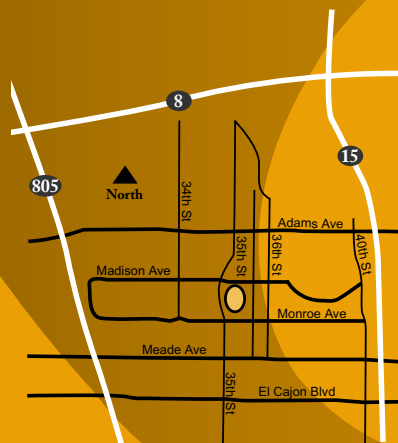
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metal tools on the walls, the dust, and the professor herself — the fact that she was clearly not in touch with us and our studies and our time and our theoretical practice. At the expense of a kind, very possibly brilliant woman, we asserted our right to be at Brown. To be the minority who made it and would prove our worth over the next five or six or seven years.

Before the evening ended, the professor (hopefully, hopefully just a little oblivious to our rudeness) asked us to go around in a circle and answer some questions: Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school? What do you study? What do your parents do?

What do my parents do? How was that relevant? I thought that the question would be side-stepped by the others. But it wasn't.

Parents were professors and teachers and doctors and lawyers. Nary a blue collar in sight.

And when it was my turn, I explained my background and my parentage. "My dad is an operating engineer — he works on cranes. My mom works for our local town government."

The white gray-haired professor looked at me kindly. "People like you do well here," she said. The color left my face, and stress sweat poured off me out onto the matted carpet of pet hair under my feet. "What?" I managed to squeak out. "You know," she said. "People who...you know. I'll bet you'll do well."

And I suppose I did well enough. I earned my masters' degree and then I left, right before losing myself to a full-blown nervous breakdown.

A loop of that dinner played in my head from the first day forward. If I could have shaken it, if I could have stopped feeling as if I didn't belong, if

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I had looked ahead and not behind, if I could have gotten through *Moby Dick*, if I'd worn better outfits and not eaten so much ice cream — well, I just might have made it all the way.

— Rachel Kempster

WHAT WAS I DOING IN THIS ZOO?

First day of kindergarten, newly arrived in Boston, newly separated from my best friend (and neighbor) Andy, doing the standard weep-

ing thing, even though I had attended preschool back in upstate New York and loved it — we hatched chicks! We made green eggs and ham! We sang silly songs with our teacher as he played the guitar! The tears not yet dry, I walked up to a boy

and asked, "Do you want to be friends?" He said yes, and we remained close for years, even after I moved back to New York and he moved down to DC. I Googled him the other day, the way a person might Google an old college flame or a high school buddy. I dip back all the way to kindergarten for my dose of nostalgia. He's an illustrator. I like his work.

First day of second grade, and many grades thereafter: back in New York, posing with Andy for a photograph on the porch in my new school clothes — it was the day clothes mattered most to a boy — before heading down the hill to school. I did not mind that my mother cut my hair from a pattern in Redbook magazine that was

intended for a woman. What was important to me was that I wear my gold velour shirt with the sparkly threads interspersed throughout.

First day of third grade, transferred to the new third grade class at Barry School after only one year at nearby Parker. Many schools selected "difficult" children for the new class, weeded them out, and passed them along to Barry. I was a good kid, a good student — why did I get sent? What was I doing in this zoo? Our teacher struggled to contain us, read us Judy Blume's *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. I left school twice in those first days with a stomachache — I was terrified that the other kids wouldn't know how smart I was. Later, I

felt the shame of being publicly singled out as "very mature" by a substitute teacher. Be careful what you wish for.

By junior high, I was on the honors track, the one that would take me to advanced-placement English, history, physics, and calculus come senior year. I spent most of my time in class with the same group of honors students. But home room, where we gathered before the start of the day, was more democratic. Home rooms were grouped alphabetically, as were our lockers. For years, I was cheek-by-jowl with Vanessa L. (The orange junior high lockers were especially narrow, so that if two people were rooting around next to one another, cheek-by-jowl was a literal descrip-

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tion.) Vanessa was tall and brash; she liked glam metal (Poison) and gelled the front of her hair into long black stalks that rose straight up from her forehead and then leaned over at the very top, as if the wind were forever sweeping across her grassy scalp. She wore acid-wash jeans and flannel shirts — this was in the mid-'80s; grunge was still years away.

I was not attracted to Vanessa, nor did I want to be her friend. But I was always grateful that, from the very first, we got along. A first glance told me she was tough; that she had a screw-this attitude; and here was I, playing sports, acting in plays, chasing good grades — the antithesis of screw-this. That first day, I was scared of her. I expected her to be full of contempt for me, the goofy, semi-brainy dweeb with the painfully short hair. But she was not full of contempt. Vanessa was always civil, and as the years passed, even friendly. By the end of eighth grade, we were close enough for her to proudly show me a blurry Polaroid photo of her boyfriend's penis.

("Do you want to see a picture of my boyfriend's penis?" she asked, a goofy grin on her face. She had told me about her boyfriend, that he was older — the supreme virtue of a boyfriend in those early-teen years. I'd like to say it was good manners that led me to accept her offer, but of course, it was really timidity. I was too alarmed to reply, "Hell, no!" I was still scared of her.)

And, finally, first day of freshman year at college, raging against the initial readings for theology and philosophy. Ecclesiastes assuring me that all was vanity and a striving after wind. My confused notes in the margins: "Doesn't he believe in quality of soul? Happiness from wis-

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dom?" Socrates in the Meno calmly twisting me in knots as he helped me to know that I did not know. Here my notes are angry; Socrates is a sono-fabitch: "Wrong!" "No, no, no!" "BULL!" Rough beginnings.

— Matthew Lickona

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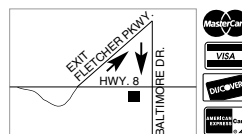
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struck me like a thunder-clap. I had just turned five, a sturdy girl an inch or two short of four feet tall. The evening before my first day of kindergarten, my mother had grasped locks of my straight brown hair, wrapped them around her left index finger, then secured the flattened coils with crisscrossed bobby pins. When my head hit the pillow, she cajoled me into ignoring the pressure of the metal against my skull. I slept but jolted to instant wakefulness when her voice sang out the next morning. "Rise and shine! You know what day this is!" How could I not? Together we'd counted down the days.

In anticipation of my first day of kindergarten,

we'd taken the bus to one of the local clothing stores and had found me a blue and gray plaid dress that we thought looked both festive and scholarly. It had a snowy white collar adorned with a dusty blue bow. Big white buttons decorated the waist. We'd bought new shoes, too, a pair of black-strapped leather flats that I wore with pristine anklets.

When I had donned my new outfit, my mother freed my hair from the bobby pins and brushed it into a bushy halo. Then she lugged a bench out into our little back yard, so she could capture the moment on film. I could dress this way, as if bound for a birthday party, because I wouldn't be

attending St. Edwards, the local Catholic elementary school, for two more years. Students at St. Ed's wore uniforms, but the parochial school was a mile from our house, and the only way for me to get there was to walk. The John Palmer School was just three doors away. The public school where my father had received his elementary education, Palmer occupied a stately brick edifice trimmed with limestone and topped with a steeple. A vastness of gravel playgrounds surrounded it. On that portentous Tuesday morning, my mother secured the baby in his carriage and, leading my other brother by the hand, accompanied me to Room 110, the

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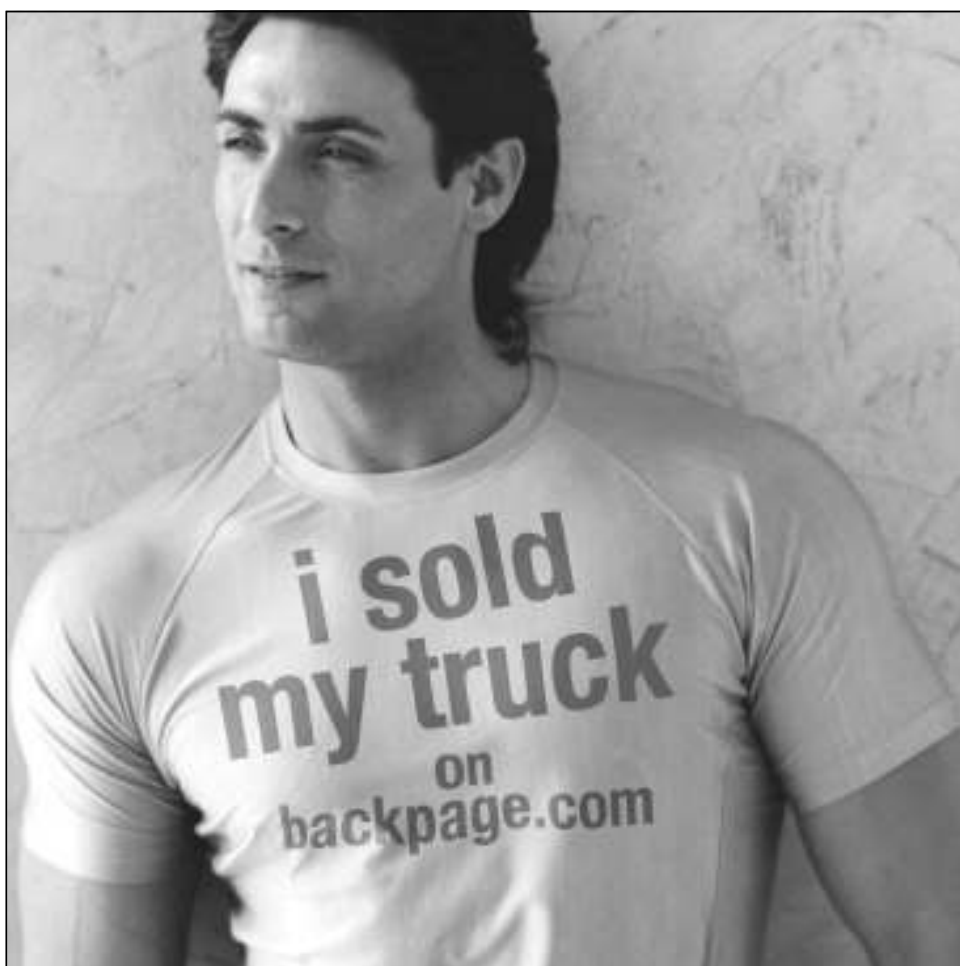
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domain of Mrs. Kerschke.

Today I remember not one thing about Mrs. Kerschke, not a single image, not a single emotion. I remember nothing about any of my classmates from that year, though I think some were sniffing the first morning; clinging to their mothers and afraid to part from them. That seemed silly. I knew my mother would be waiting for me after school. That afternoon I could still play with Carla Cuccio, the four-year-old next door. I could still watch *The Mickey Mouse Club* before dinner.

What I do remember from that first morning is withdrawing untouched crayons from my new Crayola box, then following Mrs. Kerschke's instructions for filling in the color wheels she had prepared for us. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, brown, black. That's the order she wanted them in, and I memorized it on the spot. As I colored, I made sure to keep each waxy hue within its designated confines. When we used our round-tipped scissors that morning, my cuts were clean and straight.

I listened to Mrs. Kerschke, and I raised my hand to answer her questions. I got the answers right. I lined up with alacrity and stood just the way she told us to stand. And when school was over that first morning, I had glimpsed something that became clearer to me in the days and weeks and months and years that followed. I excelled at this business of paying attention and memorizing things and describing them to others and cutting straight lines and coloring neatly. I could learn almost anything the schools wanted me to learn, without much effort. I could leave most of the other little girls and boys in my dust. All the grownups thought well of me for doing so. I'd won the lottery, and it

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Jess's Ford roaring up my driveway woke me up. I looked at the clock, 7:15. I was supposed to be awake at 7:00.

I was in the shower when I heard Jess yell from my front room, "You lazy bastard! We're going to be late!"

Breakfast would have to be a Pepsi and a chew of Copenhagen, no time for cereal. I had just got my shirt on, clinging to my wet skin, when Jess and I eased down the hill in his faded blue pickup.

"Well," Jess breathed out. "What do you think it'll be like this year?"

"Don't know," I said. "I failed English last year, so I have to take bone-head English with the kids who can't spell 'cat.'

Other than that I've got auto shop for the first three periods: two hours of vocational, and the third one I'm teacher's assistant." I rolled down the window and let the cool air breeze over my hand and arm. The rushing air filled the cab and blew little specks of dust around and in my eyes. My eyes teared up, and I rubbed the grit from them, and when the air had cleared I opened them again.

Jess wound the truck down Wards Ferry Road.

"Moss's Creek," Jess said as we crossed the one-lane bridge.

"Yep," I said after taking a swallow of soda. "Good old Moss's. We had a pretty good time there."

"Hell yes," Jess exclaimed. "We had an awesome party there. We were singing 'Gin and Juice' until the sun come up. Nobody even knew the words."

"Why'd we start

singing that?" I asked but cut him off before he could answer. "Oh, I know, because Tuff brought a bottle of cheap-ass gin his sister bought him."

"Yeah," Jess agreed.

"Boy, that gin was bad."

"Tasted like sawdust."

"That was cheap damned gin. I think there were bits of wood floating around in it."

The dilapidated farmhouses and cow pastures outside my window soon gave way to the gas stations and restaurants of downtown.

"Remember when Reb got arrested right there?" I said, pointing to the spot in front of the library.

"Yeah," Jess said through a knowing smile. "What was that, parade weekend?"

"Yeah," I answered. "Remember we had the bed filled up with coolers of ice and beer, and by about midday Pam kept taking her top off?"

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are still dents up there from that day," he said, pointing up to the round indentations in the ceiling of the truck cab.

"We lost this mirror a couple weeks later," I said and made a circular gesture outside my window where a rearview had been. There was still a bracket remaining from when Jess backed through a barbed-wire fence and one of the posts

wrenched the mirror off.

"Hell, the worst abuse this truck took was when nobody at all was driving. I had Jenny laid out in here, and her foot popped the shifter into neutral. We were down at Brewster's place up on that little hill above his cabin. I sit up to take her pants off, and I look out the window and yelled, 'Oh shit! We're rolling!' I scrambled down with my

left hand and crammed the brake on right before we slid into that tree. The front bumper's still creased in the center."

I thought about the jukebox days of summer. Sitting on chrome bumpers, sipping beer from silver and blue cans, and riding down to the lake in the bed of the truck, singing "You Shook Me All Night Long" and "Rock and

Roll All Night." I put my hand out the window and let the air run over it. I made an aerofoil out of my hand and forearm and shifted the pitch of my palm to let the wind push it up, and then with a lazy arc from my wrist I let it be pushed back down. Up and down. Up and down, bobbing and cutting through the oncoming breeze. But always pushed forward by

my shoulder and the seat of the pickup and the tires on the road and Jess behind the wheel and his foot on the accelerator.

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didn't stay. That is, the first day I ever went to school, I was there for all of three minutes.

I was born in Southern California in 1969, and I lived for the first two years of my life with my parents in a house in Pico Rivera. Jeff and Linda Bouvier were teachers. In 1971, my father was offered a good teaching job in Darien, Connecticut, and so we all set out to drive across the country — my father in the '67 red Ford Mustang, and my mom and me in the Volkswagen Beetle. My mom had made a

playpen in the back of the Beetle for me, and we'd rendezvous with my dad at predetermined inexpensive motels in the evenings.

When we arrived on the East Coast, our little family stayed at my grandparents' place for a few weeks while my parents searched for a suitable apartment in a suitable town near enough to my dad's new job in Darien. Finally, after our long odyssey, we were settled into a two-bedroom abode on Meadowside Road in Milford, Connecticut.

My mother noticed that all the recent different beds and sites and states had awakened an insecurity in her young son. I was unwilling to leave her side for even a moment. I would follow her around the apartment. I needed to sleep between my parents in their new Connecticut bed.

After my sister was born, and although I had mellowed somewhat, my mother conscientiously realized that I should be socializing more with children my own age. And so she enrolled me in nursery school at the ten-

der age of three and a half.

Jack and Jill Nursery School was a quaint little house with a play yard, just up the road and around the corner from Meadowside Road. In the days leading up to my "first day of school," my mom took me shopping for the things I'd need: a new shirt, new shoes, a new belt, a stylish (bowl) haircut... She presented these novelties to me like shiny gifts, and she gave me loads of experienced information, and she got me excited about this new place (school!) where I'd

be spending some of my time.

Little did she (or I) know...

That fateful first day, as we entered the schoolyard full of screaming, running, playing, and jumping children, I grew worried. I distinctly remember the worry. I still feel it when I enter spaces full of screaming, running, playing, and jumping people. As we met Miss Laurie, my teacher, who, though kind-looking and gentle, was much older than my mom, I started to wonder what was going on. And

when my mother detached her hand from mine and said she'd see me later, it dawned on me. I was duped! My mother intended to abandon me there. No, thank you, ma'am. Nothing doing.

I ran after my mom and held on. I reached deep into my tiny chest and found the biggest voice I could and I screamed out loud and loudly cried. I held on to the doorknob with one hand and my mother's hand with the other. I fell on my face and kicked and rolled around. Such

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behavior! On some level, I view this performance as rather comical. It would have played well in vaudeville. But to me, at the time, the feelings were all too real. And my mother sympathized. Finally, she just gave up and took me home with her. I never made it to my first day of school.

The next day was the same, except that this time my mother broke free and left me there. Apparently, I calmed down quickly after she was gone, and I had to face my peers with a hoarse voice and salt motes on my stunned little face. I recall that many of my new small friends did quite a bit to comfort me. There wasn't much irony in nursery school in 1972; mostly among us three- and four-year-olds it was compassion and pity. Thankfully.

But still, each new school day, I would have

my screaming, crying, crazy moment when my mom would turn to leave me. It was as though I always believed I'd be left there, no matter that she'd picked me up the previous afternoon; no matter what she said.

After about a week, my mother, being the resourceful woman she is, looked in the phone book and called a famous child psychologist, Louise Bates Ames, and asked for her advice. Ames told my mother to furnish me with something important from home, some object or image that would comfort and reassure me, kind of like Linus with his blanket or the "Land of the Free" with its star-spangled banner. Through the schoolyard's sunny glare, at least I'd know that my security was still there.

So my mom sat me down with a recent family photo, newly framed,

and told me that I could take this picture with me to school. I could keep it with me and put it somewhere safe, and anytime I missed Mom or Dad or my little sister, then I could just go over to the picture and everything would be all right.

And what do you know? It worked. Incidentally, the first days of new things have never troubled me again. (In fact, as I get older, it's the last days that make me want to kick and scream. Ah, well...)

— Geoff Bouvier

MEAN GIRLS

Do you think you're pretty?"

A strip of tawny brown hair, chewed at the ends, dawdles by her nose. She stands at the top of the stairs and tilts her head to the side, flipping the errant strand into submission and

stealing a sideways glance at her cohort, Angela, fawning lieutenant of the gum-snapping sort. (I will later think of Angela whenever some '50s-era Brooklyn whine nasals out from beneath a beehive hairdo — even though it's 1970, we live in California, and Angela's hair, though ratty, is not ratted.)

"Well, DO you?"

Her demand tosses me into kickball's court. The smack of liver-pink rubber welts my freckled cheeks as I redden from the inside. I grip the railing and let the rush of students scuttle past me — such freedom! — to class. Perhaps my classmates are scared of this school, the new locker combination, a task-mastering home room teacher. All my fears are here on the stairs.

"TELL US!

Do...you...think...you're

pretty?"

"Uh...uh...uh...I don't know!"

Their squeals upend like soda, pop and fizzing.

"Well WE don't! We think you're a DOG!"

They lean into each other for balance against the wave of laughter, then turn together and head down the hall, tripping and grabbing each other. Eyes downcast, I watch the tile, blurred by a fuzzy frame of tears. As I look up, Angela whips back her head. I focus on the wad of pink gum in bared teeth.

"Look, Mary Lynn, she's crying. God! Can you believe it?"

"Oh, she always cries."

That afternoon, my father sets the sprinklers on our front lawn's brown patches, a last attempt to fight early September's scorch. I'm in the garage, pulling boxes out to store sum-

mer clothes. He stops suddenly, squats, and peers into a maple tree's base, where a square of soil butts against the grass. He leans forward, retrieves an object, then stands and walks toward me. A gloved hand extends the offering, as if it's dripping. It dangles — A chewed bone? Wadded-up Kleenex? — from his index finger and thumb.

"Susie, what is this? Some kind of a joke?"

A plastic Snoopy figurine, caked with wet dirt and twigs, settles in his palm on its back, paws in the air, belly up.

My face crumples; his eyes flash.

"Who did this?"

Sobs lift my carriage up and down like a marionette.

"Answer me! Who did this to you?"

"Uh...uh...uh...I don't know!"

"That little snub-nosed girl? The one

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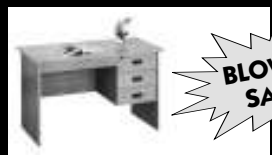
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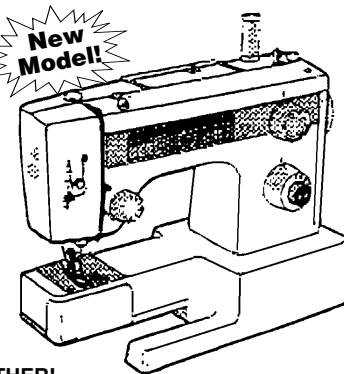
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you're always calling? Who needs her? My God, don't you have any pride?"

Why is she so mean to me? Did I make her mad? How did I make her mad? Should I call and apologize? She used to like me...what happened? What did I do? Remember when we played Hearts in her living room and her mother made us lunch? Why is she so mean to me now? I should ask her mother. Her mother liked me. Maybe I'll call and ask her mother. I bet it was Angela's idea...

"Whadda you care what they think? You're gonna let other people tell you who you are? You'll lead a miserable life that way, young lady, let-

me-tell-you. Do you think I listened to the kids in my school? You think they didn't make fun of me, with holes in my pants? You know what I did? I quit! I was too ashamed to stay in school. So I quit school because some lousy kids didn't like my god-damned pants. And what good did that do me? Fuck all! Do you think I would be a salesman today if I'd stayed in school? Hell, no! Who knows what I could have been? Instead I had to work twice as hard to catch up with those bastards. Is that what you want? To work harder?"

I am heaped on the lawn, sniffing, running down tomorrow's To Do list.

Call Mary Lynn. Apologize for whatever I did. Ask her if she did this. Why would she do this? I bet Angela did this...Call Mary Lynn's mother. Ask her why she did this...Does her mother like Angela? I can't believe her mother would like Angela...

"Go inside and wash your face. And don't let me catch you talking to that girl again. She's garbage."

I watch my father, gloved hand extended in poison-control position, walk the dog to the trash, lift the lid, and lay the plastic beagle to rest among the leaves and mowed grass.

— Sue Greenberg

PAGAN BECAME MY NICKNAME

My parents had taught me that, as a Catholic, I was a

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We are looking for male and female participants between the ages of 18 and 65.

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member of the One True Church. But the Catholic school I attended in first, second, and third grades stopped teaching that kind of hard doctrine, instead adopting a soft, we're-okay-they're-okay approach to the Church and its place among the world's religions. Even to my third-grade mind, that wasn't okay. My father agreed and pulled my little brother Peter; my older siblings Serena, Margaret, James, and Leon; and me out of St. Phillip's School.

His search for a new school ended, for one year anyway, at a school called Imperial, where the administration, teachers, students, and parents firmly believed they belonged to the

One...True...Church. But they weren't Catholic. They were members of the Worldwide Church of God, a sect (cult) that called itself Christian but adhered to a legalistic Old Testament code of conduct, even going so far as to abstain from eating pork. Founded in 1934 by the late Herbert W. Armstrong, whose followers believed him to be a living prophet in the line of Isaiah and Jeremiah, the Worldwide Church of God believed it was the only authentic Christian church. The rest of us were "so-called Christians" who were "deceived" and "instruments of Satan." But the word I remember my classmates using to describe me was "pagan."

I've never found out just what my dad was thinking putting us in that school. I remember he liked the fact that the school still employed the paddle, while other schools, public and private alike, had all abandoned corporal discipline. He also liked the fact that all six of us could be in the same K-12 school. Other than that it made no sense. We went from we're-okay-you're-okay Catholicism to we're okay, but you Catholics are instruments of Satan.

Imperial's fourth grade was too crowded so I had to join their fifth grade. That was difficult enough without being called pagan. Yet I was called it so often that

"Pagan" became my nickname. But they didn't call me pagan right away. To their credit, they gave me a trial of my peers before they passed judgment on me.

It rained my first day at Imperial so we ate our lunch in the classroom. I remember a kid with an English accent leading a group of six or eight other kids over to where I ate my bologna sandwich. "Hello, I'm Nigel," he said. "What school did you go to last year?"

"St. Phillip's." Nigel and his cohorts exchanged knowing glances.

"Are you Catholic then?"

"Yes."

More knowing glances. Out of the cor-

ners of my eyes I noticed that the rest of the class, seeing that Nigel was interrogating me, were starting to gather round.

"What are you eating there?"

"Bologna sandwich."

"That's pork, right?"

"I guess so, why?"

Nigel suppressed a grin. "Just curious," he answered. "When's your birthday?"

"July 10."

"Get any presents?"

"Yeah!" I answered with enthusiasm. "I got a big cap gun that looks like a Revolutionary War musket!"

My classmates looked at each other and snickered. I figured fifth graders must be above cap guns and I felt embarrassed.

"What else?" Nigel said.

"A beach towel," I answered, growing suspicious. "Why?"

One of the girls started to answer, "Because we don't believe..."

"Shush," Nigel scolded her, then to me, "We just want to get to know you. How do you celebrate Easter?"

"Oh...uh...we have Easter baskets in the morning, then we go to Mass."

"Easter baskets with chocolate bunnies?" Nigel asked.

"Yeah, I guess," I answered, setting off another round of whispering and snickering.

Nigel was relentless. "What about Christmas? Did you have a tree?"

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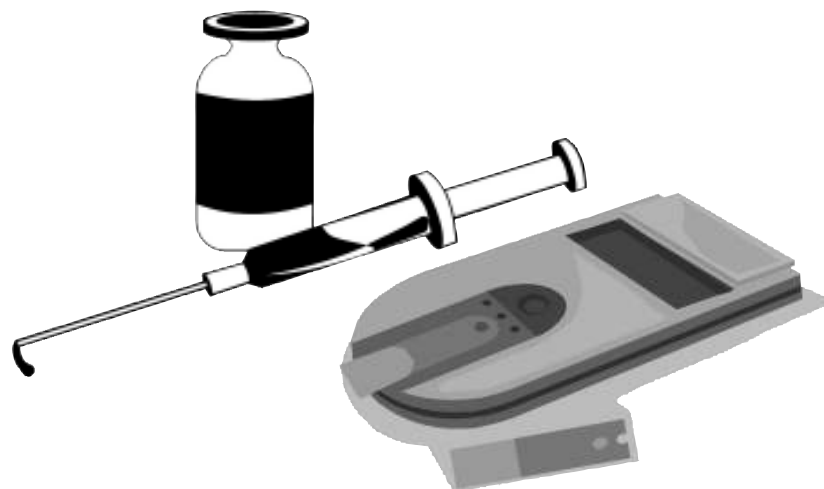
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"Yes." Snickering turned to chuckling. "And presents?" "Yes." Chuckling turned to belly laughing. "What did you get?"

I was annoyed, and I wanted to kick Nigel's snickering butt back to England, if only he weren't so big. "Why are you asking me these questions," I asked instead.

"No reason, just trying to get to know..."

"We don't believe in celebrating holidays or birthdays, and we don't eat pork," said a kind-faced girl named Angela.

"Angie, don't tell him," Nigel pleaded, evidently wanting to continue his inquisition.

"You're being mean, Nigel," Angie responded. "Leave him alone!"

Nigel stood up, looked at me, and told me, "You're a pagan." Then he and his hooligans left me alone. For the rest of that bizarre school year, when he wasn't calling me Pagan, he was telling me to "Bugger off!"

Angela stayed with me the rest of that first lunch period, and she explained their beliefs more fully. Christmas trees and Easter bunnies were false idols. And the Bible said not to eat pork so they didn't. "And," Angela explained, "we don't give presents because..."

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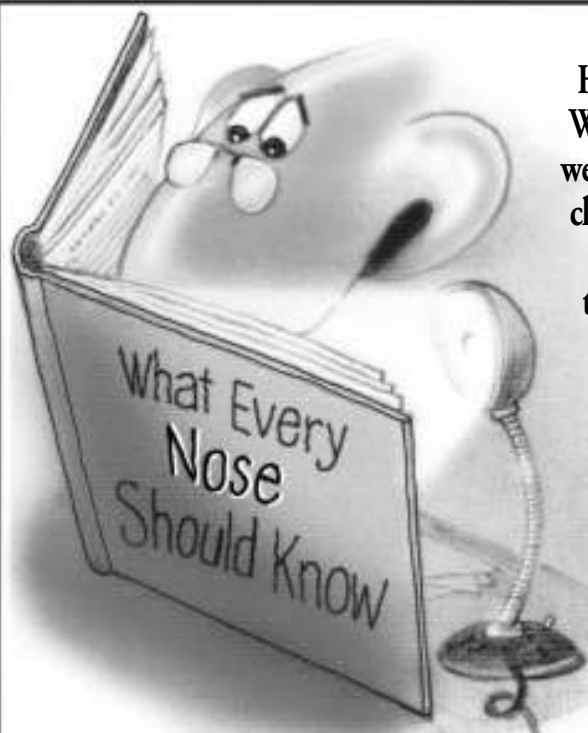


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me up.

On the drowsy trek to eight o'clock classes, I fell in behind a freshman football player named Marty who lived several doors down the hall from my room. He was muscular and mountainous, listed in the football program guide as six foot seven and 280 pounds. I could only look at him in awe. In the few days of orientation we already had spent on campus, it seemed that 50 percent of my all-male classmates wore letter sweaters to advertise they were athletes in high school. But here was the genuine article.

At 167 pounds, I had been able to play high school football, too. That was because the school I attended had a student body of 220. There were 17 students in our graduating class. The athletic teams needed every body they could get. Eight

thousand students attended the university I now wanted to stick around for four years. On walks over the campus's lush green quads, I already had seen competition furrowed into every face. Most of it would morph from the athletic type to grade-point and social-clique types. But it was competition nonetheless, and I felt it with foreboding.

On this morning, football player Marty walked into the same Introduction to Philosophy class my printed class schedule directed me to do. He flopped, sprawling, into one of the classroom's small desks on the left side of the room, all but making it disappear. I found a seat that allowed me to hug the back wall. For the next hour, a slender middle-aged professor tried to immerse us into the origins of Greek

philosophy. He kept harping on a particular saying that he claimed had been a springboard from religion to philosophy.

"The fox knows many things," goes the saying I would ponder for the next several weeks, "but the hedgehog one thing of great importance." As the professor recited it repeatedly with wide, knowing smiles, I noticed Marty incline his head back and roll his eyes. But another student, sitting up front, took keen interest and began holding forth on behalf of the fox. As the student spoke, he gesticulated vehemently and laughed with confidence. This guy, I ruminated in amazement, thinks he will outwit a professor who gives clear signals of being on the hedgehog's side. The professor allowed this to happen all too passively, I judged,



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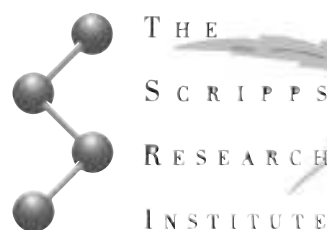
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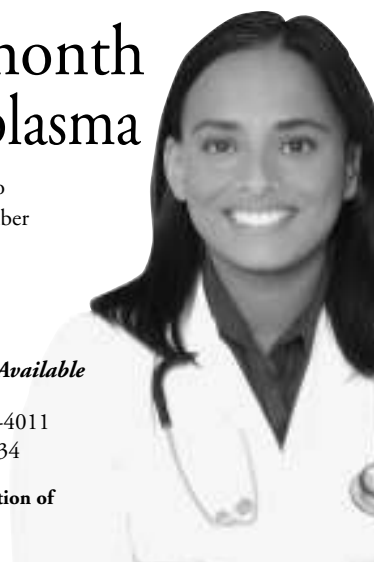
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wanting him to assert some authority.

Study sessions began in earnest that night on the dorm's fourth floor. The engineering students looked worried as they pored over their calculus assignments under bright table lamps. For now, the rest of us chalked it up to their being the most intellectual among us. The only residents who commanded more respect were the jocks we hoped would return us to the football reputation our university once had maintained.

In a room across the hall from my own, a small group had gathered to examine in awe a set of math homework problems. By ten o'clock the food cart was making its rounds, and everyone poured out to buy chocolate milk, sodas, and snacks. Footballer Marty and a smaller, 240-pound colleague of his appeared. They were laughing about holding, ten minutes earlier, "some egghead" over the stairwell at fourth-floor level to see if he would panic. Rumors had gone round that before school started, with football practice already in session, several players dangled someone out a fourth-floor window upside-down by his feet. Now everyone was yukking the stories up and slapping Marty and his friend on their backs.

Suddenly the conversation turned to my rare bathroom. One loudmouth shouted through a hillbilly guffaw, "How do you rate?" I felt my fears spike. Marty looked at me, recognizing me from class. With a conspiratorial smile, he said to me, "The fox knows many things. How does the rest of it go?" He signaled to his friend to follow him into my room. The two of them climbed onto my well-made bed, their combined 520 pounds jumping up and down until one corner of it smashed

to the floor.

That night I slept on a broken-down, slanted bed. But it was the peaceful sleep of knowing that my bathroom had been atoned.

— Joe Deegan

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tion in 1987 of having a six-month to one-year wait for entry was well publicized; that I had been denied entry once before added to my unease.

My first try at entry to the CIA was at the recommendation of Mr. Louis Bonnafuou, president of the French Culinary Society. Mr. Bonnafuou was a family friend; he insisted I go

with him to apply to the CIA. He and I, on a busy Monday morning, arrived at the school with no appointment. The announcement was made that Mr. Bonnafuou was on campus, and immediately we were ushered to the school's vast grand boardroom on whose walls glittered various awards and trophies. We met with CIA president

Ferdinand Metz. Metz cordially welcomed us. Understanding that our visit was about my entry to the school, Metz handed me off to an admissions worker while he courted Mr. Bonnafuou with pastries, coffee, and stories of days gone by. I sat in the admissions office for 30 minutes before a gentleman named Jim Kelly reviewed my application. He said, "It all looks in order," and delivered me back to the boardroom where Mr. Bonnafuou and I thanked Metz for his time and departed. Two weeks later a letter arrived from Mr. Kelly that stated, "DENIED ENTRY." I was a marked man for trying to subvert the admissions office. I went on to University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Hotel College, and two years later reapplied to the CIA and was accepted, beginning March 24, 1987. The admissions office and Jim Kelly never mentioned

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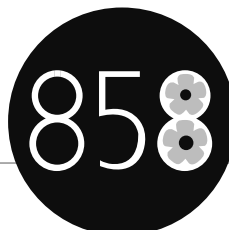
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my first attempt.

My orientation letter ordered that on March 24, 1987, I be in uniform: chef's jacket, steel-toed shoes, checkered chef pants, handkerchief around neck. I was assigned a group number and told to assemble in the hallway of Great Hall on campus. This hallway of 30-foot ceilings and stained-glass windows is the major pass through for all students and offers views, under bright lights, of experimental teaching kitchens that contain microscopes, stainless-steel kettles,

knife sharpeners, and chairs with half desks. VERY intimidating this first day, as there were 96 other students looking for their group number, trying to fit in, to not get in the way, and to avoid standing out. Not a word was spoken among students. Junior and senior students with aprons, chef's hats, and knife rolls walked by and gazed with confidence at the fresh pickings of first-day entry students.

Mr. Virgili was our teacher for Food Science and Sanitation in room 430 on the top floor of

the building; we were to march there immediately. Once out of the grand and grandiose hallway, chatting began among our group. "Are you in the dorm?" "I haven't slept in two days!" "Are those guys in the hallway going to cook our dinner tonight?" "Does your chef jacket itch?" "These shoes are like wearing 25-pound weights!" "I've felt more comfort in burlap potato sacks than in these chef pants!"

The first day of class was an eight-hour day of lecture to be followed by chapters of reading

homework on sanitation and food science. We were told to research growing botulism and salmonella and were expected to devise a test of knife blades and their molecular structure.

Every day of school we arrived dressed for kitchen action but would soon realize this wise institution would not let us near a kitchen for another six weeks. On that day we would be handed many onions for peeling and dicing with Swiss precision, which leads to another story...

— Tim Klepeis

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the open space, the miles and miles of land spreading out in all directions, the open sky above. The country roads I grew up on were a labyrinth of speckled sunlight shining through the oaks and maples onto the blacktop.

I arrived at the campus, hauling two stuffed suitcases that weighed in just under United Airlines' pound limit. Plopping them down on the top step of my dormitory's front porch, I looked out over the green quadrangle of the little campus. Parents and fellow freshmen exchanged

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anxious to get his studies started.

My room was empty, my roommate hadn't arrived yet, and I had arrived without any family. Two high school chums had come to campus this year as well; they were my comfort. I was

excited but scared. Homesickness wasn't the problem; I had gotten over that malady during my two previous years at a high school boarding school. This anxiousness was foreign to me. I had only visited the campus when I was in middle school some eight years earlier. Memories were fuzzy. Two siblings were students then, and we younger girls flew out with Mom and Dad to spend Easter with them.

I plopped myself down on my high school friend Juliet's bed and watched her unpack. She buzzed around introducing herself to everyone who walked by her door. Juliet was a great friend for a shy girl like me to have in a strange school. Between introductions we discussed our class sections and teachers. All classes at Thomas Aquinas College were held seminar-style, with the "tutor" assisting in the discussions in each sec-

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tion. During my years at the school, class sections were small — only about 13 students. Our graduating class numbered only 39. By the end of the four years, we became a tightly knit group, but on this first day on campus, we were strangers. There was the girl named Kinga, a Canadian of Hungarian roots, with bronze skin and iridescent blue eyes. She dressed all in black with black Converse sneakers. There was fair-skinned Ann with graying hair, from Kentucky, who had spent the previous four years in a convent. There was Tony, who had been in the Air Force before being kicked out of flight school because he was too aggressive at the controls. There was James with wire glasses, a homeschooler from Northern California, experiencing his first classroom. We were an odd bunch, aged 16 to 28, thrown together to hash out the truths of Western Civilization.

That evening, we headed “down below” (as the lower, wooded half of the hillside campus was called) to the “Hacienda,” the college president’s residence. Placed amid live oaks, redwoods, sycamores, and Japanese maples, the Hacienda was the site of the annual “Meet the Freshmen” party. My girlfriends and I giggled walking down the paths to the house, but once we arrived, I stood silent, sizing up the crowd. A handful of upperclassmen introduced themselves to me. Some came off reassuring, others I was sure were hitting on me. At the end of the evening, my future husband Ernie walked in with his father and older brother Leon, who was also to be in our class. Leon and his father were similar in looks: tall, fair-skinned, brown curly hair, blue eyes. Ernie, my husband-to-be, was short, black haired, very tan, and green-eyed. I was attracted immediately to what my friends and I

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decided must be an adopted Mexican brother. (We were wrong, as it turned out.) I stared intently at my shoes as I was introduced to the three.

The next morning came too early; gossiping into the wee hours left us girls hung over as we arrived to our first class on Euclid, the ancient Greek geometer. We sat around a great table, waiting for our tutor. My future husband took the seat next to me. My heart pounded so hard that I was sure Ernie could hear it. Silence fell on the room

as our tutor walked in with a deck of cards in hand. "We are not playing cards," he jested. "You each have been assigned a card. After shuffling the deck each class, I'll pull one card, and if it is yours, you'll demonstrate the proposition at the board by memory."

We discussed the nature of lines and points that day. Ernie talked a great deal. I didn't say a word. My mind drifted away from the universal questions of geometry toward the more particular question, "How can I make this handsome

(Mexican?) guy fall in love with me?"

— Mary Grimm

I WAS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

A bell rings. The big metal door flies open, and hallway sounds of boisterous chitter-chatter rush into the empty classroom like lake water breaching an ill-built dam. Now comes a paddling of young humans, averaging four feet in height, boys and girls, freshly bathed, wearing Sunday-dinner-clean clothes, carrying

new books and extra-small daypacks.

This is first period at Harmon Elementary School, Las Vegas, Nevada, and this is my first day as a substitute teacher. I am subbing Mrs. Mehner's fourth-grade social studies class.

The bell rings again. It's a loud bell, much louder than I anticipated. I canvass classroom walls but do not locate the bell, which causes a slight but noticeable bump in my anxiety. I don't need more unease. I arrived 30 minutes early because I'm nervous, and when nerv-

ous I want to be in place, with the playing field reconnoitered, food stores stocked, powder dry, long before combat begins. I've passed the time rehearsing my opening remarks, "Good morning. I am Mr. Daugherty, your substitute teacher for today." I plan to pause here, turn my back to the class, and print my name on the blackboard, indicating, I believe, serene authority.

I wait until 32 squirming seedlings settle into their desks, clear my throat, and begin, "Good morn..."

The bell rings. Damn,

that's a loud bell. I feign a worldly smile and begin anew, "Good morning. I am Mr. Daugherty..." A loudspeaker, fastened to the wall above the doorway, spits, then transmits the bored, condescending voice of an adult female. This is the voice of someone who hates her job and cannot be fired. The woman reads school announcements. I hear something about a bus schedule change and a field trip to Red Rock Canyon. Then the woman begins a full-on verbal avalanche. The topic is class pictures; the where

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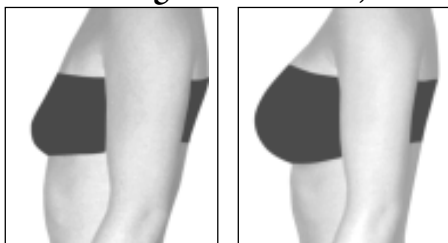
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and when of them, the correct size of class picture envelopes, the importance of acquiring the right-sized envelope and then delivering the right-sized envelope to the right place at the right time. This is followed by a long list of right places and right times. Forward to the topic of parents, their money and their signatures. And then the patronizing zombie voice tells us about parents' night, the need for parents to attend parents' night, the helpful reminder notes that will be entrusted to the students of Harmon Elementary School, and the importance of hand-delivering these notes to Mom and Dad. The voice seems, especially, to hate this announcement. I zone out.

A period of time passes. I notice, with a start, that there is silence and has been silence in

the classroom. Very good. "Good morning. I am..." The loudspeaker spits. Again. A second woman's voice announces morning prayer. I thought this was illegal. The prayer is amorphous but sounds vaguely Christian. It ends.

"Good morning. I am Mr. Daugherty, your substitute..." The loudspeaker does what it does, and prayer lady returns with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Thirty-two spawn of Las Vegas jump up as one, stand at rigid attention like Hitler Youth at a Nazi Party parade, place tiny right hands over tiny hearts, and recite the pledge, perfectly and in unison. Then the class sits with one movement. My mouth hangs open. I blink rapidly as sweat gushes from my forehead and armpits. Now comes the familiar spit and a new voice, this time a girl's, begins reading today's lunch menu.

She ends with the word "Jell-O." Silence. Twenty seconds pass. I ask the class, "How long does this go on?"

"That's all," chirp a dozen students, delighted with their first victory of the day.

I wanted to teach. I wanted to do well. I wasn't conscious of that until this moment, which is the same moment I see that teaching these kids anything is impossible. While those idiotic announcements have been droning along, I've had time to feel what it's like to be in charge of 32 kids. To drop in here for one day and hope to do anything more than keep the peace is absurd.

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this and still continue to sub, but, I found that it makes for a more pleasant day, for you, if you keep them to a reasonable level of uproar." Andrew chugged a 20-ounce mug of Heineken, smacked his lips, and said, "Oh, and don't, don't, for God's sake, don't try and teach anybody anything."

— Patrick Daugherty

I WANTED TO CRAWL INTO MY MITTENS

I don't remember much from my childhood. Why this is, I don't

know. I was happy; I remember that much. I came from an intact, loving, financially stable home. But when I go poking around my childhood memories, I usually get little more than puzzle pieces. My husband teases me about my drawn blanks, says I must have taken a lot of drugs in my misspent youth.

When I push hard, the first memory that comes to me, the one that's completely mine and not inspired by black-and-white photos in my mother's family album, is the first time I

wore my Minnie Mouse mittens. They were a birthday gift from my grandmother. Minnie's face adorned the top half of the mitten; her cheeks were round, her face flesh-toned. Her pointed nose rose up from the mitten, held on by stitching. Her round black ears, decorated with polka-dotted red bows, jutted out from the top. A matching dress covered the palm.

It was not quite cold enough for mittens, but I was desperate to slide my paws into them. Mom was sending me off to the

first day of preschool, and I was going to wear my mittens. The ground was damp and muddy — we'd had several days of rain — and the sky was gray and drizzly. But the weathermen said there would be sun in the afternoon. Mom told me this in an effort to dissuade me from wearing my Minnies, but I was determined, and Mom relented. She slipped me into a pink jacket, and I slipped into my red mittens.

As we drove to the school — five blocks away — I wasn't nervous at all. I was concentrating

on the mittens, stroking the bows, lost in Minnie's vast white eyes and oval black pupils. The preschool was attached to a starkly white Presbyterian church. I stared up at the angular steeple; it seemed a mile high. I turned my eyes back to Minnie's eyes. I touched the soft cotton fibers and ran one mittened finger in a circular motion around one eye. Mom escorted me into the school, found a seat for me in a squat, orange plastic chair, took my jacket and mittens, and hung them on a wooden peg next to about

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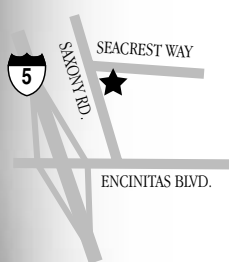
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12 other jackets. My jacket hung at the end of the row; I was glad I could see my mittens, dangling from a black cotton string slung over the jacket. My mother kissed me and left.

I don't remember what we did that first morning. I do remember that I wanted to crawl into my mittens and be cuddly and cozy. When the teacher announced outside playtime at recess, I was thrilled. We were told to get our jackets and line up. The sun was shining, but I was already twiddling Minnie's nose

with my thumb as we waited in line. I was anxious to leave the room and its warm, salty smell.

The air smelled sweet and cool when we got outside. I pondered the playground. The monkey bars — no good. My mittens would make me slip. The swing would be fine though. I wouldn't have to worry about my fingers getting pinched in the chains; Minnie would protect me.

After a while, I considered the slide: metal, massive, hulking, its top half covered by a shiny, dented metal dome. I

wasn't scared; I liked heights. Climbing was exciting for me. The slide dared me. I dared back. I decided to slide headfirst, hands extended. Before I reached the end, I would slow myself by grabbing the sides of the slide. At the bottom, a ditch had been carved out by hundreds of tiny feet as they flew off the slide; the rain had slid into the ditch and left it gooey with mud.

As I neared the bottom, Minnie betrayed me. The soft cotton of the mittens kept me from getting a grip; I couldn't

stop. I sailed headfirst off the end of the slide and plunged Minnie's face into the muck. The fibers sucked cold wetness onto my hands. I untoppled myself and stared at the mittens, at Minnie's eyes, now brown and gritty. Tears poured from my own eyes; I couldn't stop crying. The teacher took me inside.

She pulled the mittens off and told me to wash my hands. She rinsed the mittens in a large metal sink and hung them over the center divide to drip dry. Minnie's eyes were still a

dingy brown, and her ears drooped. The bows were crooked. The water dripped from the mittens; tears kept flowing from my eyes. I wanted to go home. I hoped my mother would come to get me soon.

— Deirdre Lickona

A FLOWER ON THE WALL BLOOMS

Shyness has a strange element of narcissism, a belief that how we look, how we perform, is truly important to other people.

— Andre Dubus

I had it all planned out. During the last week of August I practiced my behavior in my head, figuring out how I would react to each imagined scenario. Reacting was the only thing I'd do — for my plan to work, there would be none of that "initiating" business.

I would be a flower on the wall. I would be mysterious and alluring — an enigma worthy of investigation. I would speak in a series of riddles, relinquishing few words at a time, revealing nothing about myself. Perfecting my new behav-

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ior was crucial for survival.

My sisters had helped me to see the flaw in my old personality. One warm July day we were in the back yard by the pool, and I complained to no one in particular that I was not liked. I had learned I was not liked on the last day of school, when Sara, after flipping her long blonde hair over her shoulder and smiling the way Wile E. Coyote did when he thought he had the Roadrunner cornered, delivered the message to me at my locker.

"Nobody likes you," she said. "You are not invited to Jessica's party, so stop asking for your invitation." Jessica was my friend, and she had invited over 70 people to her

end-of-the-year party by way of rolled-up invitations that looked like little scrolls. I had assumed my scroll was nestled among those of my friends in Jessica's Esprit tote bag. Sometime in the last week of eighth grade, Sara had become Jessica's bearer of bad tidings — she was a natural.

Jane, my eldest sister, was first to respond to my open-ended complaint.

"I think I might be able to help you," she said. "You talk too much." She then pointed out that interrupting others and flapping my lips more frequently than exercising my ears made me annoying.

Like most 13-year-olds (though I now realize age has nothing to do

with it), I found criticism to be more painful than helpful. But when Heather agreed (Heather had just finished being a popular junior and was about to become a popular senior), I had to consider the possibility that Jane was right.

Because moderation is not one of my talents, I decided extreme measures would be necessary. If I was going to be likable again, I would have to become the complete opposite of who I was. I would have to be shy. My only obstacle was inexperience. It can't be that hard, I thought.

When Mom took us shopping for back-to-school supplies, I selected dark clothing for the "quiet, brooding girl"

look I was going for. I considered the Garfield folders but decided not to take a chance — people might think I actually liked Garfield (which I did), instead of assuming my choice in cartoon-character-covered folders was intended as irony (which it wasn't). In the end, I settled for plain colors — no room for misinterpretation there.

I had spent the summer lying low, a caterpillar transforming into a more desirable package. The night before my first day as a ninth grader, I laid out my outfit and rehearsed nonchalant facial expressions in the bathroom mirror. The next morning, I was eager to show off the new me, but I masked my excitement

with the somber "I wonder what she's thinking" expression on which I had worked so hard.

I did my best to keep my head down and shuffle my feet as I made my way from where Mom dropped me off to my new locker. Don't make eye contact. Keep to yourself and they will come to you. I slipped a shiny new Master combination lock through the hole on the front of my locker and recited the combination to myself three times before clicking it closed.

As the first student to enter my first-period class, I had my choice of seats — a choice I did not take lightly. The old me had always sat front and center, which meant the new me should sit some-

where in the back and off to one side. With less than five minutes to go before the bell, students began to file in and take their places. No one's sitting next to me. Is that good or bad?

There were some girls who had received their own little scrolls to Jessica's party — the one I had been officially uninvited to. They whispered to each other at the other end of the room, where they sat side by side. A girl in a yellow dress sat next to me. I smiled at her and struggled not to say anything. Remember your training. Keep to yourself.

I made it through the entire first period without breaking character. The girl in the yellow dress

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had not once looked in my direction during class. I had stared openly at her — analyzed the way she kept her head down, I should practice that angle, listened as she mumbled a timid “here” as the teacher took attendance. She was pretty, she was quiet, she was a yellow wallflower, a mysterious new student — she was everything I wanted to be, the opposite of the old me.

I followed her outside, called her name when she was getting too far ahead. When she turned around to face

me, she looked surprised that I had remembered her name from roll call — the old, extraverted me paid attention to other people’s names. She had no idea what mine was, I could see it in her face and hear it in her voice when she mumbled a meek “What?”

“My name is Barb. You wanna have lunch with me today?”

“Yeah, that would be great,” she said, her face lighting up to match the brightness of her dress.

“Cool,” I said. So much for being shy. I

can’t wait to tell her all about me. — *Barbarella*

OUT OF AFRICA

It looks as if you’re cradling a baby goat in your arms while something explodes from its backside. Right wrist rests atop left elbow. Right elbow rests atop left wrist. Right pinky and index finger extend to form the “horns,” or cornuto, gesture — an almost universal expression of contempt. Fingers of the left hand execute an expulsive

“flicking” motion. This is the American Sign Language, ASL, sign for bullshit.

It’s difficult to grasp an ASL sign through words. ASL engages not only the body, but also the space around the body, the space between “speaker” and “listener.” The difference between spoken language and signed language is the difference between saying “I love you” and holding someone in your arms.

Christine was the first person I ever saw make the ASL sign for

bullshit. She’d contorted her face in such a way that you didn’t need to have been born deaf, or to have studied ASL, to put a definite meaning behind what her hands and arms were doing. Her livid red hair, spiky with gel, quivered. Her green eyes seemed to emit beams of disdain.

Christine’s disdain-beams were ricocheting around the dim corridors of the National Captioning Institute at Sunset-Gower Studios in Hollywood, California, sometime, as far as I’m able to recollect, in the

early fall of 1985. At the time, the National Captioning Institute, NCI, was the country’s largest producer of “captions,” those odd little snippets of dialog and description of sound (“doorbell rings”) that flash across television screens for the benefit of the deaf or otherwise “hearing impaired.”

At the time I was a newly Orthodox Jew, or Jew new to Orthodox Judaism, who’d been sent to live in Los Angeles by a San Diego rabbi who felt I needed to spend time studying at a San

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"Two of my last three husbands were Jews," she told me between speed-dial calls to prospective employers. Thin brown cigarettes smoldered in an ashtray beside her. "I love Jews."

The workplace to which the wiry Colombian sent me was a snakepit of identity politics. My first morning at work, I saw Christine sign "bullshit" to the woman, I'll call her Lola, whom I was told was my supervisor. Christine stormed off. Lola took me by the elbow and led me to her office.

"There's tension in the deaf community," Lola told me in her loud, strange articulation, "between oral deaf people like me who can read lips and speak English and between deaf people like Christine who are best at using sign language. Christine is big-D Deaf. Deaf pride!"

Lola explained that I would spend one hour each week transcribing Robert Schuller's Sunday sermon from the Crystal Cathedral, a few hours on menial filing tasks, and the rest of my time "working on" captions with Christine for segments of movies such as *Out of Africa*.

Christine snatched me as I exited Lola's office.

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ward I could recite by heart all dialog and sound effects for the first 30 minutes of *Out of Africa*. ("I had a farm in Africa at the foot of the Ngong Hills...") I could also remember every sign Christine taught me.

She was the only big-D "Deaf Pride" person at NCI. (Lola refused to sign.) I was the only Orthodox Jew. I drove home at night to take classes at a synagogue where I was the only single person. At night in

North Hollywood I'd stare at my apartment's beige ceiling and dream of Jerusalem. During the day, I clung to Christine.

We'd work for a few minutes on *Out of Africa*. I'd watch it and bang out a few pages of transcript. Christine would translate it into snippets the deaf or "hearing impaired" would best understand. She recorded the snippets via special software on the huge floppy disks computers used in those days. Christine would grab my

hand and drag me upstairs to a file room, or out-of-the-way patio, and instruct me in ASL. It was the immersion method. She wanted to talk about everything. Anything. Literature. Religion. She loved Faulkner. Had I read — as she said it she spelled it out with her right hand — L-I-G-H-T I-N A-U-G-U-S-T? Why did I like being a J-E-W?

"I'm a L-E-S-B-I-A-N," she signed. "I don't like R-E-L-I-G-I-O-N. They say I'm going to H-E-L-L. But I love C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S. Beautiful."

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My progress in ASL amazed her. Perhaps I have a gift for languages. I don't know. I was getting intensive one-on-one tutorials in ASL for about 25 hours a week over the course of months and months. I was learning far more ASL than I was

learning biblical Hebrew. I was even learning the fine points of ASL slang, such as the pejorative signs for deaf people like Lola who were a little too proud of their ability to read lips and speak English.

Christine was convinced I had remarkable talent.

"You must go to G-A-L-L-A-U-D-E-T," she told me, "the university for deaf people. You'll learn to sign like a deaf

person. You'll be a wonderful translator."

I didn't tell Christine that I'd applied for a scholarship at a yeshiva, religious school, in Jerusalem. In any language, how can you tell someone who's given you a way of understanding the world that you've chosen another way?

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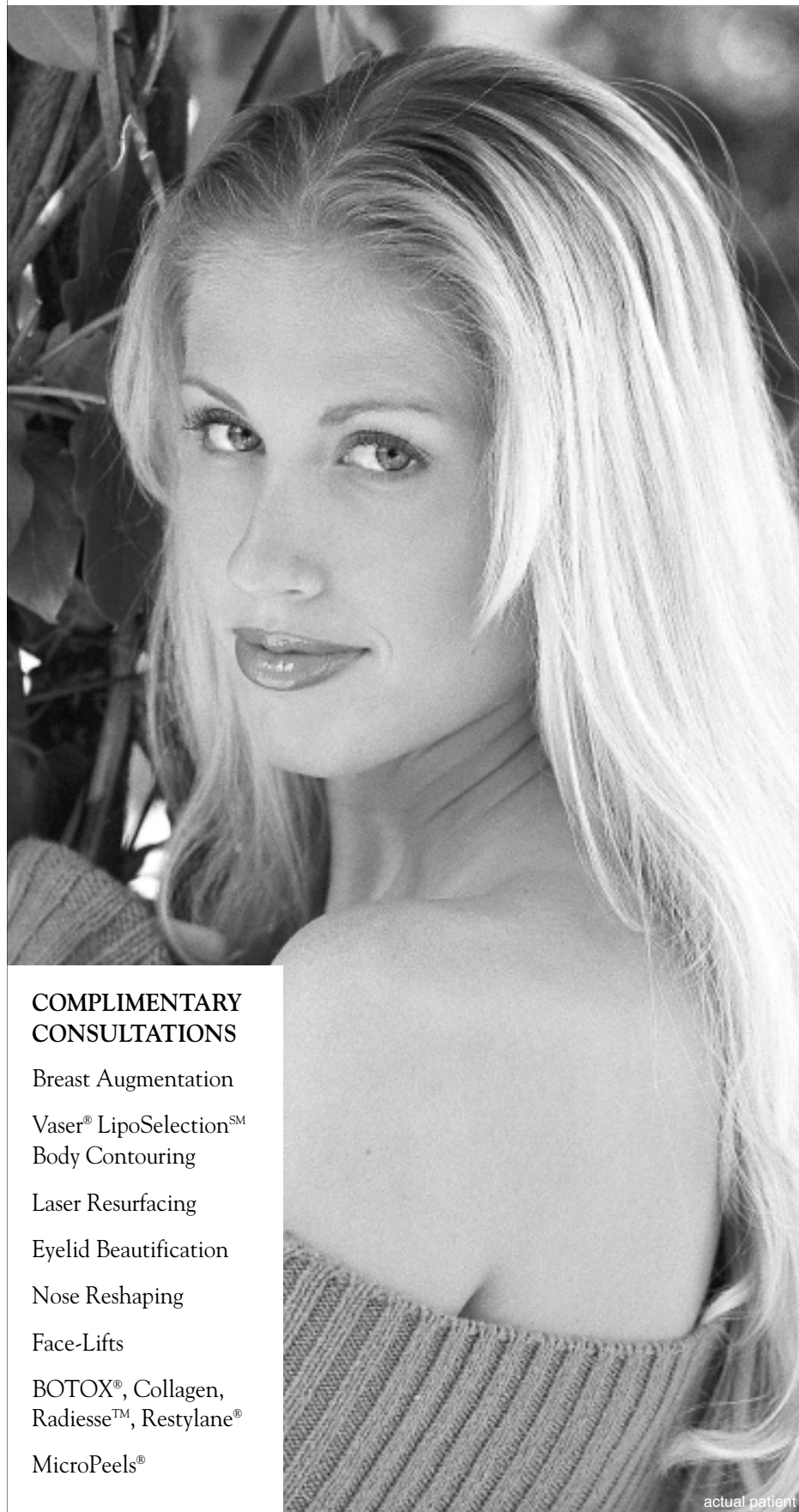
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the office of the president of NCI at Sunset-Gower Studios in Hollywood. The president, a tall fellow in a suit that cost more than I made in several months, explained that on Christine's recommendation, NCI had spoken to Gallaudet about me. If I were willing to study ASL full-time, NCI would arrange for me a scholarship at Gallaudet.

Speaking in English, signing all the while, I thanked him but said I'd already accepted a scholarship for a religious school in Jerusalem.

We make the choices we make. I suppose many seem more dramatic in retrospect than they were at the time. I had a farm in Africa at the foot of the Ngong Hills... A couple of weeks later, it must have been early summer, at the end of my last day at NCI, Christine escorted

me outside. Into my hands she placed a paper plate of cookies covered in plastic wrap. They were Christmas cookies, sugar cookies — stars, angels, Christmas trees — decorated with green and red sprinkles.

"I made them," she signed. She touched the side of my face. She watched me walk to my car. As I was driving away, she stood and watched me go. She didn't sign any special farewell. She smiled. She waved good-bye. She waved good-bye the way we all do. The way everyone does.

— Abe Opincar

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It was the first week of September, must have been. I was 13 and it was 1964. JFK was dead less than a year, but the

Beatles were making us feel better about it. I caught the school bus on Lake Street, and as I climbed aboard I noticed with relief that all the guys were wearing the same kind of shirt, tie, and sports jacket, more or less. I was not the only homo. A homo was a guy who wore white sox, ties, and had to be home by ten o'clock.

On a transistor radio Alan Price's organ howled with pain on "The House of the Rising Sun," a really interesting record.

On the way to St. Joe's in Westchester, Illinois, I tried to read my Ace paperback of Beau Geste, but I was too nervous or excited. It would be my first day of high school. My parents wanted to send me out to Saint Joseph's to "Broaden my horizons," which meant go to school somewhere I

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didn't have to fight my way home through Irish kids. I had split Bobby Finch's lip and reshaped his finger along with Marty McGee's ear and left eye for most of the summer. James Cunningham would spend a lot of time at the orthodontist thanks to me. I had dropped in on each of them one at a time at their homes on the last day of eighth grade.

We passed Maywood, Melrose Park, and some alien suburbs. St. Joe's would later have brief cinematic fame in the movie *Hoop Dreams*, but I had only heard of it as a distant outpost of the Christian Brothers. "The Christian Brothers," I was told, "are filled with guys that used to join the Foreign Legion." That sounded cool.

Later, I would be grateful to Brother Stanislaw and Father Ed for *Great Tales of Action and Adventure*, which

settled the business of my being a writer and for blues records in art class, which settled both my art and music career for many years. That is no art career and many years of music. But before I got to know those men, I had to get past a lunatic named Brother Crispin or Crispian.

Brother C was the main speaker at freshman orientation in the gymnasium. For some reason I got there late, couldn't find it maybe. When I walked in, there

were at least a thousand guys seated in the bleachers. Brother C was at a podium beneath what would later be a famous basketball hoop.

"Don't think I don't know how you spent your summer!" His voice was hoarse — I would later discover — from habitual yelling for no apparent reason. "In as much sin as you could find! Am I right?"

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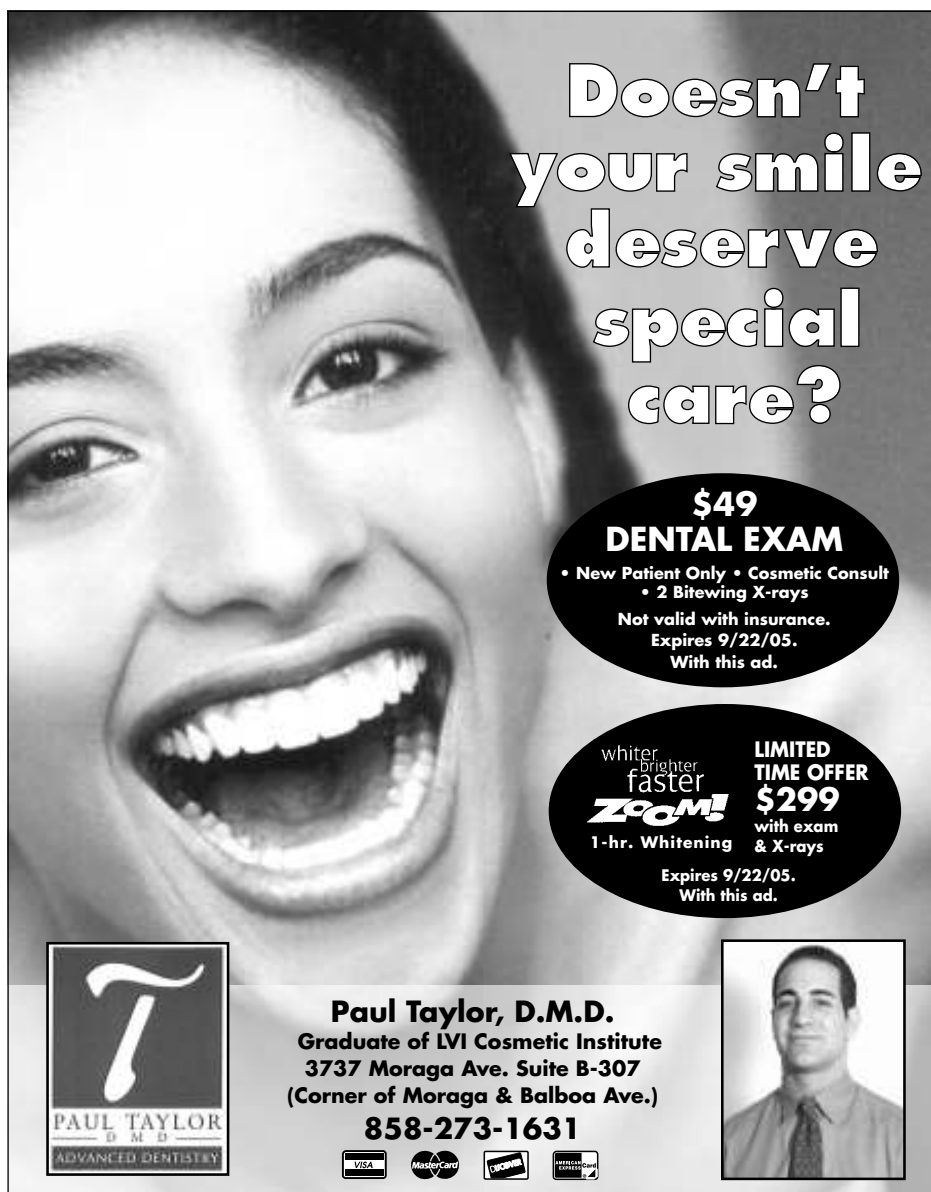
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I know it sounds as though I'm making this up, but I swear.

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"When you weren't sinning with some pimply girl, you were humping up and down, undulating on your pillows! Your athletic little buttocks sweating, mother naked, spilling your seed!" His toaster-sized fist pummeled the surface of the makeshift portable pulpit/lectern, striking the wood with resounding echoes through the gymnasium. Each gerund ending a dull mortar round echoing, ricocheting: SINNING! UNDULATING! SWEATING! SPILLING!

I was, of course, hor-

rified. How did he know? He was right, naturally, but the man was deranged, a nut case. Was he in charge here? The principal?

"I am the disciplinarian, and your summer of sin is at an end!"

God. Yes, of course. I'm sorry. I'll never do it again. Just keep me away from this madman.

"Let me introduce Paddy. Paddy is my partner. You will all know Paddy because you will all sin. That is your nature." He was brandishing a wooden paddle like something you used to bake long, thin loaves of bread. It was stained, I could have sworn, with blood and sweat and God knows what else. It gleamed in the harsh gymnasium light, reflecting back the sun on the glistening entrails and bodily fluids of its recent victims. Likely it was just stained with ordinary

wood stain and shone with ordinary varnish, but you could not have convinced me at that moment.

"You all bear the outward signs of your fleshly sins, do you know that? Is it a mark on your forehead? A mark of the beast? No. Oh, no. Maybe you think it's the constant stretching of your trousers at the crotch when you think of these things, these white thighs and nudie magazines — and you think of them constantly, don't you? But no, it's not a sign around your neck. It's not goat horns protruding from your long Beatles hair! Do you know what it is? I'll tell you what it is, all you Elvis the Pelvises out there. They're called sideburns! Say goodbye to them. There will be no **SIDEBURNS** here!"

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doomed. Actually it was another word that occurred to me in place of "doomed," but I dare not think it because I was sure to be dead before the day was out, and if I went to Hell, I knew who would be there with Paddy.

— John Brizzolara

TIME OUT OF MIND

When the fall quarter began in 1972, I vowed to make no

new friends at school. I was a third-year graduate student in literature at U.C. Irvine. I was finishing coursework and would take qualifying exams in the spring. "No new ones," I promised my wife Rebekah that first day.

"Probably wise," she replied.

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At Irvine, Rebekah and I made some close friends in our first two years. Then, often without warning, they'd leave.

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"('Larry, it's...') Got it. Keep going!"

They lived in Laguna Beach, where Larry, who took a dour view of things, became infamous for being the only person the Laguna Greeter wouldn't greet.

Rebekah and I spent Friday evenings with Susan and Larry, Baron and Janet Wormser, and Scott Baker. Other than the occasional "another week down," conversation rarely centered on school. Instead we compared notes about the epic monster movie we watched daily: Southern California. Two from Baltimore (Baron and Janet), a Chicagoan (Scott), and a couple from the redwoods of U.C. Santa Cruz shared

astonished observations.

Halfway through the winter quarter, Susan walked out of a critical theory seminar, stood in the hallway, and roared like a wounded lion. She'd just heard Professor Murray Krieger recount the history of imitation theories, from Plato to Benedetto Croce, in ten minutes flat. Krieger's virtuosity blew her away. She dropped out of school. Her sudden departure felt like a death in the family.

So did Baron's. Except for writing poems instead of doing homework, and condensing each class's notes into a single word, you'd have sworn that, of all of us, he'd get the Ph.D. At the end of spring quarter, however, Baron spray-painted his baby blue seersucker suit day-glo orange, put a toothpick in his mouth, walked into the lit office, and said

good-bye. He and Janet moved to Maine, where he became its poet laureate in 2000.

Scott studied our friends' exits like sacred texts. If he ever left, he swore, it'd have to be unforgettable.

I can't recall the exact age — 25? 30? But if Scott could reach it, he'd inherit a trust fund and would be set for life. Problem was: the odds were against him. He lived as if he'd missed the Sixties and was desperate to catch up.

One Scott story: he wants to see Santa Cruz, via the coast route. We go there on Christmas break in his ancient van. Since he's experimenting with colored pills from a cellophane bag, I'm driving. Halfway between San Simeon and Big Sur, it starts raining buckets. And the driver's side windshield-wiper is stuck!

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"Oops," says Scott between gulps. "Forgot about that."

For the next 25 hair-pin, vertiginous, rain-slammed miles, Scott described each upcoming turn: "little right. No! Hard right. MORE!!" — this as part of an ongoing adoration of the windshield's "far out" drip patterns.

Scott left the program in the spring of '71. He walked into the lit office, said good-bye to the secretaries and the department chairman,

then walked out. He was stark naked.

Scott has since become an award-winning science-fiction writer. He lives in Paris and, last I heard, now writes novels in French. Dire prognostications to the contrary, he'll probably outlive the planet.

No new friends, I promised Rebekah. Of course I'd made a similar vow the first day of my final year at U.C. Santa Cruz: no romantic complications this time; gonna hit those books,

write that senior thesis — then there she was.

From the entering class of literature students, in the fall of 1972, I made lifelong friends. To commemorate two of them, and suggest the tribulations of graduate life — including a sad divorce — I dedicated my dissertation "To Mike Clark and James 'the Hawk' Culhane, who helped me get sane, when I was crazy, and crazy, when I got a little too sane."

— Jeff Smith ■

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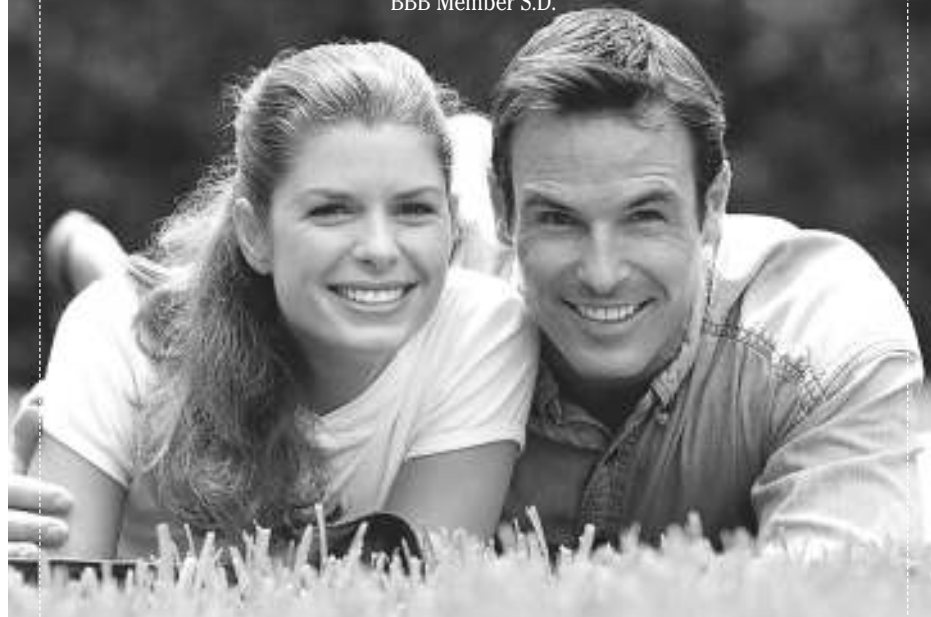
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There's no meaner adult than the evil teacher. Everybody has had one. My first evil teacher, Mrs. S, sprung upon me in the second grade. To this day, she is the most frightening person I have ever seen. Mrs. S's blond hair stood at least three feet high off her head. Her nails were stained an eerie, dark red (the blood of unsuspecting eight-year-olds?). The voice was a pitch so high, so painful, that many children's eardrums collapsed from hearing it.

She was cruel, and certainly unusual. I had heard many a tale of Mrs. S using unspeakable tortures to punish those who dare challenge her. The most feared of these tools was "The Wall." The Wall was in the back of one of the classrooms. The convict was forced to spend time sitting with his or her back against the hot and sticky surface during recess. With the sun beating down on the unfortunate soul, he or she had to watch the joy of the freed children on the swings or slide. The punishment was the harshest of its day and was only employed by Mrs. S. She took a little too much delight when children disobeyed her orders. I spent one painful recess against The Wall; I don't even remember what I had done wrong. The pain I suffered that day while watching my two best friends play hopscotch while I sat in no man's land taught me to comply with Mrs. S's every wish and command.

— Anne Baker,
Carlsbad H.S.

During the summer before I entered middle school, I became convinced that I was destined for stardom as a pop singer. This is painful to admit, but I think Britney Spears had something to do with my decision. However, unlike Britney, I intended to sing.

Because I'd become serious about singing, I realized that I needed to switch my sixth-grade elective from band to choir. I had heard horror stories about the choir teacher, but I felt so determined, her terribleness could not stop me from doing what I wanted to do.

Almost all of my teachers have liked me because I am cooperative and do well in school. In choir, I worked hard and was

pleasant. Unfortunately, those qualities weren't good enough; they were overridden by the fact that, while having what some might call a "pretty" voice, I had nowhere near the lung power to sing most of what this teacher wanted me to sing.

These problems became worse when the teacher — who clearly doubted my abilities — placed me in the audition-only "elite" women's ensemble that she was forming. Making it into this after-school program made me think that I had a chance as a performing artist.

This teacher would scream at and threaten students who had behavioral problems or a talent deficit. Once I was placed in the new ensemble, she terrorized me more than she had in the past. I would go to each rehearsal trembling, and she would yell at me many times without fail. I never doubted that I was her worst student ever.

Yet, I would not let her terrorism defeat me. I persevered and continued in the ensemble the following year. In high school, I switched to drama.

— Michelle Diaz,
Poway H.S.

A teacher's influence can alter a child's perception on education, knowledge, and life. Some teachers use their power for good and some for evil. In middle school, I had the displeasure of having a teacher I will call Mrs. Smith. (If she ever realizes I wrote about her, I fear she'd send a pack of ravenous aardvarks to exact revenge.)

Mrs. Smith taught science. My teacher's-pet tendencies saved me from

the full potential of her wrath, but those who defied her suffered her cruelty. If someone whispered during her "teaching" time, Mrs. Smith's eyes stretched wide, her face turned red, and — as if demons within were strangling her throat — her voice became more shrill than a banshee's. That's when all students cowered, hoping to draw as little attention to themselves as possible.

One of my faults is my inability to restrain my smile. Mrs. Smith's outrageous anger often reminded me of the wild animals she taught us about. When I'd see her anger surface, thoughts of Mrs. Smith wrestling with, say, a Tasmanian devil, would stir and amuse me. While I struggled to hide my laughter, other students who found her anger amusing weren't as experienced in concealing their smile. Those were the students who suffered the verbal onslaughts. Many a student endured slander as Mrs. Smith labeled 12- and



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13-year-olds as "ridiculous," "bratty," and "stupid." To survive her acquaintance was a lesson in natural selection: the fittest passed the class.

— Mary Lindquist,
El Capitan H.S.

He called himself the "love doctor," yet neglected to demonstrate his adoration for his students. He rarely used any method that might teach students and enlighten them with more knowledge of U.S. history. This teacher (whom I'll call Mr. Elliot) managed to strike discord within many of his students this year. He sparked

controversy when he gave priority to his Minesweeper computer game instead of preparing students for the AP exam.

His actions epitomized cruelty; Mr. Elliot often watched students squirm and sweat in their seats as they took a test on material he did not cover. He enjoyed observing students squint their eyes at the documentaries he'd play on our school's television set; we'd frantically jot down notes in the hope of acing the essay. While most teachers stayed after school to aid students, Mr. Elliot left at the sound of the bell.

I admit that he was

intelligent. I wish he would have shared with us the "plethora and virtual cornucopia" (as he would say) of information he said he had to offer. Mr. Elliot preferred to hand out worksheets and play films rather than lecture.

Mr. Elliot lacked the common courtesy that many people in our society demonstrate. A "good morning" would be met with a glare or a grunt. I was saddened that, on the last day of class, unlike the rest of my teachers, he forgot to wish us good luck and tell us how much he enjoyed teaching us.

— Vivian Pham,
Mt. Carmel H.S.

When I was 13, I met the meanest person I have ever known. She was a bully and fit the stereotype: big, mean, ugly, with no friends except her lackeys. Unfortunately, she had her sights set on me.

I was the new kid and an easy target. Every day, she picked on me in the halls. She'd tell me I smelled, that my clothes looked like garbage, that I was a freak, and some other things I don't care

to repeat. She would knock my books out from under my arm or even knock me down as she passed. I started going out of my way to avoid her, even if it meant going all the way around the school, in the opposite direction of my class. I was afraid of her, and there was no one to help me because I didn't know anyone and usually the other kids looked the other way.

One day, I decided

I'd had enough. When she came up to me, I stood my ground and looked her in the eye. She started with her usual insults and antics, but I didn't budge. She noticed it wasn't affecting me, and she got angry. She tried to get a reaction out of me, but it didn't work. She got fed up and left, and she never bothered me again.

— Angel Sonada,
Academy of Our Lady of
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psychological themes. A more representative sample for your friend to provide would have been *Ege Bam-yasi*, *Tago Mago*, and the masterpiece, *Future Days*. Sorry to quibble, but when I read that description it made me feel bad that a band as unique and groundbreaking, in terms of blending electronics and organic sounds, as Can was being so unfairly remembered.

Keith Boyd
via e-mail

Grove Laugh

I enjoyed John Brizzolara's article this week about First Friday readings at the Grove ("T.G.I.F.," August 25). It was funny and captured the atmosphere of the short-but-sweetness of the pieces read. I laughed at the ending story. I have a sneaking suspicion the actual rewrite would be quite different, though.

Amy Wallen
via e-mail

Recycled Pits

Re letter to the editor, "Pit Ignorance," by Name Withheld (August 25).

I'm a 69-year-old metal dinosaur whose punker friends of the mid-'70s, the Cardiac Kidz, played at the Back Door at SDSU, circa '75 or '76, and had a mosh pit down in front of the stage. It was fun but got a bit too rough even though I was a pretty strong woman in my 30s then. My (ex) husband pulled me up before I got more than a few bruises, but it was *fun*. (Our own rock and metal band, Tecolote Express, had gentler audiences.) I believe the mosh pits might have started with the earlier punkers in England and/or New York City, as it was *not* a new idea at the time.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont Mesa

Hod Not Hog

In the cover story in the August 18 issue of the *Reader* — "The Good Shoemaker and the Poor Fish Peddler," about Sacco and Vanzetti — I believe the reference to the "Hog Carriers' Union" that

appears on page 31, column 2, line 4 is incorrect. It should be the Hod Carriers' Union, otherwise known as the Laborers' International Union. According to the *Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary*, a hod carrier is "a laborer employed in carrying supplies to bricklayers, stonemasons, cement finishers, or plasterers on the job."

Jim McVicar
Allied Gardens

Due to an editorial error, "Hod" was changed to "Hog."
—Editor

Space Obscured

I'm tired of reading phrases like "cultural icon" used to convince people who don't care about libraries that we need a new central library ("This Isn't a Free Library," "City Lights," August 18). Those who do care and do use the central library know that what we do need, have needed for decades, and need more desperately with every passing day is *space*. The current building was supposed to have been expanded by adding floors, but building codes changed and

that became impossible. Over 70 percent of the fiction is crammed into storage and therefore unbrowsable. Space is so tight there that on a regular basis we discard books we would otherwise keep to make room for the new books. All the discussion of world-class libraries and San Diego's image has obscured the very real and present need for a decent-sized building with sufficient space for the entire collection to be available to the public for browsing.

Linda Griffin
Talmadge

Schooner Oops

Thank you for your articles on the history of San Diego. In the first article, you misidentified the ship type ("Unforgettable," August 18).

There are two main types of rig. A square rig has the yard centered on the mast and is perpendicular to the mast and centerline while the ship is at rest. Hence, square rig. A fore-and-aft rig has the spar attached to the mast at one end only and is on the centerline of the ship while at rest. Hence, fore-and-aft.

There are four main types of two-masted ships. If both masts are fore-and-aft, it is a schooner. (A ketch is a variant where the foremast is taller than the mizzenmast.) If there are one or two square sails at the top of the foremast and the rest of the ship is fore-and-aft, it is a topsail schooner, e.g., the San Diego Maritime Museum's *Californian*. (In your photo, the ship labeled a brigantine is truly a topsail schooner.) If the foremast is square rigged and the mainmast is fore-and-aft, it is a brigantine. If both masts are square rigged, then it is a brig.

There are also four main types of three-masted ships. You can have a three-masted schooner or a three-masted barkentine. If the first two masts are square and the mizzen (third) is fore-and-aft, then it is a barque (or bark), e.g., the Maritimes's *Star of India*. If all three masts are square rigged, then it is ship rigged, e.g., the Maritime's *Surprise* (aka *Rose*).

All of the above rigs may have a variety of stay sails and jibs, but these sails do not change the general

classifications.

Jim Dillon
San Diego

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The article in your paper "His Eyes Were Red and Glassy" ("City Lights," August 11), describing Mary Prévost's dealings with the city attorney, was a nice piece of journalism.

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Football Fan Empire

If you know that the good guys aren't so good, you're a Raiders fan. If you know you've been jacked and are waiting for revenge, you're a Raiders fan. If you know your boss isn't any better than you are, you're a Raiders fan," write Jim Miller and Kelly

Mayhew in their new book, *Better to Reign in Hell: Inside the Raiders Fan Empire*. On Friday,

September 9, Miller and Mayhew will be discussing their book at D.G. Wills Books in La Jolla.

Miller, who was born in San Diego and grew up in Los Angeles, has always been a fan of the Raiders football team that began in Oakland, traveled to L.A., and returned to its home city. "During the [2003] season we immersed ourselves even more than we had been before," says Miller's wife and coauthor, Mayhew. "We had season tickets and we sat in the 'Black Hole,' the most notorious section in the Oakland Coliseum."

Mayhew, who was pregnant at the time of her research, remembers the close-knit group that shared the Black Hole. "The people who sat behind us would pat my growing belly. It was like a big family, which is kind of counter to the image of the Raiders fan."

In their book the duo writes, "Real or imagined, the Raider Nation is an affirma-

tion of blue-collar toughness, rebellion, and solidarity during a time that valorizes the lifestyles of the rich and famous. In an era that craves order and safety, Raider Nation offers chaos and fun. In the face of the new Puritanism, 'Just say no,' and 'Watch what you say,' the Raider Nation says, 'Fuck you.'

The book continues, "As homeless Oakland resident Ben Duckworth put it while collecting empty beer cans on East 12th Street, 'The Raiders lift us all up...I may be homeless and broke, but I'm a winner. That's because my blood runs silver and black.'"

"The Chargers are more a sort of suburban team in a lot of ways," says Miller. "I think when people think about the Raiders coming in, people feel like, 'Oh, it's a gang invasion of San Diego.'"

"The most notorious example of violence was at a game in San Diego where a Raiders fan stabbed a Chargers fan. [The Raiders fan] is still in jail." Unable to reach the convicted man for comment, Miller and Mayhew interviewed one of his neighbors. "He was just this regular guy that lost it. It was a pathetic tale, really; there was no gang association with it. The fear of Raiders fans is the fear of the urban, fear of black and brown," says Miller, who is Caucasian.

What about the die-hard, war-painted individuals? "They are not representative fans," answers Miller. "The cameras love them because they're colorful, but we interviewed



a number of people [with painted faces] who don't even have tickets; they just go to get their pictures taken in the parking lot. There's a minor industry made out of celebrity fans."

Aggressive fans, stresses Mayhew, are not limited to one team. "Whenever you wear an opposing team's colors on another turf, you are kind of holding yourself up to getting hazed," she says. "At a Chargers game last year a group of Chargers fans got arrested for beating up an opposing team's fan. It wasn't a Raiders game."

Mayhew writes one chapter about women as sports fans. "Women are a growing market and they make up a large percentage of football viewers," Mayhew attributes this growing trend to the fact that "more and more women have the same kinds of work and life pressures as men have traditionally had," and that watching sports offers the proper outlet.

"You get in the stands and you cheer your team on, you curse them out when they flub a play, you high-five the people in the stands next to you. There were a signifi-

cant number of women in the Black Hole." The chapter Mayhew wrote is titled "Real Women Wear Black."

Miller and Mayhew took their newborn son to the last game of the year at the Oakland Coliseum. "It was pouring down rain in buckets and we were wearing ponchos because you can't bring an umbrella in," remembers Mayhew. "One of the guys who sits in front of us [swapped seats] so that we could sit under the overhang to protect our kid. We only see this guy at games, but he stood in the rain [for us]."

— Barbarella

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submit information online at SanDiegoReader.com by clicking on the events section.

BAJA

Rosarito Beach Racquetball Open — with players from Canada, U.S., Japan, Korea, Dominican Republic, Chile, Guatemala, Bolivia, and Mexican national team — runs Thursday, September 8, through Sunday, September 11, at Rosarito Beach Hotel. 800-962-BAJA. (ROSARITO BEACH)

"Galeria de Armas Rotas" read from and discussed by author Luis Jorge Boone, Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

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Betsy Pecanins Open-Air Concert, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Country Club (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). Tickets: \$30 U.S. 011-52-664-104-7540. (TIJUANA)

More Than 300 Runners expected during 50k run, Saturday, September 10, 8 a.m., starting and finishing at University of Baja Cal-

ifornia (Mesa de Otay). 011-52-664-682-1033. (TIJUANA)

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Disney's Princess Show promised on Saturday, September 10, at 6 and 8:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

In Memory of September 11, 2001, pianist Arturo Gándara presents concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$10, \$20 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Learn of a "Defender of Mexican Integrity" when Jorge Martínez Zepeda examines Antonio María Meléndez, Wednesday, September 14, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Graffiti Exhibit with live music, Thursday, September 15, 6 p.m., at Instituto de Cultura de Baja California (#10151 Avenida Centenario, Zona Río). \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-683-6766. (TIJUANA)

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Tijuana Fair continues through Sunday, September 18, with food, music, arts and crafts, entertainment at Parque Morelos. On main stage: El Símbolo on Thursday, September 8 (\$10, \$20); Maldita Vecindad on Friday, September 9 (\$5); Maribel Guardia on Saturday, September 10; Consuelo Duval on Sunday, September 11.

At Palenque, see Pepe Aguilar on Thursday, September 8 (\$30, \$60); Ana Gabriel on Friday, September 9 (\$25, \$45); and Marco Antonio Solís on Saturday, September 10 (\$30, \$50). All concerts start at 11:30 p.m.

Admission to fair: \$4.50 for adults, \$1 for children. 011-52-664-684-0481. (TIJUANA)

OUTDOORS

The Time of Sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through the background stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about 9 minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about one-half degree per day.

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tours offered Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon. Tour guide Gino Lizardi reveals romantic past of restaurant row, presents updates on current building boom. \$10. Reservations: 619-239-7515. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Zodiacal Light, which can appear as a diffuse, pillar-shaped glow in the eastern sky for up to

an hour before dawn, will be quite conspicuous at dark locations this weekend (September 10-11). By the following weekend, the full moon's glare will render the phenomenon invisible.

The subtle glow of the zodiacal light is caused by sunlight reflecting off dust particles floating in space in the plane of our solar system. In the sky, this reflected light appears superimposed along the string of constellations we know as the zodiac, and especially those zodiacal constellations closest to the direction of the sun. An old name for this phenomenon is "false dawn" — a good description of the effect under clear and very dark skies.

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on the second Saturday of each month, including September 10. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Remove Invasive Plants, tend California natives, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, September 10,

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

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Birding the Marsh, Chula Vista Nature Center hosts guided bird-watching hikes around Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, on Saturday, September 10, 8 a.m. and Sunday, September 11, 11 a.m. Reservations: 619-409-5903. Free. (CHULA VISTA)

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

Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Help Rescue Wildlife in Trouble with Wildlife Assist. Volunteer recruiting sessions on Saturday, September 10, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (behind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

San Diego Kite Club hosts day of kite flying, second Saturday of each month, including September 10, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Shores North Park (on Mission Bay Drive, north of Fiesta Island entrance). Free. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

Fledgling Birdwatchers invited to Audubon Society outing at Lake Murray, Monday, September 12, 8 to 11 a.m. Bring binoculars, a small notebook, field guide.

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Lowest Tides This Month, still on an early-morning regime, are predicted for the following three days: Thursday, September 15, at 2:13 a.m. (-0.9 foot); Friday, September 16, at 2:50 a.m. (-1.0 foot); and Saturday, September 17, at 3:25 a.m. (-0.9 foot). The two highest tides of the month, both +6.7 feet, will occur on Thursday at 8:04 p.m. and on Friday at 8:52 p.m. Starting in October and

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DANCE

The Circulators Square Dance Club offers beginners' class starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 9, in Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). First class free; \$3 thereafter. Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). 619-644-2336. Open enroll-

ment continues through September 30. (BALBOA PARK)

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Rachel and Kirsten present belly-dance dinner show with live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Friday, September 9, 7 p.m., at Greek Palace (8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). No cover with dinner purchase. 858-573-0155. (KEARNY MESA)

New Dance Works and film by contemporary choreographers Collette Harding and Amanda Waal Saturday, September 10, at 8 and 9 p.m., at Stage 7 School of Dance (3980 30th Street). Free. 619-234-4647. (NORTH PARK)

Kolos Old and New taught by Los Angeles guest teacher John Filcich, Saturday, September 10, 7 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569

30th Street, suite A). Workshop: \$5; evening dance with workshop: \$9. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Turtle Creek provides music, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Saturday, September 10, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$8. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

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LOCAL EVENTS

the Christian faith such as mercy, hope, prayer, and faith." Tickets: \$3 in advance, \$5 at door; free under 18. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instructor is Ellen Riley on September 11. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Middle-Eastern Dance extravaganza with folkloric, tribal, cabaret, and samba dance, Sunday, September 11, 6 p.m., at San Diego Woman's Club (2557 Third Avenue). Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-890-5241. (BANKERS HILL)

Scottish Country Dancing lessons offered by San Diego Royal Scottish Country Dance Association. Free introductory class Monday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. in room 203 of Casa del Prado. Fee for six-week session: \$24. 858-453-8286. (BALBOA PARK)

Up for a Right Silly, Jolly Good Time? Moreton Bay Fig Morris leads English traditional morris dancing — beginners' nights offered Tuesdays in September,

7 p.m., at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). \$5 per night, \$10 for series. 858-689-8947. (BALBOA PARK)

Imagining Is Becoming, according to Leilainia, who teaches bellydance on Tuesdays, September 13–October 18, at Bamboo Yoga and Bodywork Center (1127 Loma Avenue). \$60 for six-week series. 619-435-9119. (CORONADO)

Swing and Ballroom Dance Party, every Wednesday, including September 14, 7:45 to 11 p.m., at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Introductory dance lesson included in admission fee: \$8. 619-229-0141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Trolley Dances 2005" presented by Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater and Metropolitan Transit System, September 24 and 25, October 1 and 2. Six new works by featured choreographers including Henry Torres, Wendy Rogers, Rebecca Bryant, Sadie Weinberg, Isaacs.

Dancing presented along new trolley line complete with 40-foot elevated platform, underground tunnel, new trolley station at San Diego State University. Performances begin every hour, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays; 10, 10:45, 11:30 a.m., 12:15, 1, 1:45 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, people in wheelchairs and strollers free. Reser-

OUT & ABOUT

TUTANKHAMEN

Resurrected, Returns — Arlene Wolinski on L.A. County Museum of Art exhibit, Friday, September 9, at Mesa College; and Sunday, September 11, at San Diego Museum of Art.

(SEE LECTURES)



ervations: 858-484-7791. (GRANTVILLE TROLLEY STATION, MISSION VALLEY)

Goldfinch Street). \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Imperial Beach Film Festival runs Friday and Saturday, September 9 and 10. Entries include "mixed film series," documentaries, appearance by writer-director Andrea Richards (talking about her book *Girl Director*). Details, tickets: 619-934-0051. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

"Maria Full of Grace" opens International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, Septem-

ber 9. See film at 1 p.m. in room 204 at MiraCosta's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

"La Meglio Gioventù" — part two of this 6.5-hour film following an Italian family from 1960s to present screens on Friday, September 9, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). In Italian — *without* English subtitles. \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Unlocking DaVinci's Code" delves into "legacy linking Jesus Christ, Mary Magdalene, and Leonardo DaVinci." See film on Friday, September 9, 7 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Donation: \$5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

Stranger Than Love presents "Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, September 11, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x125. (GOLDEN HILL)

The Scrappy Romantic Fantasy *Yana's Friends* explores the life of Russian immigrants in Israel during Gulf War in 1991. The film — winner of ten Israeli Academy

Awards — screens for Film Forum on Monday, September 12, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Hebrew and Russian with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

What If Everything You Know About 9/11 Is Wrong? See documentary *Loose Change* on Monday, September 12, 7 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue). Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

In Honor of Banned Books Week, *Snow Falling on Cedars* screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series on Wednesday, September 14, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"River Stories" Video on tap when Friends of Rose Creek meet, Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 p.m., at Pacific Beach Recreation Center (1405 Diamond Street). Free. 858-405-7503. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Scandinavian Film Series at San Diego Museum of Art commences with *The Emigrants*, starring Max Von Sydow and Liv Ullman, Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m. \$8. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

The "All-Girl Surf Movie" *Sol Sirens* by Cardiff filmmaker Ashley Carney Davis premieres Thursday, September 15, 7 and 9 p.m., on big screen at La Paloma The-

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LECTURES

"Re-Entry San Diego: Bringing
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Aerospace Museum" presented by
museum chief operating officer
John Bolthouse, Thursday,
September 8, 7:30 p.m., at
Aerospace Museum. \$15. 619-234-
8291. (BALBOA PARK)

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)

**"Midpoints: The Key to
Opening Pandora's Box"** re-
vealed when astrologer Laura Rose
DesJardins speaks for San Diego
Astrological Society, Friday,
September 9, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce
Beers Community Center (1230
Vermont Street). \$12. 760-310-
4152. (HILLCREST)

**Tutankhamen Resurrected,
Returns** — Professor Arlene
Wolinski on current Los Angeles
County Museum of Art exhibit
"Tutankhamen and the Golden

Age of the Pharaohs" for Archaeo-
logical Institute of America, Fri-
day, September 9, 7:15 p.m., in
room G-101 at San Diego Mesa
College (7250 Mesa College
Drive). Free. 619-232-6203 x119.
(KEARNY MESA)

Wolinski presents "Tutankhamen
Resurrected," Sunday, September 11,
3 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art.
Free. 858-538-6788. (BALBOA PARK)

**"See Spot. See Spot Write.
Write, Spot, Write!"** Ten most
common reasons editors reject
manuscripts divulged when Society
of Children's Book Writers and Il-
lustrators meets to hear Lee Ward-
law, Saturday, September 10, 2 to
4 p.m., in room 106A of Hahn
School of Nursing building at Uni-
versity of San Diego (at Linda Vista

Road and Marion Way). Admis-
sion: \$9. 858-485-8151. (LINDA VISTA)

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ber 10, 8 a.m., at San Diego Zoo.
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Archaeology Day is Saturday,
September 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
at San Diego Archaeological Cen-
ter (16666 San Pasqual Valley
Road). Preview of Project Archae-
ology, national heritage curricu-
lum program for educators and
students. Free. 760-291-0370.
(ESCONDIDO)

"Electional Astrology —
Choose the Best Date to Start Any-
thing" after Jim Hennum presents
workshop for Cadent Cross Insti-
tute, Saturday, September 10, 1 to
4 p.m., at Sleepy Hollow Canyon-
view Clubhouse (4201 Sixth Ave-
nue). \$40. Registration: 619-299-
2897. (HILLCREST)

A Still Life Created in Oil dur-
ing Daniel Ochoa's demonstration
for Clairemont Art Guild, Satur-
day, September 10, 12:30 p.m., at
South Clairemont Recreation Cen-
ter (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free.
858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

**Beginner and Refresher
Genealogy Class** taught by Mar-
garet Read for North San Diego
County Genealogical Society, Sat-
urday, September 10, 9 a.m. to
3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250
Carlsbad Village Drive). Free.
760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

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"Proteas in the Landscape" illuminated by Ben Gill, Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Care, irrigation, plant sale. \$5. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Health-Care Agent as Advocate" is program when End of Life Choices meets, Sunday, September 11, 1:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

Heritage Scrapbooking Class led by historian/artist Helen Hal-may of the Congress of History, Sunday, September 11, 1 to 4 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Archival techniques, rescue of old photographs, digital photography, more. Fee: \$10 at door. 619-469-7283. Classes continue September 18, October 1, 9, 16. (LEMON GROVE)

"Moments in Time in Khaschev-toya: A Ukraine Village Comes to Life" — Bobbi Krueger chronicles her genealogical search for her paternal grandparents, Sunday, September 11, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$3. 619-583-0826. (LA JOLLA)

Public Design Workshop on Sunday, September 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at My Own Space (7840 Girard Avenue). Phyllis Van Doren of *San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles* offers insights on current home design trends, design-related questions. Free. 866-60-SPACE. (LA JOLLA)

"ABCs of Succulent Gardening" imparted when horticulturist Michael Buckner speaks for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

ROAM-O-RAMA

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

Los Pinos Mountain's 4805-foot height hardly places it in the same league as the nearby, higher peaks of the Cuyamacas and Lagunas, but the peak does get some recognition as the site of one of the few remaining active fire lookouts in Southern California. Cleveland National Forest operates the lookout and has jurisdiction over most of the surrounding landscape.

The fire roads curving up the slopes of Los Pinos Mountain are too long and tedious for most hikers, but ideal for travel by intrepid mountain bikers. For



Fire lookout, Los Pinos Mountain

the best views, try the following looping tour of 17 miles, up and over the top of the mountain. Truncated versions of the route are possible. Since summer's heat lingers this month, try to get an early-morning start, or wait until mid-afternoon, when evening shadows begin to drape the slopes of the mountain.

Let's assume you start at the intersection of Corral Canyon Road and Buckman Springs Road, 3.3 miles south of Interstate 8. This is within the national forest boundary, so you'll need to display a National Forest Adventure Pass on your parked car.

Begin with a warm-up on the first few, rather flat miles of Corral Canyon Road. The road leads to the Corral Canyon Off-Road Vehicle Area. If you're riding on the weekend, watch out for cars and trucks hauling ORV machines on the narrow pavement.

At a point 4.8 miles from the start, Corral Canyon Road bends sharply left and begins curving up a hillside (you'll return to this point after you come down from the mountain). Exactly at the bend, you'll see a locked gate on the right. This keeps out ORVs, but hikers and bikers can go though. Go ahead and do that.

Continue riding uphill in the shade of live oaks, now on a dirt surface. After 0.5 mile, veer left on the narrow Espinosa Trail. After another mile uphill through chaparral, you reach a saddle where Los Pinos Road intersects. Espinosa Trail continues west — eventually into the Pine Creek Wilderness, which is off-limits to bikes. You make a left turn on the road.

Steep and rocky in places, Los Pinos Road curves up along the north flank

of Los Pinos Mountain, which is dotted by willow Coulter pines. The mammoth, fast-moving 1970 Laguna fire burned across these slopes, destroying the much thicker pine forest that used to exist here. The mountain was named after los pinos — the pines. Stay left where the

of the border region, and (more commonly in winter than right now) a good stretch of the Pacific Ocean.

On beyond the summit spur, you look forward to a hefty gravitational payback — all the way back. Zigzag down the south side of the mountain and arrive at Four Corners — a four-

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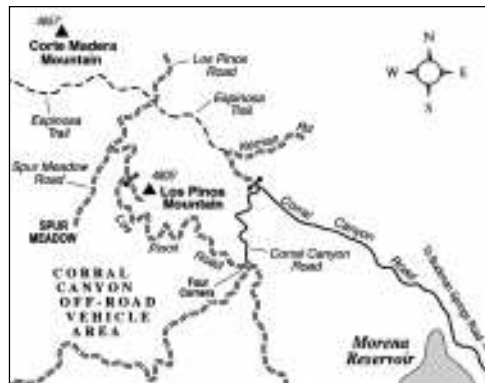
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Biking difficulty: Moderately strenuous

spur road to Spur Meadow takes off. At the next intersection, higher still, another (gated) spur road slants left and continues curving up to the fire lookout tower on top, which is intermittently staffed by forest-service personnel. The vista from the top includes a wide swath

way intersection in a large clearing. Take the paved road on the left (Corral Canyon Road), curl down the slope on sharp curves, return to the point where you left the pavement earlier, and continue on a gentle downhill grade back toward Buckman Springs Road.



"Works by Malaquias Montoya"

An exhibition of silkscreens, paintings, mixed-media works examining issues of social justice begins with artist's lecture and reception on Monday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., at Kellogg Library Terrace at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4048. (SAN MARCOS)

Overland Adventure, self-described "Wide-Eyed Wanderers" Amanda and Rich Ligato quit corporate jobs and traveled the world in their 1978 Volkswagen bus. Ligatos present slide-illustrated lectures this week at Adventure 16. Slide-illustrated programs offered Monday, September 12, at 143 South Cedros (858-755-7662); on Tuesday, September 13, at 4620

Alvarado Canyon Road (619-283-2374); and on Wednesday, September 14, at 2002 South Coast Highway 101 (760-966-1700). Free. 7 p.m. (SOLANA BEACH, MISSION VALLEY, OCEANSIDE)

Egyptian Drum and Bellydance Classes by Frank Lazzaro and Rachel George at World Beat Center (2100 Park Boulevard). Classes

start Monday, September 12; *dumbek* drumming 6 p.m., bellydance with live drumming at 7 p.m. Fee: \$10 per class, \$50 for six weeks. 760-942-1326. (BALBOA PARK)

"Privacy and Protection" on the Internet discussed by computer specialist Andy Pomeroy when Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Ge-

nealogical Society gathers Tuesday, September 13, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

Fix a Flat, learn brake and derailleur adjustment, more, when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinics on Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

Build Green San Diego 2005, regional conference on sustainable development presented by U.S. Green Building Council and SDG&E, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 13 and 14, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at UCSD's Price Center conference facility. Workshops, seminars, over three dozen speakers, moderated panels, more. Fees, details: 858-534-7666. (LA JOLLA)

Does a "God Gene" Exist? Mull the topic on Wednesday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Bees in Your Garden," beekeeper Diane Busch addresses Point Loma Garden Club, Wednesday, September 14, 10 a.m., at Ocean Beach Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-222-5207. (OCEAN BEACH)

"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)

San Diego Was Home to Mammoths, Mastodons, bison, ground sloths as recently as 200,000 years ago. Learn about "San Diego Pleistocene Mammals" during workshop, Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. \$15. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Photojournalist Steve McCurry discusses his photography and work included in exhibition "Steve

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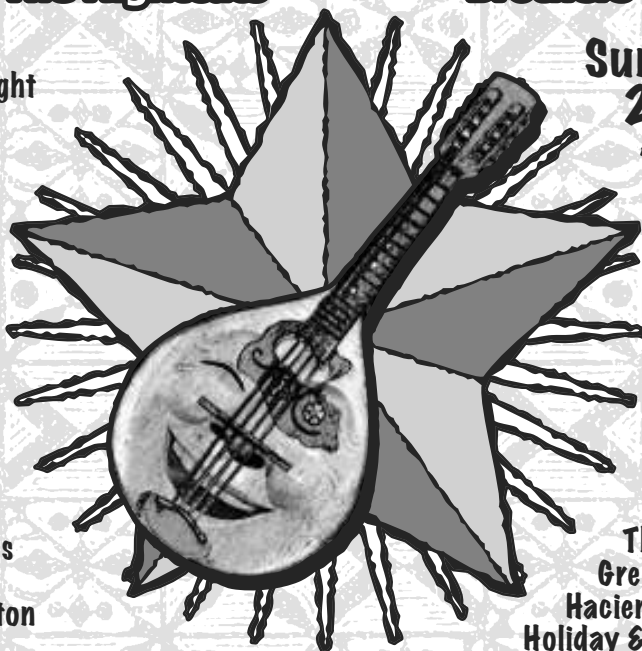
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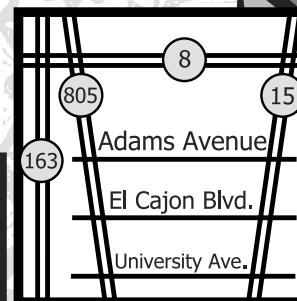
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Calendar LOCAL EVENTS

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)

Get the Skinny on Ford Model T's when Chuck West speaks for Third Thursday series at San Diego Automotive Museum on September 15, 6 p.m. \$10. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

Awaken Your Muse, author, creativity coach Jill Badonsky leads writing workshop, Thursday,

September 15, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). All levels, no critique. \$12. 760-414-1949. (DEL MAR)

IN PERSON

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)

Comic Howie Mandel joins Beach Boys in concert, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., at Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort (777 Harrah's Rincon Way). Tickets:

\$50-\$70. Reservations: 866-468-3399. (VALLEY CENTER)

City College Professors Jim Miller and Kelly Mayhew discuss their new book, *Better to Reign in Hell: Inside the Raiders Fan Empire*, Friday, September 9, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Thriller Author David Morrell signs *Creepers*, Friday, September 9, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Pilita Corrales and comedian Fe de los Reyes take stage on Friday, September 9, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). \$30. 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

Plays in the Park, see *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* when Patio Playhouse performs Fridays through Sundays, through September 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 showcase Nitelife at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street) on September 9, 5 p.m. Series continues on Fridays through September 30. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Duets and Solos," evening of dance and art by choreographers Sadie Weinberg and Brittany Brown Ceres, visual artists Julia Wren, Carol Nelson Ceres, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 Uni-

versity Avenue). \$10. 858-755-8021. (NORTH PARK)

Highland Way performs for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Courtyards: Intimate Outdoor Rooms" signed and discussed by photographer and author Douglas Keister, Saturday, September 10, 7 p.m., at Seeley Stables (between Casa de Bandini and Theatre in Old Town). \$40 fee includes lecture, wine and hors d'oeuvres, reception. Required reservations: 619-297-9327. (OLD TOWN)

Fall 2005 World Music Series commences with concert by Folk Connection, Saturday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., in Oceanside Li-

brary community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). \$10. 760-435-5560. (OCEANSIDE)

New Works for Toy Piano premiered — written by "serious composers" who've been commissioned to write new works — during Toy Piano Festival, Saturday, September 10, 2 p.m., in lower level of UCSD's Geisel Library. Featured: Sue Palmer — "queen of boogie-woogie piano." Free parking, admission. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Flip Oaks Dixieland Band plans concert, Sunday, September 11, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donation. 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

Forensic Mystery Author Karin Slaughter visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign *Faithless*, Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

"A Tribute to 9/11" delivered by Palomar Pacific Music Men, a 60-voice barbershop chorus, Sunday, September 11, 3 p.m., at San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Tickets: \$10,

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How Has the Constitution Been Stretched, Violated, distorted? Find out when author Peter Irons visits Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle) to discuss and sign *War Powers: How the Imperial Presidency Hijacked the Constitution*. Appearance is Monday, September 12, 7 p.m. 858-755-3735. Free. (DEL MAR)

Epic Fantasy Author Robin Hobb signs *Shaman's Crossing*, Monday, September 12, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

San Diego Poetry Slam continues on Monday, September 12, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Slam, watch, or heckle judges. Signups 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. \$5 fee for competitors, \$2 donation for spectators. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Open-Mike Poetry hosted by Larry Dossey, Monday, September 12, at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:15 p.m. Free. Bring a poem for publication consideration. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Aristocrats Show" planned for Comedy Grill, with Steve Kendrick, Jen Adams, Gergia Jean, Terrell Wright, Tuesday, September 13, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

North County Authors Mary Goulet and Heather Reider sign and discuss *The Momstown Guide*, Tuesday, September 13, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Free. 760-943-6400. (ENCINITAS)

Tribute to Jazz Legend Bill Evans planned when pianist Tommy Gannon, bassist Ted Hughart, drummer Kirk Hoffman perform on Wednesday, September 14, 7 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Donation requested. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series commences with poetry reading by poet and critic Alicia Suskin Ostriker, Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Aliens, Dancers, Celebrities — comedy hypnosis show by Michael Swenson, Thursday, September 15, 9 p.m., at Game Time Tavern (12735 Poway Road). \$10. 858-748-0015. (POWAY)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when co-author Tom Leech discusses hiking and signs *Outdoors San Diego*, Thursday, September 15, 5 p.m., at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church (6556 Park Ridge Boulevard). Free. 619-463-9706. (LA MESA)

"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 Man-

deville 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 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

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.

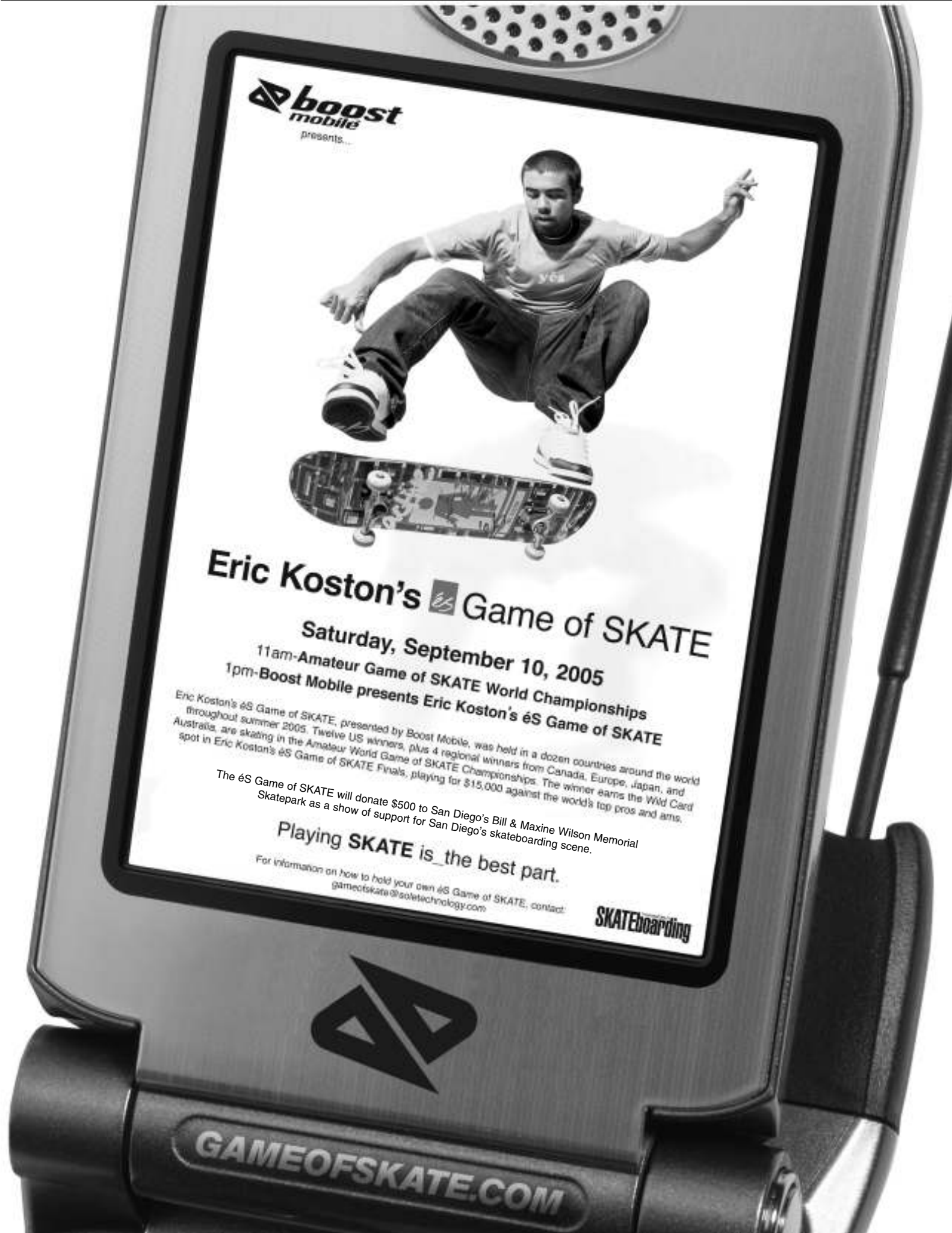
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match game: 1:30 p.m. on Thursday; play begins at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday; playoffs (if necessary) at 8:30 a.m. on Monday. Free for spectators. 619-238-5457. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Padres host Colorado Rockies in Petco Park, 7:05 p.m., Thursday, September 8. Pads head to Los Angeles to meet with Dodgers for games September 9-11, at 7:40 p.m. on Friday,

1:10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Road trip continues with stop in San Francisco to play Giants, September 12-14, at 7:15 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Memory Walk, 5k fundraiser for Alzheimer's Disease, Saturday, September 10, 7:30 a.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. \$40. 858-492-4400. (BALBOA PARK)



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All-Women, Full-Contact Football — the SoCal Scorpions, a member of the Women's Professional Football League, plays NFL-style football against Arizona Caliente, Saturday, September 10, 5 p.m., at Edward's Stadium (750 Nautilus Street). \$5. 866-71-STRING. (LA JOLLA)

Lake Morena Kayak hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m. Event starts with paddling clinic, exploration of lake area. Fees include kayaks, instruction; \$65 for adults, \$20 per child 6-12 in double kayak with parent. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (LAGUNA MOUNTAINS)

Golf Demo Day, Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Carlsbad Golf Center (2711 Haymar Drive). New equipment from more than 25 manufacturers available to try for all ages and skills. Free. 760-720-4653. (CARLSBAD)

Dog Paddle, bring your dog out for paddles hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11,

8:30 a.m., at Hike Bike Kayak (2246 Avenida de la Playa). Equipment included in \$30 fee per person; canines free. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (LA JOLLA SHORES)

Showpark County V Horse Show Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). Free. 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Fallbrook Hills Ride — 75-miler hosted by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists is Sunday, September 11, starting at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). 760-730-3938. (ENCINITAS)

The "Real" Season Begins for San Diego Chargers in Qualcomm Stadium against Dallas Cowboys, Sunday, September 11, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on Fox. Tickets: \$41-\$84, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

Lazy Loopin', join Knickerbikers for bicycle outing on Sunday, September 11. The 25-miler starts at 4 p.m. at La Jolla Colony shopping center (7748 Regents Road). Participants ride to Mission Bay, Crown Point, dinner at Leucadia Pizzeria (bring money). Ride is free. 619-787-7427. (LA JOLLA)

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Rancho Valencia Cup Competition continues Sunday, September 11, 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 Granddaddy of Rough-Water Swims, 75th annual La Jolla Rough-Water Swim, Sunday, September 11, starting and finishing at La Jolla Cove. Junior, amateur, masters, and Gatorman divisions, with starts from 9 a.m. to 1:35 p.m. 858-456-2100. No race-day registration. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Senior Olympics run Friday, September 9, through Sunday, September 25, at venues around county. Over 1700 athletes 50 and older compete in 23 sporting events. Details, locations: 619-226-1324. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

SPECIAL

Traditional Gathering and 16th Annual Pow Wow hosted by Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation runs September 9-11 at Sycuan (5459 Sycuan Road). Northern and Southern drumming, peon games (beginning at dusk), dancing, grand entry (8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday). 619-445-7776. (DEHESA)

Artists' Colony Open Studios, Friday, September 9, 7 p.m., at 1150 Seventh Avenue (between B and C Streets). "Meet and mingle" with local artists in their working studios. Art for sale. Admission: free. 619-665-4047. (DOWNTOWN)

Drum Circle, Friday, September 9, 6 to 9 p.m., at Cafe Primo (139 South Main Street). All skill levels welcome; bring instruments. 760-723-1899. (FALLBROOK)

Grape Day Festival, Saturday, September 10. Grape stomping, live entertainment, crafts, art show, children's games, food, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Grape Day Park (321 North Broadway). Grape Day Parade on Grand Avenue from Escondido Boulevard to Juniper, 10 a.m. Free. 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

27th Annual Greek Festival is September 10 and 11, at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church (3459 Manchester Avenue). Greek music and dancing, cuisine, children's games, bazaar, deli, import booth. Admission: \$2; children under 12 free. Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. 760-942-0920. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Southern California Plumeria Society hosts annual show, Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Advice, plants for sale. Admission: free. 760-451-1472 or 619-443-4795. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ridin' for the Cure," poker run benefiting Informed Prostate

Cancer Support Group. Starts on Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m., at Cyclevisions (4263 Taylor Street), ends at Chuey's Cantina with concert, dinner. \$55. Registration: 858-452-6846. (OLD TOWN)

Psychic Fair and Metaphysical Conference, Alexandra's BookStore, Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is lo-

cated at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Del Mar Art Center Art Fair, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, September 10 and 11. Live music, fine art. Find center at 1555 Camino del Mar at 15th Street; 858-481-1678. Free admission. (DEL MAR)

Psychic Fair, Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, at Rainy's Mystic Books (801 Grand Avenue #3). Fifteen-minute chair massage or readings, \$15. 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

Fiesta del Barrio Carlsbad, theme is "Family, Friends, and History" on Sunday, September 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Roosevelt Street and Walnut Avenue. Musical entertainment, dancing, arts and crafts, food (for sale), more. 760-434-2191. Admission: free. (CARLSBAD)

The House of Puerto Rico presents ethnic music and dance for lawn program at International Cot-

tages, Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, September 12, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$7. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Rods and Woodies on 101, cruise night with classic cars parked along Highway 101 between D Street and the Lumberyard, Thursday, September 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Live music. Free. 760-943-1950. (ENCINITAS)

“Taste of Leucadia: Food for Thought,” Thursday, September 15, 6 p.m., with samples from Leucadia restaurants, live music, poetry, fine art displays. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$17.50 day-of. 760-436-2320. (LEUCADIA)

YachtFest '05 runs Thursday through Sunday, September 15–18, at Shelter Island Marina/Island Palms Hotel (2051 Shelter Island Drive). Tours of yachts for sale and charter.

Seminars: “San Diego: Gateway to the Cruising Lifestyle” Friday through Sunday, 2:30 p.m.; “Your Career in Yachting,” 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 18. Seminars included in regular admission fee.

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Oh, no no no, it was too cold always
(Still the dead one lay moaning)
I was much too far out all my life
And not waving but drowning.

— Stevie Smith

FIRST MEMORY

Long ago, I was wounded. I lived
to revenge myself
against my father, not
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for what I was: from the beginning of time,
in childhood, I thought
that pain meant
I was not loved.
It meant I loved.

— Louise Glück

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Often beneath the wave, wide from this ledge
The dice of drowned men's bones he saw
bequeath
An embassy. Their numbers as he watched,
Beat on the dusty shore and were obscured.

And wrecks passed without sound of bells,
The calyx of death's bounty giving back
A scattered chapter, livid hieroglyph,
The portent wound in corridors of shells.

Then in the circuit calm of one vast coil,
Its lashings charmed and malice reconciled,
Frosted eyes there were that lifted altars;
And silent answers crept across the stars.

— Hart Crane

Compass, quadrant and sextant contrive
No farther tides...High in the azure steeps,
Monody shall not wake the mariner.
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The 35th Annual Julian Bluegrass Festival runs Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, 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)

FOR KIDS

“Animals, Animals, Animals”

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Performances Wednesday–Fri-

day, 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: \$3 for children, \$4 seniors, \$5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

The 26th Annual Orange

Crate Derby, on September 10 and 11, on Rancho del Rey Parkway (off East H Street). Family event for those 7 to 14 years old to race handmade wooden cars. Trial racing on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; opening ceremonies at 8 a.m. on Sunday. Free for specta-

tors; \$20 for racers. 619-427-9157. (CHULA VISTA)

Create a Recycled Robot from tubes, bottles, cans, other materials, during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, September 10, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

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MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

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

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

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

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Reading

Envy: A Novel



Kathryn Harrison

By Kathryn Harrison
Random House, 2005; \$24.95; 301 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Will, a Brooklyn psychoanalyst and almost-identical twin, has a good sex life-with the woman he married. So why then is he increasingly plagued by violent erotic fantasies that, were they to break out of his imagination and into the real world, have the power to destroy not only his family but his career? He's about to lose his grip when he attends a college reunion and there discovers evidence of a past sexual betrayal, one serious enough that it threatens to overpower the present,

even as it offers a key to Will's dangerous obsessions.

Hypnotic, beautifully written, this mesmerizing novel by "an extremely gifted writer" (*San Francisco Chronicle*) explores the corrosive effect of evil — and how painful psychological truths long buried within a family can corrupt the present and, through courage and understanding, lead to healing and renewal. "Like Scheherazade in the grip of a fever dream, Kathryn Harrison...has written one of those rare books, in language of unparalleled beauty, that affirm the holiness of life," said Shirley Ann Grau, about *Poison*. And the same can be said about *Envy*.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

The Boston Globe: Estranged twins, one of them deformed. Grief, betrayal, and deviant sex. Here, in *Envy*, are the elements of a great Gothic summer read. In the cool, elegant hands of Kathryn Harrison, though, they mark the boundaries of something more complex, though no less entertaining.

Newsday: Will, a married therapist, is tormented to distraction by sexual fantasies, often about his female patients. His marriage has been, in many ways, a happy, even sexy one — but since the accidental death of their son, Luke, two years ago, Will and his wife, Carole, have been drifting apart. Neither understands the other's response to the tragedy. She wants to send out the family Christmas card as they have every year; he's horrified that she can't recognize that everything has changed. Disturbingly, Carole now refuses to have sex face-to-face.

The couple's life is haunted, as well, by another absence: that

of Will's twin brother, Mitch, a world-renowned swimmer. The twins were close as children and looked exactly alike, but Mitch has a birthmark covering much of his face, and Will does not. The characters, their conflicts and their conversations do seem real, and their story, however improbable, will keep you turning the pages.

New York Observer: Ms. Harrison resumes the succulent munching of forbidden fruit in her new novel, *Envy*. Quadruple betrayal sounds like a surgical procedure; in fact, it's the stuff of a rich and complex summer read.

The New York Times: Kathryn Harrison is a wonderful writer. It seems important to get that on the table right away, since for most readers, her name will elicit one fact: Kathryn Harrison wrote a memoir about having slept with her father. Back in 1997, that notoriously hyper-publicized book, *The Kiss* — in which she recounted an affair she had in her 20s with the father she had not seen since

she was a child — set critics scratching furiously at the welts it raised in the culture, largely neglecting the book in the process for its lurid cover story.

The book's muted family problems become elements in a Greekish tragedy, one filled with the tropes of sexual violation for which Harrison is best known. It's like one of those souvenir 1950's pens that tilt upside down to strip an innocent cheesecake model to her pornographic double, and Harrison's witty, lucid, poetic sentences do carry us quite a long way through passages rife with the kind of ickiness bound to alienate some readers and rivet others.

The Washington Post: Chances of good literary fiction finding an audience are...damaged when books such as Kathryn Harrison's *Envy* are published and passed off as worthy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Born in 1961 in Los Angeles and reared there, Ms. Harrison was

raised primarily by her maternal grandparents. She received her MFA from the Iowa Writers School. She is the author of the novels *The Seal Wife*, *The Binding Chair*, *Poison*, *Exposure*, and *Thicker Than Water*. She has also written the memoirs *The Kiss* and *The Mother Knot*; a travel memoir, *The Road to Santiago*; a biography, *Saint Thérèse of Lisieux*; and a collection of essays, *Seeking Rapture*. She lives in New York with her husband, the novelist Colin Harrison, and their three children.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

I asked Ms. Harrison, not a practicing Catholic, how she happened to write the biography of Thérèse de Lisieux for the Penguin Lives series.

"The editor of the series called, asking about a possibility of my doing biographies in the series. I was delighted because I

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"Some guy in the audience at a bookstore saw it, and he asked me, 'What does your father think about this stuff?'"

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (A.D. 1368-1644) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 221), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North

America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is

located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of

the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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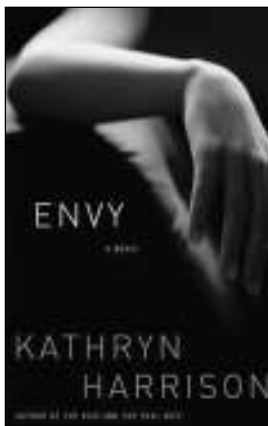


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was desirable in terms of her flesh and the way she looked, so I too desired her.

"It feels natural to me to be writing as a character in pursuit of a female object. I actually began this book from a woman's point of view, from the mother's point of view, after a child drowns. I got totally bored. I thought it was sort of distasteful. I thought 'Oh, well, maybe I'll do it from the father's point of view.' I don't know how he turned into a shrink.

"In the beginning, I thought I'd write about somebody who was a veterinarian. So I spent a lot of time hanging with veteri-

narians and then I realized they have nothing to say. You know, all their patients are animals.

"I've never been so bored in my life. As a teenager I dreamed of being a veterinarian. I hung out with our own vet, and somebody who provided liaison to their veterinarian. But they were these men who had nothing to say. No understanding of who they were or why they were doing what they were doing. So I thought, 'I'm just going to have to give up on this idea.' Because I had in my mind the idea of somebody who was a lot like me in some ways. I mean that whole idea of being sort of a tortured agnostic and constantly looking for a pattern in the chaos of experience. That's not a veterinarian. It's much more likely that that person would be a shrink. It's a very talky book."

"You made Will's father a veterinarian, but you made him retired."

"He retired and turned into a photographer."

"Almost from *Envy's* first pages," I said, "there's water. The son drowns; the twin brother is a swimmer and so on. You write in the beginning that 'He wants to believe that love can't

make mistakes, but what he knows is that it's like water, assuming the shape of the vessel, always imperfect, that holds it.' Did you notice something like that when you finish a book or all along are you aware of it?"

"No, I don't know anything when I get to the end. I think it seems proper for that, given that it's a book that messes around with the idea of the unconscious.

"In the end, I'm not sure I can make an argument for its being a realistic novel in some ways, yes, but in other ways, no. The swimmer twin brother is clearly a doppelganger, a dark expression of his psychoanalyst twin. He's real but he's not real.

"I feel that I have no ability to make any critical judgments about whether a book I've written is good or bad. There are things I like and there are many more things that I feel that I didn't do as well as I could have. But I just don't like looking at it. I'm not so much bored, I think, as stricken here and there by the thought that it should have been better.

"There's this sort of reassurance that comes from a reader who seems to actually understand what it is that you were

writing. And then you get reviewed by people who seem to have read a different book. Perhaps naively ten years ago I wouldn't have necessarily thought that was true. But I do believe that the publication of *The Kiss* taught me many things about which I had the pleasure of not knowing before."

"Did it help you to go to Iowa, to 'writing school?'"

"It didn't really help my writing, I don't think. In some ways, I think that it gives you a set of critical tools by which to analyze your own writing. You know, like any other graduate school, connections come out of it that can be useful to you when you leave, but I think that you can in some way internalize the process of the workshop, in analyzing things like point of view and tone. You know voice and those sorts of things.

"And then to be able to think about them independently afterwards. Then you've learned something. But I think anybody who believes that a writing workshop can teach you to write is incorrect. It might help you to polish your craft but that's a separate thing.

"You know what Iowa did

for me? That's where I met my husband. In that sense it had a profound impact on my life because there was no other intersection at which Colin and I might have met — so that was a great gift."

"Brooklyn must be becoming something of a writer's colony."

"Yes. We landed here completely accidentally. We moved to New York directly from Iowa. Colin was driving the van, a rental, which was worth more than the stuff in it. I flew ahead. I had something like 48 hours to come up with an apartment, which was naive in the extreme, but we had never lived in New York before. Well, I had a long time ago, but somebody else found the apartment.

"As soon I landed here, I realized, 'There's no way we're going to be able to live in an apartment together in Manhattan because we won't have enough room.' We're not the kind of people who can live in a small room together. We both have needs for space.

"So then the choice was between Astoria and Park Slope in Brooklyn. So I went to Astoria and saw some apartments. The location was fine but they were totally — floor, walls, ceiling —

upholstered in linoleum. I mean, just more linoleum than one could believe could be installed in an apartment. I thought, 'I can't bear this.' So I thought, 'Okay, it's going to have to be Park Slope.' I found an apartment, Colin arrived, and we unpacked our stuff and there we were. We had no idea that we had landed in this publishing/writing ghetto. It dawned on us slowly that we'd arrived in this place where there are all these writers. It took us a couple of years to figure it out. We've lived here now for almost 20 years, and we've lived in the house that we're in now for 16 years. And I don't think we're ever going to move.

"I hate moving. I find it really to be one of the most wretched experiences."

"Do people in your neighborhood socialize with one another?"

"I suppose they do. We don't much. The whole idea of throwing a dinner party is a nice idea but — our youngest is five. The two older ones are 15 and 13. So now the 15-year-old can conceivably help out and deal with the 5-year-old if I wanted to have a dinner party, but..."

— Judith Moore

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Mu-

seum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the

West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's

Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short

films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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Operatic Selections by Handel, Schubert, Copland, Puccini, Previn, Dvořák, Sondheim, and Mozart promised when soprano Susanna Kurner, accompanied by Eleanor Elliott, performs “Carlsbad to Karlovy Vary” concert. Recital at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 9, in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$15. Reservations: 760-433-3245. (LA COSTA)

New Works for Toy Piano Premiered — written by “serious composers” who’ve been commis-

sioned to write new works — during Toy Piano Festival, Saturday, September 10, 2 p.m., in lower level of UCSD’s Geisel Library. Featured: Sue Palmer — “queen of boogie-woogie piano.” Free parking, admission. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

Selections by Rabbath, Misek, Deak, and Kreisler promised when Jeremy Kurtz (double bass), Karen Follingstad (piano) perform for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, September 11, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Former Civic Organist Jared Jacobsen performs in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

“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)

“A Musical Feast — Delicacies from Handel to Barber” on menu when soprano Mariko Kanamitsu and pianist Miho Gary perform for Concert Hour series on Thursday, September 15, 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)

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GALLERIES

“Division” by photographer Satoru Yoshioka and “Ascent” by August Highland commence in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street) with reception on Friday, September 9, 6 p.m. See show through Saturday, October 29. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

“Light from Light,” exhibition of work by Nancy Kittredge, opens with reception on Friday, September 9, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004). Continues through Saturday, October 15. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Circus Obscura,” exhibit of latest works by Ezziddine and Carr open with reception on Friday, September 9, 7 p.m., in Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). Show continues 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. 619-294-3966. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

“Six Elements in Sculpture” explored in recent works opening with reception for six participating artists, Friday, September 9, 6 p.m., at Galerie d’Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). Closes on Sunday, October 23. 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

The Annual All-Media Faculty Art Exhibit is on view through Thursday, September 29, in Miracosta College’s Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Meet artists during reception on Friday, September 9, 6:30 p.m. 760-795-6657. (OCEANSIDE)

San Francisco Artist Pegan Brooke exhibits new paintings in “Fluency,” opening with reception on Friday, September 9, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201; 858-459-3917). Through Friday, November 4. (LA JOLLA)

“Legendary” New York Artist Donald Sultan exhibits recent paintings, beginning with reception on Friday, September 9, 6 p.m., at Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, loft 238; 619-501-5689). Closes Friday, November 4. (LITTLE ITALY)

“Special Exhibition of Water-media” works by Art Institute of California — San Diego and San Diego Watercolor Society mem-

bers may be seen through September in San Diego Watercolor Society’s Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Jurors: Craig Anderson, Drew Bandish, Curt Bauer, Jim Millard, Dan Robbins. Reception is Friday, September 9, 6:30 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

September’s Featured Artist is Betty Gilroy at Vista Village Art Gallery (127 Main Street). Reception for artist: Friday, September 9, 5:30 p.m. 760-622-4891. (VISTA)

Going Strong, new work in variety of media by San Diego Visual Artists Guild members opens with reception, Friday, September 9, 6 p.m., at guild’s new gallery (1098 Ninth Avenue). Opening followed by Small Opera Company performance at 8 p.m. Free. 619-890-6120. (DOWNTOWN)

A “Partial Retrospective” of paintings by John F. Kerrigan is on exhibit through Saturday, October 22, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Meet Kerrigan at reception, Saturday, September 10, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

Chicano Art Exhibit with paintings by Mario Chacon and Ricardo Islas, opens with reception on Saturday, September 10, 5 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 César Chávez Parkway). Continues through September. 619-232-1699. (BARRIO LOGAN)

Traditional Japanese Paintings by Takashi Harada go on display, along with work by “special guest artist” Timothy Williams, during reception on Saturday, September 10, 7 p.m., at Limbo (1432 University Avenue).

619-295-5393. Closes on Sunday, October 2. (HILLCREST)

“Big and Small,” enjoy ceramics by Patricia Yockey and abstract paintings by Joan Boyer at Sharp Gallery beginning with reception on Saturday, September 10, 6 p.m., in conjunction with “Ray at Night Four-Year Anniversary.” Exhibit continues through Wednesday, October 10. Sharp Gallery, 3807 Ray Street; 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

“An Art Solstice,” featuring work by seven artists, is on display through Sunday, September 18, at Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Meet artists during reception, Sunday, September 11, 3 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

Ceramic Artists of San Diego have work on view through September at Many Hands Craft Gallery (302 Island Avenue, suite 101). Artist’s reception: Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m. 619-557-8303. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

“Oop Bop Sh’Bam and Other Recent Works,” boasting over 60 works by Michael Dormer, is on view through Saturday, October 15, at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Dormer — whose career includes fine art, illustration, cartooning, writing, and television work — will be on hand for reception on Sunday, September 11, 1 p.m. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

“Works by Malaquias Montoya” — exhibition of silkscreens, paintings, mixed-media works examining issues of social justice begins with artist lecture and reception on Monday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., at Kellogg Library Terrace at CSU San Marcos (333

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"Double Nature: Between the Organic and Industrial" — exhibit by Josh Garber, David T. Kessler, Stephanie Weber, Mirang Wonne opens with reception on Thursday, September 15, 6 p.m., at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Closes Sunday, October 16. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

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 Kadohara — Elemental Materials in Contemporary Art," on exhibit through Sunday, October 2, showcases sculptures fashioned from glass, wood, paper, and bamboo. Kadohara'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, architectural 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 square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

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 Photographic Arts, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "to-

gether the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from 1920s-1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as *National Geographic* photographer. McCurry is most famous for *Afghan Girl*, the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images through Sunday, September 25.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Borderless Dreams," with work by Laura Alvarez, Ruben Ochoa, and Perry Vasquez, opens Sunday, September 11, and continues through Sunday, October 30. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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Obscured by Fog and black hooded gowns, Goblin Cock tore through their debut show at the Casbah on August 20. The band, led by

Phallus says he doesn't listen to much contemporary music. "I'm mostly steeped in the classics, like Manowar, Thor, and Venom."

— Jeremiah Griffey

"Rampant Liver-Defying Consumption" is promised at Rocket From The Crypt's final show on

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"Lord Phallus," crawled from the shadows to fuse the sounds of Pinback and Black Sabbath. Goblin Cock showed to support Sleeping People's CD-release party and to give fans a taste of its

Halloween. "After 16 years of scars and ear damage all in the name of spreading goodwill and the Rock N Roll doctrine," says John Reis at www.rftc.com, "we will take the stage for the last time on



PHOTOGRAPH BY JEREMIAH GRIFFEY

own debut; *Bagged and Boarded* will hit shelves on October 25 after a lengthy delay.

The identity of the caped Lord Phallus isn't a mystery — it's listed on the Casbah website. Rob Crow's latest project will include a string of videos and comic books that tell the story of his alter ego's birth.

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offers packages with one ticket and a hotel room (\$165 before hotel tax, with \$25 for each additional ticket) or tickets only for \$30 each. After the presale, those prices are available to the public through October 1 or until tickets run out.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Mmmm...tasty "It's very hard to get Balboa Park between Memorial Day and Labor Day," says Benny Garcia, a promoter based in Orange County. For two years he's been seeking approval from the city to let him use Balboa Park for a Caribbean-flavored all-age concert.

"When you are from out of town, it takes a lot of time to put together the right staff," Garcia says he has done a lot of events in L.A. and Orange Counties. Recently he was able to

secure a part of the park adjacent to Park Boulevard for a September 25 Caribbean music fest called Un Solo Pueblo.

Garcia says he expects 4000 people to attend; he needs 2500 to meet his \$75,000 break-even point.

"We are flying in everybody," he says, referring to reggaeton artists Principal (Panama) and Trebol Clan (Puerto Rico) and merengue band Fulanito (New York). Also appearing are L.A.-based Cuban band Guama and salsa artists Chino Espinoza from L.A.

"This is our first show in San Diego," says Garcia, who notes that 4th & B and the Del Mar Fairgrounds will put on reggaeton shows this year. "Next year we want to do a show at the Embarcadero for the Puerto Rican community." He estimates there are 20,000 Puerto Rican locals.

Although the flyer shows Principal flashing a hand sign, Garcia says, "This is a family event. This concert has



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nothing to do with gangs."

Tickets for Un Solo Pueblo Festival are \$25 in advance for adults, \$30 day of show. For information, see habanapromotions.com.

— Ken Leighton

Steamy, Private Jewel has decided not to release a book of love poems she calls "too steamy, too private" for publication. In a message posted at www.jeweljk.com, the 31-year-old explains, "They're too explicit...when I wrote these poems, everything was fair game."



JEWEL CHANGES THE GAME

Instead, she's compiling her writings into a volume for her boyfriend. "So it's written, but I don't know how to change it. It wouldn't be honest. It wouldn't be me. But maybe one day."

Jewel's first book of poetry resulted in her being skewered during an MTV interview with Kurt Loder, who read aloud a line from "Kiss the Flame": "there are people selling thoughtlessness with such casualty." When Loder pointed out that "casualty" means "badly harmed" rather than "nonchalance," she glowered and told him, "You're a smart-ass for pointing that out. Next topic."

— Jay Allen Sanford

As the Rockin' World Goes Round... Candye Kane won't be doing lap dances at Tio Leo's tomorrow night; she'll be singing with her blues band. However, members of the Fat Bottom Girls will shake their booties during the ten-woman burlesque troupe's closing number.

"They are my favorite co-billing act," says Kane. "They empower the audiences as they empower themselves. They prove that big fat mommas have always been in style."

The Fat Bottom Girls were recently photographed by Leonard Nimoy for a series of gallery showings called *Maximum Beauty* and a B&W photo feature in *Time* magazine. Regarding his mostly nude models, he says, "They were at least 200 pounds each, and quite beautiful...beauty is not about size."

Kane says she's slated to do a photo shoot with the 74-year-old Nimoy soon for a



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coffee-table book. Her new album *White Trash Girl*, released in June, is nominated for a 2005 San Diego Music Award.

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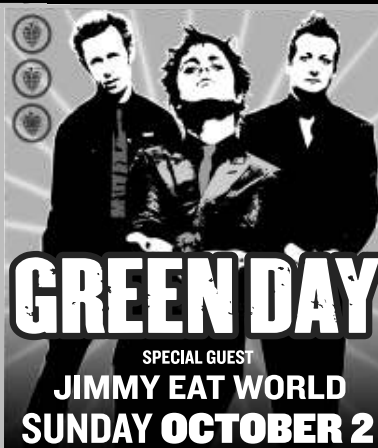
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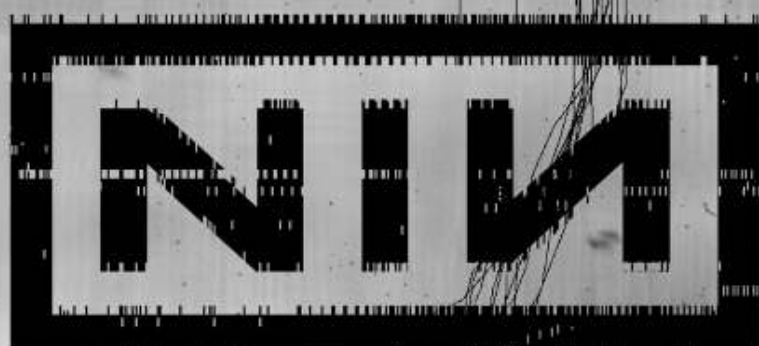


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Reservation Blues

Twenty years ago, concert promoter Bill Silva predicted that there would eventually be two concert markets in San Diego County: North County and metro San Diego. In other words, the same artist could play both ends of the county on the same tour. When the B-52s played Humphrey's on July 31 and Pala Casino the next day, that prediction was realized.

Last week, Pala Casino, 30 miles east of Oceanside, announced House of Blues would take over talent buying for its 2500-seat outdoor theater. Dick Clark Productions booked Pala for the past two years.

"Pala is so far away [from San Diego]," says David Swift, general manager of House of Blues Concerts. "It draws mostly from Orange

and Riverside Counties and some from North County." Swift says "by leveraging our national talent-buying power," he wants Pala to become North County's premier concert venue.

A local promoter points out that Indian casinos often win bidding wars for big acts because they can pay so much more for artists. "I went to a [concert-industry



B52S: SO NICE, YOU COULD SEE THEM TWICE

convention] and one talent buyer from a casino said that he pays \$75,000 for an act that would normally get \$40,000," says the promoter.

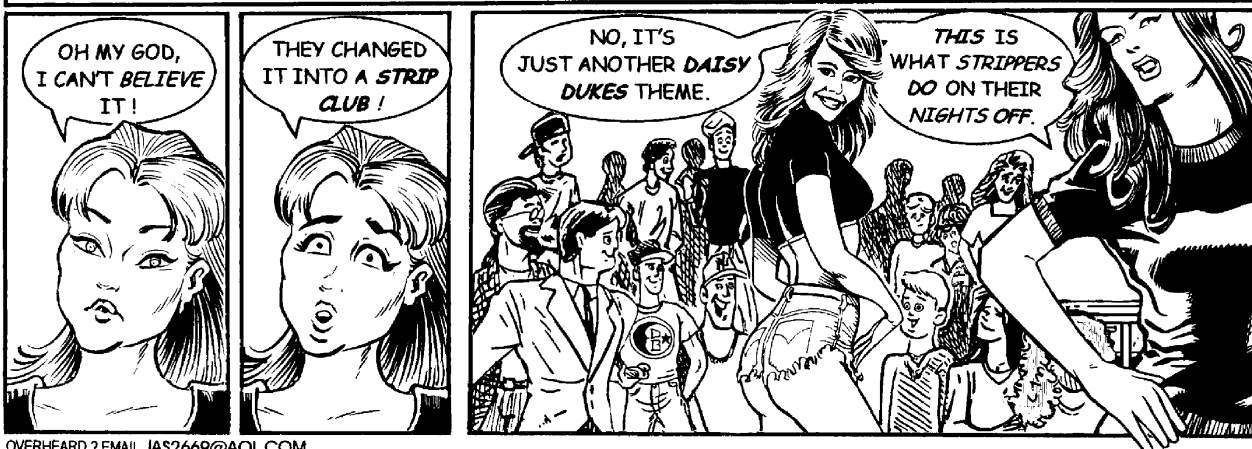
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As the largest concert company in the U.S., Clear Channel Entertainment dominates the concert business in most major cities (San Diego is an exception, with the market cornered by House of Blues Concerts).

Clear Channel Communications, meanwhile, is America's largest radio company. It purchased the concert company five years ago, expecting a positive synergy between the two entities. That effect hasn't been realized, and the entire company is up for sale.

Pollstar magazine reports

that Clear Channel Communications paid \$4.4 billion for the concert company in 2000. Now, according to the magazine, it's worth \$1.5 billion. "That means that \$3 billion disappeared into thin air," according to Pollstar.

Insiders say the new operators of the Sports Arena will be AEG Live/ Goldenvoice, the company that promotes the annual Coachella Music Festival near Palm Springs. AEG is the second-largest concert company in the U.S.

Sports Arena general

manager Ernie Hahn was not available for comment.

— Ken Leighton

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— Jay Allen Sanford

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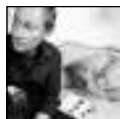
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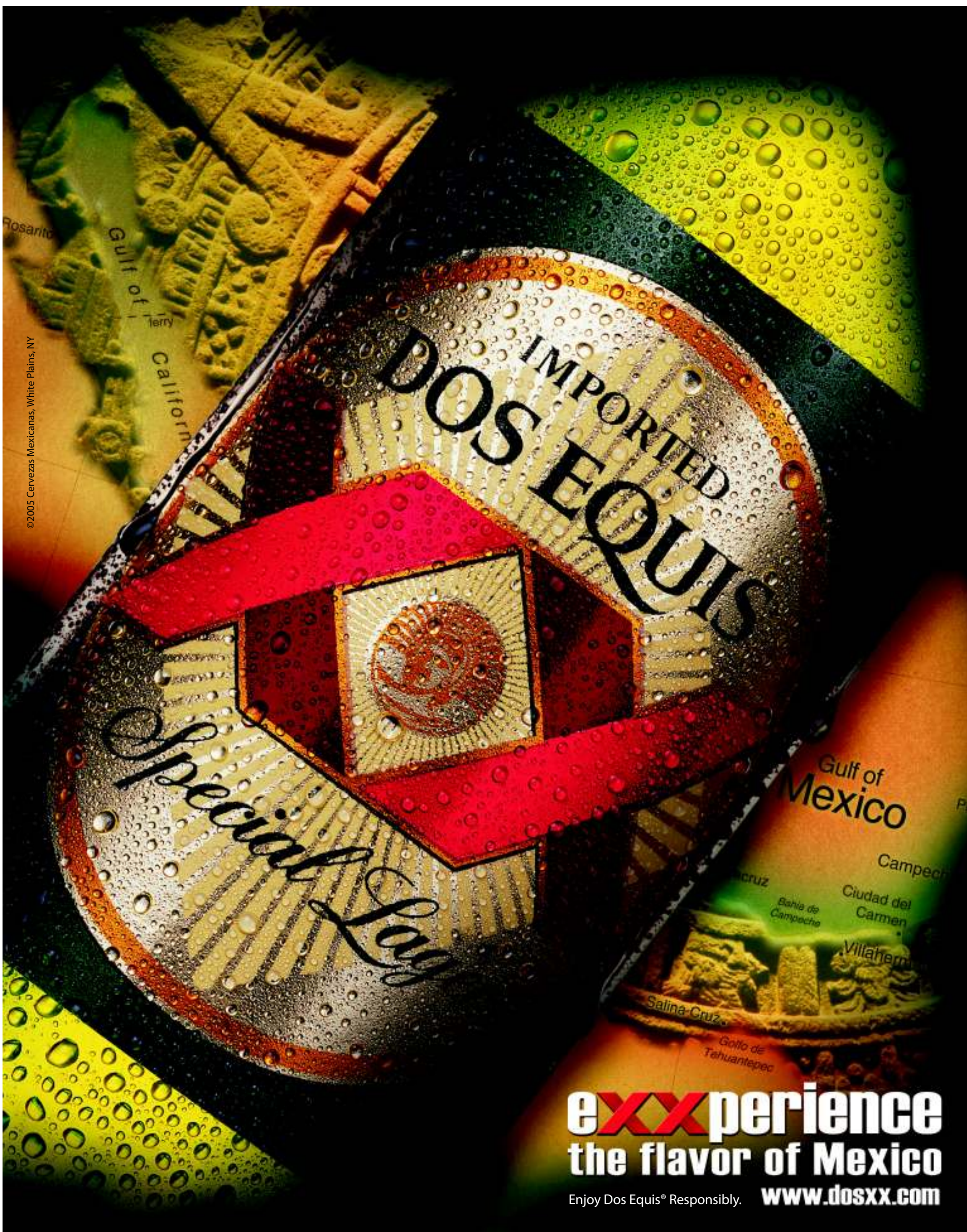
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INTERVIEW

MICHAEL HEMMINGSON

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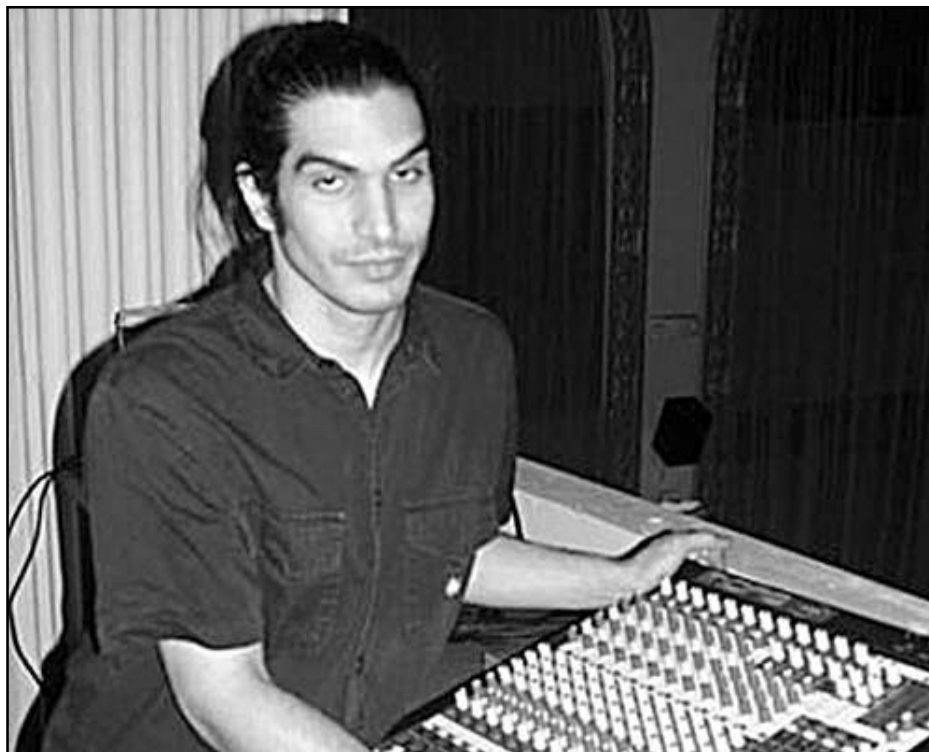
"Anything can trigger a chain reaction of emotion in an individual or group that can complicate situations...some people have control needs; many can be very reactionary, others are just clueless. There's no handbook...the challenge lies in analyzing your situation and applying the best strategy to keeping all faces smiling...negotiating a client's self-imposed needs will help provide the head space required to keep the most insane people from being a bother and allow the technical side of the job to run that much smoother. That is my Tao of Sound."

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2. Orchestra Baobab, *Live in Munich*. "The Orchestra Baobab is the pride of Senegal, and this live recording vividly documents the purity and grace these amazing performers wield in their unending journey around the globe. They represent the African side of Afro-Cuban music and perform with vitality and confidence that pulses with the rhythm of the earth. The vocals express a richness in timbre and command in execution that only can be found with age and experience. The album seeps with joy."

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Tim Walter

4. Sleep, *Jerusalem*. "Here you will find the ultimate expression of heavy. The hour-long song/album sucks me into the plasma of life with an organic, throbbing beauty...I feel the weight of each riff, the force in the notes. The majesty in arrangement is empowered by a conscious alchemy of the elements. The result is something that I would parallel to mystic Bedouin musicians of the desert; it is in touch

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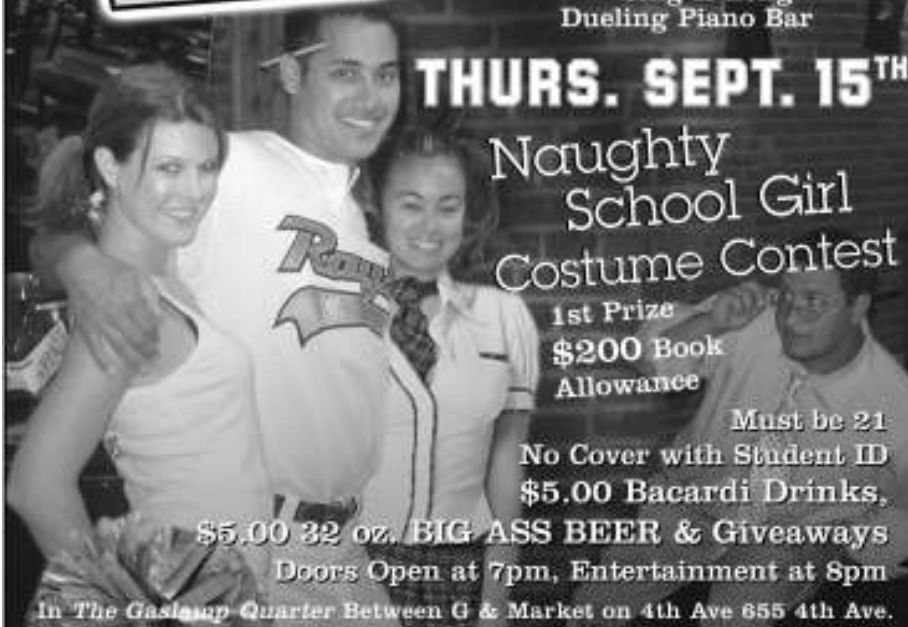
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Sound Tribe Sector Nine: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 8, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bebel Gilberto: House of Blues, Thursday, September 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

FRIDAY

Marcia Ball /960/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 9, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Paul Oakenfold: 4th & B, Friday, September 9, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Earth, Wind, and Fire and **Chicago:** "Bayside Concerts with Viejas," Embarcadero Marina Park South, Friday, September 9, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Huey Lewis & the News /593/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Friday, September 9, 8 p.m., 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Carlos Vives and **Daddy Yankee:** Cox Arena, Saturday, September 10, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

From the beginning, acid jazz was the bastard child of smooth jazz, cross-pollinated by straight-ahead jazz, funk, rock, salsa, sampling, and club beats. In the end it got swallowed up in the resurgence of R&B, but it was hot while it lasted. My sister's ex-boyfriend Arthur bought the dream in a big way. He was a music-industry lawyer and cofounded one of the original acid jazz labels. They were generating buzz in L.A. far ahead of actually rolling out any product when Arthur died suddenly and the company dissolved. I still have one of their T-shirts.

Karl Denson got a taste of that acid jazz momentum with DJ Greyboy and their joint project, the Greyboy Allstars. Denson's

soul-infused bebop tenor sax put meat on the bones of Greyboy's scratching and sampling, while the remainder of the band built a cross-current of dance beats and polyrhythms. Denson called it boogaloo — black hillbilly music. For a time they had a monster European club hit in "Unwind Your Mind."

Denson came to the Allstars with impeccable sideman credentials, having worked with Lenny Kravitz and ex-James Brown funksters Maceo Parker and Fred Wesley. After the Allstars faded in the late '90s, Denson eventually created Tiny Universe, a five-man outfit dedicated to the fusion of jazz and R&B within the format of a jam band. Denson handles vocals and flute as well. His playing recalls Gene Ammons or even Sonny Stitt, especially when the latter favored tenor. "The original intention of jazz was music you could dance to," he told a



KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE

reviewer. "It eventually became more intellectual. I'm just trying to get back to the roots of it."

KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE, Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 14, 9 p.m. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497. \$20.

KRS-ONE: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, September 10, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Keali'i Reichel: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Saturday, September 10, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Crosby, Stills, & Nash /572/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, September 13, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Sizzla /738/: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, September 13, 143 South

Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

Alice Cooper /571/: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, September 14, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Tori Amos /468/: Bayside Concerts with Viejas, Wednesday, September 14, downtown San Diego waterfront. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe /681/: Belly Up Tavern, Wednesday, September 14, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

George Thorogood [588]: House of Blues, Thursday, September 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The O'Jays: Palomar Starlight Theater, Thursday, September 15, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Los Lobos [523] and **Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes** [610]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Pepper: House of Blues, Friday, September 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails [116] and the **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.

Interpol: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, September 18, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Midnite: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, September 18, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Rodney Crowell: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Sunday, September 18, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra [819]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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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Molotov [476]: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Foo Fighters and Weezer: Cox Arena, Tuesday, September 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

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 Alcoholics: 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.

The New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Macy Gray [964]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 30, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Little Joe y la Familia [981]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, September 30, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 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.

Kenny G [678]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 2, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Green Day [268]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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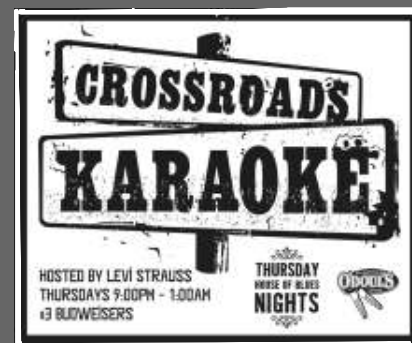
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Buddy Jewell: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 7, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

.38 Special /105/: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, October 7, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

"Hills of Home" featuring **Doc & Richard Watson** and **David Holt:** Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-220-8497 or 619-523-1010.

The Young Dubliners: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 8, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Devo: House of Blues, Sunday, October 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Franz Ferdinand: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, October 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island

Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

HIM and Finch: Soma, Monday, October 10, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-226-SOMA or 619-220-8497.

The Dropkick Murphys /481/: Soma, Tuesday, October 11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Doves: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Santana /566/: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, October 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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Dwight Yoakam: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

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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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Sheryl Crow: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, October 24, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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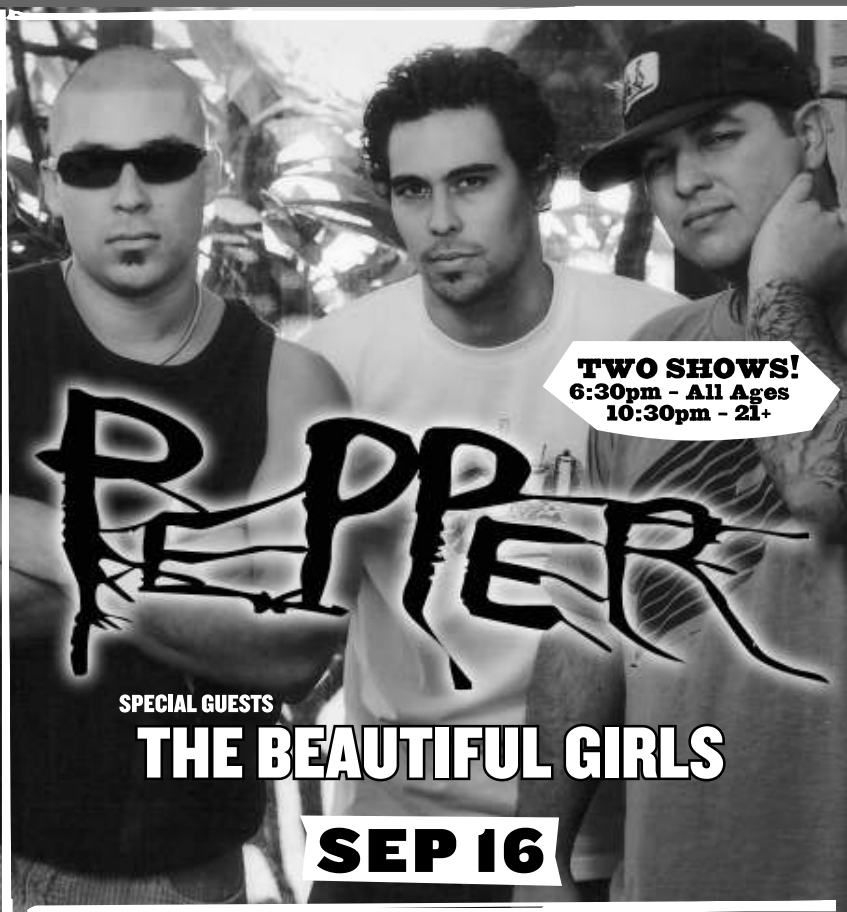
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Keb' Mo': California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 29, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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Blues Traveler: House of Blues, Sunday, October 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

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B.B. King: 4th & B, Thursday, November 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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The Cathryn Beeks Ordeal: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Biddy Bums: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Blizzard: Bub's Whiskey Dive

The Breakdowns: Soma

Buckfast Superbee [119]: Soma

Cell Block 5: The Jumping Turtle

A Change of Pace: Epicentre

Chapter 11: Winstons

Civet: The Jumping Turtle

The Colour: The Casbah

Conflict of Interest: Dreamstreet

The Dateless Losers: 'Canes

The Death Ray Davies: The Casbah

Decoiz: The Jumping Turtle

Decompression: The Jumping Turtle

The Defilers: 'Canes

Die September: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Dropjoy: Blind Melons

Dutch Dub: The Casbah

Earlimart: Belly Up Tavern

Earthless: The Casbah

The Echo Revolution [234]: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

The Exit Theory: Dreamstreet

Filth Juggernaut: The Casbah

Fine White China: Brick By Brick

Flogging Molly: House of Blues

Future Shock: 'Canes

G Tom Mac: Dreamstreet

Garbage: Soma

The Gaslamp Killer: Belly Up Tavern

Genial: Dreamstreet

The Glossines [134]: The Kensington Club

GoGoGo Airheart [136]: The Casbah

Halifax: Epicentre

The Henchmen: Dreamstreet

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I Like Girls: Brick By Brick, 'Canes
Idle Train [112]: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
KRS-ONE: Belly Up Tavern
Larger Than Life: Soma
Look Past the Stars: Dreamstreet
Mad Juana: Brick By Brick
A Midday Atlantic: Epicentre
Moonrats: The Casbah
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Music for Animals: The Kensington Club
Naked Aggression: The Jumping Turtle
Napoleon Complex: Brick By Brick
New Dayze: 'Canes
Not Since Reagan: Brick By Brick
OK Go: The Casbah
Opus Dai: Brick By Brick
Oranger: The Casbah
Gregory Page [186]: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Perfect Face for Radio: The Jumping Turtle
The Red Walls: The Casbah
Redefine: Dreamstreet
The Scotch Greens: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Seven Story World: Dreamstreet

76 Charger: The Casbah
60 Watt Kid: The Casbah
Societies Victim: The Jumping Turtle
Son Volt: Belly Up Tavern
The Spill Canvas: Epicentre
Split Infinity: The Kensington Club
Spoken Gun [131]: Winstons
Standard Issue: Dreamstreet
Stripped Down Hollywood: Soma
Teflon: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Texas Terri Bomb: The Jumping Turtle
32 Leaves: Brick By Brick
This Day & Age: Epicentre
Pat Todd & the Rank Outsiders: The Casbah
Trifecta: Dreamstreet
The Vibrators: The Jumping Turtle
The View from Space: The Kensington Club
Vitro: The Kensington Club
Windsor: Surf N'Saddle
The Woggles: The Casbah

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Aerodrive: Fannie's Nightclub
Agave: Tiki House
Arrowhead: Cat Daddy's
The Blazers: Tio Leo's Lounge
Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

A few years ago I went to the opening night of one of those weekend-long garage-rock festivals — the kind with about 200 bands on the bill, all with names that began with “The” or “Thee” and end with a plural noun. The first few bands played their sets and left no lasting impression. Then the **Woggles** took the stage.

At first I didn't see anything especially promising about the Georgia band. Like all the others, they had retro guitars, retro clothes, and retro haircuts. But when they started playing, the room was theirs. The music was good, gospel- and R&B-flavored '60s rock 'n' roll, but the undisputed focus of attention was

the singer, who goes by the name the **Professor**. With a tambourine in one hand and a microphone in the other, he did a kind of two-step dance throughout the set, as if the music wouldn't let him stand still. It was contagious and everyone joined in. Before long the Professor was playing the audience like an instrument. He did that old cornball move of asking everyone to squat down while the band got quieter, and then jump up when the band got louder — and everyone in this room full of jaded hipsters happily followed his instructions.

I later learned that the Woggles have been doing this since 1987, along the way inspiring an all-female tribute band (the Wiggles) and a German band named after one of their songs (the provocatively titled “Ramadan Romance”). By some accounts, Howlin' Pelle Almqvist of the Hives stole his moves from the Professor. But the Woggles



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Craze: The Jumping Turtle
Crossroads: Carvers
Trevor Davis: University of San Diego

The Dead Serial Killers: Dreamstreet
Dream Stream: Fannie's Nightclub
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
5-Alarm: Surf N'Saddle
4-Sale: Surf N'Saddle
Get Back Loretta: Soma
Girl Trouble: Boar Cross'n

The Taylor Harvey Band: Humphrey's
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
The Hillstreet Stranglers [469]: The Jumping Turtle
Hot Rod Lincoln [547]: Tio Leo's Lounge
Jumpstart: Patrick's II
Laguna: Woody's Sports Bar

Red Lane: Patrick's II
Langer & the Leprechaun: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)
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The Posies /471/: The Casbah

The Predicates: O'Connell's Pub
and Nightclub

Private Domain /489/: Dick's Last
Resort, Harrah's

Reaganomics: Blind Melons

Rookie Card /539/: Surf N'Saddle

The Sensations: Hard Rock Cafe
(La Jolla)

Serious Guise: Second Wind
(Santee)

Sneak Preview: 'Canes

Spell Toronto: Soma

Sprung Monkey /513/: Blind
Melons

The Stampede Band: Etta's Place

Stepping Feet: 5fth Qtr., 'Canes

Street Heart: The Kraken

The Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail
Lounge

Transfer: The Kensington Club

The Transit War: Soma

Triple X: Bub's Whiskey Dive

21 Grams: Winstons

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and
Grill

Uptown Groove: Dirk's Niteclub

The Cory Wilkins Band: Bub's
Whiskey Dive

The Wrecking Crew: The Jumping
Turtle

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

The Beach Boys: Harrah's

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno
Restaurant

The Edge: Jimmy Love's

Kicks: Carvers

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Humphrey's, Harrah's

The Mar Dels: Viejas Casino

Rising Star: Viejas Casino

X-Cel: Jimmy Love's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet
Restaurant

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The
German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning /684/: The
Westgate Hotel, Turquoise Cafe

John Cain /703/: Elario's Bistro &
Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:
Croce's Jazz Bar

Gilbert Castellanos /667/: Onyx

A.J. Croce: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Jo Dark: The German-American
Societies

Delta Nove: Winstons

Karl Denson's Tiny Universe
/681/: Belly Up Tavern

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima
Thai Restaurant

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio
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The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/:
Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Duncan Moore: Dizzy's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey
Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

The Flip Oakes Dixieland Band:
North Coast United Methodist
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David Owen: Turquoise Cafe

The David Patrone Quartet /647/:
Croce's Jazz Bar

Primo: Sevilla, Croce's Top Hat Bar
and Grille

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

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Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect,
Croce's Jazz Bar

**Reggie Smith & Pressed for
Time:** Jimmy Love's, Coyote Bar and
Grill

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Peter Sprague /643/: Dizzy's

Tripp Sprague: Dizzy's

The Stage 4 Jazz Quintet: Buon
Giorno Restaurant

The Super Sonic Samba School:
Winstons

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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)

Jason Weber: Humphrey's

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

The Devastators [731]: Onyx

Ismael & the Peacemaker: Belly Up Tavern

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Quinazo: Humphrey's

Semisi & Fulabula [747]: The Calypso Cafe

Shaka Buku: Blind Melons

The Shocks of Mighty [755]: Belly Up Tavern

Sizzla [738]: Belly Up Tavern

Sound Tribe: Belly Up Tavern

Stranger: Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Whiskey Ridge: Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Amy Ayres: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Banda Braza: Turquoise Cafe

David Beldock: Coyote Bar and Grill

Annie Bethancourt: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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The Boogiemens [937]: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

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Chet Cannon & the Committee: Patrick's II

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Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Robbie's Roadhouse, Hancock Cafe, Chateau Orleans, Turquoise Cafe

D.A. & the Hitmen: Blind Melons

Fairfield Fats: Tiki House

The King Fish Turner Band: The Kraken

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille

Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Turquoise Cafe

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Basis: Wednesdays, progressive house, breaks, and trance with guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Notorious: Sundays, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-5022.

Club NV: Wednesdays, reggae/dancehall, reggaeton, and hip-hop/R&B with DJs Winston-T and Regg-J. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Etta's Place,

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619-582-6730.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown. 619-517-2030.

Flying Bridge: Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and booty bass in the main room; guest DJs spin reggae and reggaeton on the patio. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Fridays, funk, down-tempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin

grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Sound Tribe, Sector 9, West Indian Girl*, and DJ Eliot Lipp. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Bill Magee Blues Band*, 9 p.m., *Marcia Ball*. Saturday, 9 p.m., *KRS-ONE, Deep Rooted*, and *Willow the Gaslamp Killer*. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Pink Martini*. Monday, 8 p.m., *Son Volt* and *Earlimart*, alternative. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *Sizzla, Ismael the Peacemaker*, and *the Shocks of Mighty*, reggae. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *Karl Denson's Tiny Universe* and *the African Showboyz*.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Girl Trouble*, rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Kyle Jester Blues Show*.

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The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Mick Overman & the Maniacs*, rock. Friday, *Semisi & Fulabula*, reggae. Saturday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Sunday, *Thomas Yarsley*, pedal steel guitar. Monday, *3 Deuces*, blues/jazz. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *the Julie McBride Band*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday, *Kicks*, pop rock. Saturday, *the Crossroads*, classic rock.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Billy Watson*, blues, 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Bordertown*, rock/blues/folk, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *David Beldock*, folk/rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Gumboyya*, New Orleans funk, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Luna Lena*, jazz, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Wednesday, call club for information.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Clay Colton Band*, classic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Geese in the Bog*, Irish folk.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock.

Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Aunt Kizzy's Boyz*, blues/rock. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Beach Boys* and *Howie*

Mandel. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Private Domain*, rock and roll.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *the DJ B-3*. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, *Deverb*.

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, 10 p.m., *Decoiz, the Human Killers, Societies Victim, Cell Block 5, the Vibrators, the Wrecking Crew, the Holy Boys, and the Hillstreet Stranglers*. Friday, *Colporter, Craze, the Attic of Love, Decompression, and the Perfect Face for Radio*. Saturday, *Texas Terri Bomb, Naked Aggression, and Civet*. Sunday, *JAC*.

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Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors, blues. Friday, *the King Fish Turner Band*. Saturday, *Street Heart*, classic rock. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill, 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G7, Del Mar. 858-792-2226. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Sweet Life*, jazz.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Scotch Greens, the Irish Brothers, and Die September*, rock. Saturday, *DJ*

Tony A. Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*. Wednesday, *DJ Peril*, reggae.

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Surf N' Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, 4-Sale, rock. Saturday, 5-Alarm, Rookie Card, and Windsor, alternative. Wednesday, open mike.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, Laguna, classic rock.

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Thursday, *Shaka Buku*, roots rock. Friday, *Stranger*, reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Sprung Monkey*, alternative. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reaganomics*, rock. Monday, open mike featuring *Droptop*. Tuesday, D.A. & the Hitmen and the 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band. Wednesday, JAC, Soulfier, and Plastic Parachute.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Deep Rooted*, *Tony da Skitzo*, DJ Mike Czech, *Future Shock*, and *LaTanya Lockett Band*, hip-hop/R&B/funk/soul/dance. Friday, *Stepping Feet*, rock, and *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz. Saturday, DJ Demon, DJ A+, and DJ Zoolander. Sunday, 7 p.m., *New Dayze*, *Dateless Losers*, and *Sneak Preview*, rock. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Defilers* and *I Like Girls*, alternative rock.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *Genial*, *Henchmen*, *Exit Theory*, and *Hit by a Bus*, alternative/rock. Friday, *Look Past the Stars*, *G Tom Mac*, *Conflict of Interest*, *Standard Issue*, and *Hit by a Bus*, alternative/rock. Saturday, *Redefine*, *Trifecta*, and *Seven Story World*, alternative/rock. Sunday, open mike. Wednesday, *Mad Man Cometh*, and *the Dead Serial Killers*, metal.

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *John Cain*, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092. Wednesday, live jazz.

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Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *the Echo Revolution*. Friday, *Buy Out*. Saturday, *the Sensations*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Blue Collar*, blues. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae. Wednesday, *Langer & the Leprechaun*, rock.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., also, Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross*.

The Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill, 860 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-272-7278. Call club for information.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *Nick Fiore*, *John Giulino*, and *Dave Scott*, jazz.

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Sandbar Sports Grill, 718 Ventura Place, San Diego. 858-488-1274. Call club for information.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Fairfield Fats*. Saturday, *Agave*, rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis*, acoustic. Wednesday, *420 Blackbirdz*, rock.

Tropicoso, 1261 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-270-5100. Thursday, DJ *Gaston Cazaes* 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*.

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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, *Mad Juana*. Friday, *Aspidistra*, *Fine White China*, and *Not Since Reagan*. Sunday, *Opus Dai* and *32 Leaves*. Wednesday, *I Like Girls* and *Napoleon Complex*.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *the Spill Canvas*, *This Day & Age*, and *A Midday Atlantic*. Friday, *Hieroglyphics*, *Del*, *the Souls of Mischief*, *Casual*, *Pep Love*, *O.C. of D.I.T.C.*, and *the Boom Bap Project*. Sunday, *Hidden in Plain View*, *Halifax*, and *A Change of Pace*.

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Gato Loco, 634 Broadway, San Diego. 619-544-1609. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Executive*, hip-hop/R&B. Sunday, 8:30 p.m., *Winterthrall*, *Letum Ascensus*, and *Book of Black Earth*, black metal/death metal.

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Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

Hot Monkey Love Cafe, 5960 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-582-5908. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Sweet Tea*, traditional jazz. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Tima Montemayor*.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Thursday, *Bebel Gilberto* Wednesday, *Flogging Molly* and *Danko Jones*. In the restaurant: Friday, *Salvation Army* with *DJ Impakt*, blues/funk/infusion. Saturday, *the After Party* featuring *Lady Dottie & the Diamonds*, blues.

Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Chiara Civello*, Italian songwriter. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Makai*, disco/dance. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Quinazo*, reggae/soul/rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Jason Weber*, jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, original rock. Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *the Soul Persuaders*.

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.

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Split Infinity*, *the View from Space*, and *Dehra Dun*. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Mexico City Rollers*, *the Glossines*, and *the Atoms*. Saturday, *Transfer*, *Vitro*, and *Music for Animals*.

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, *Annie Bethancourt* and *Barret Johnson*. Friday, *A.J. Croce*, jazz, and *Gregory Page*. Saturday, *the Biddy Bums* and *Jack the Original*. Sunday, *Jan Lui* and *Lindsey Young*. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, *Kim DiVincenzo*, *Arden Kaywin*, and *Blaine Long*.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Music is rock. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Citizen Band*, *Teflon*, and *the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal*. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Downtown Moneywasters* and *Barrel House*. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Carey McLaughlin*, *Mary Froemke*, and *the Predicates*.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live acoustic/folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, 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.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *New*



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Album name: *Volume One* (2005)

Artist: The Mice

Label: Self-released

Songs: 1) Closer, Closer 2) Sunny Day 3) Speak to Me 4) Not Again 5) Life Crisis 6) Giving Up 7) Gotta Get Away 8) Pure Evil 9) Truth

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Band members: Rob Logic (vocals, guitar), Travis Poe (vocals, bass), Raul (drums)

Extra info: The Mice play the Alibi (1403 University Ave., Hillcrest) on Saturday, Sept. 10. No cover.

Website: www.micemusic.com

On their debut album, the Mice play fast indie punk that comes across as wannabe grunge. They did pay attention to the crafting of each song's melody line. There is an aspect of blink circa *Cheshire Cat*

buried inside some of the chords of "Life Crisis" and "Gotta Get Away."

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Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *Nemesis*, classic rock.

Sham Rocks Shack, 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Transit War*, *Larger Than Life*, *Spell Toronto*, *Buckfast Superbee*, and

Get Back Loretta. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Muff*, *Stripped Down Hollywood*, *Averian*, *Da Bears*, and *the Breakdowns*. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Garbage*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Hot Rod Lincoln*, rockabilly. Friday, *Candye Kane & the Fat Bottom Girls*, blues. Saturday, *Blazers*, rockabilly. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *High Society Jazz Band*.

punk/indie groups, the disc lacks the playfulness that is linked to the genre. This is where the Mice's feigned grunge persona comes into conflict with the rest of the group's image.

The band's lyrics are pretentious — verbose and simplistic. These lines from "Speak to Me" are as deep as the trio probes: "What you doin' / yeah I don't wanna understand / lots of feelings / I cannot comprehend / the things you do and what you say / about what you mean to me / please my dear / make me clear when you speak to me." The vocal range of frontman Rob Logic wavers between flat and monotone. His repetition of the line "you're the one for me" 17 times in "Sunny Day" — a song that endures for over two minutes — is reason enough to lunge for the eject button.



The Mice

The Mice do have a distinctive way of approaching a song. The problem is that they strive for difference and create an unnatural sound that's too forced to look past.

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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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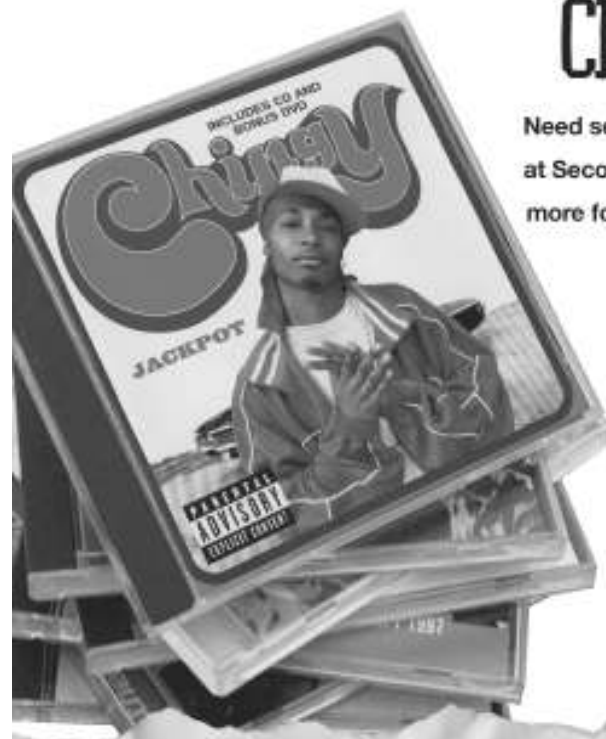
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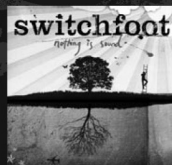
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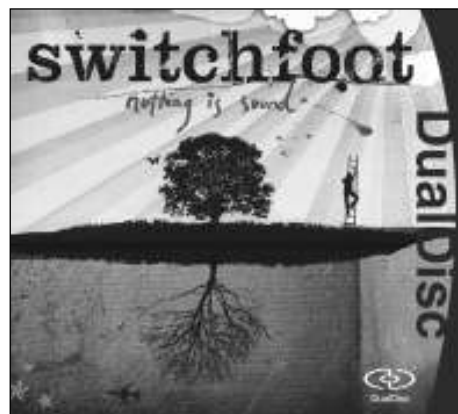
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Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

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; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

The Caucasian Chalk Circle

South Coast Repertory Theatre opens its new season with Bertolt Brecht's drama about Grusha, trapped in a war and a legal battle. Kate Whoriskey directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, THROUGH OCTOBER 9; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

The Comedy of Errors

Nature or nurture? Most *Comedies of Errors* stress how alike Shakespeare's two sets of twins are, as if growing up in separate cultures had no effect. Director Darko Tresnjak shows how different a similarity can be. When at Ephesus (site of sorcery, according to St. Paul) Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus share the same identity but are opposites. Complications ensue. In some ways, the frame of this staging's more arresting than the middle. The 90-minute version moves well, but on opening night the acting was technical, not felt. You could

sense that performances would grow, however. Plus, having Charles Janasz (as bedraggled Egeon) and Kandis Chappell (the Lady Abbess as a force of nature) guarantees quality. As do Liam Craig and Evan Zes as the dual Dromios: played as a cross between Charlie Chaplin and the Cantinflas of *Around the World in 80 Days*, their slapstick antics guarantee laughs. Then there's the conjuration dance. When Dr. Pinch tries to exorcise Ephesian demons, his conjuration makes everyone *weirder*. They flop into a snaky, ritualized Bollywood dance that, while Pinch's spell lasts, is a hoot.

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The Crucible

OnStage Playhouse presents Arthur Miller's drama about the Salem Witch Trials (drawing parallels with the House Un-American Ac-



The Comedy of Errors

tivities hearings of the 1950s). Marjorie Mae Treger 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.

The Day After Yesterday

Kristina Meek's new play asks, "What, where, and why is time? Does it really exist?" The questions arise when the world takes a day off. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE AND CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD,

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Grass Roots Greeks

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The Invention of Love

In 1982, Tom Stoppard swore that love is "the real thing." His 1997 drama disagrees. Love, he has Oscar Wilde say, is an invention, a myth created around the loved one. "We would never love anybody if we could see past our invention." The play takes place in the mind of A.E. Housman, poet and foremost classics scholar of his era. As he ferries to Elysium, he recalls choices made and roads not taken — especially his lifelong, unrequited love for Moses Jackson, fellow Oxfordian. Oscar Wilde lived his love, even made himself a myth; Housman, like Septimus Hodge in *Arcadia*, lived a hermit's life of "long silences." Cygnet Theatre's opening-night performance stumbled a bit, with thick, garbled accents (at least half the cast) and sprints through speeches. The design work, including excellent slide projections, matched the play's fluidity. 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 portrait of Housman, achievements and losses. If so, he shouldn't have given Oscar Wilde such a memorable last speech, which reframes 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.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH

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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 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.

CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

Late-Nite Catechism

Back by popular demand: In most interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performance. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan's one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds, max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno's adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders latecomers to take their seats NOW. She's here because it's Father Murphy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't-spare-the-rod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unexpressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And, whether threatening a gum chewer with eternal damnation or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot), she's as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. *Late-Nite Catechism*, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It's the *Rocky Horror Show* for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THROUGH OCTOBER 25; MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Macbeth

Double, double, toil and trouble? No. Something tasteful this way comes. Paul Mullins has directed a safe, formalist *Macbeth*, substituting stage



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pictures for substance. Instead of the Macbeths' insatiable frenzy, fed by "slaughterhouse thoughts," we get choreographed, often mathematically precise visuals. Some do catch the eye (white-faced Weird Sisters in sleek, red, late-medieval chic; Macduff's spears poking through Balboa Park toward Dunsinane). But the Sisters are cupcakes. The slo-mo battles are aesthetic affairs. And the leads are lame. Tom Hammond's Macbeth's a thoughtful, perplexed guy who delivers his lines with slow, sculpted cadences that don't come near the lion's roar. As Lady M, Deirdre Lovejoy resorts to deep breathing to convey emotion and plays her scenes as set pieces, apart from other actors (when she sleepwalks, Lovejoy makes

Lady M a batty, candle-hypnotized Ophelia: an odd, albeit showy, choice). Worthy of note: what lighting designer York Kennedy does with darkness. It shrouds the stage like a fogbank. And since the rest of the production prefers the stately to the gritty and the tragic, Kennedy's shadings become the only place where evil gets to stake its claim. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; *MACBETH* RUNS IN REPERTORY WITH *COMEDY OF ERRORS* AND *THE WINTER'S TALE*; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

Miss Saigon

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Monky Business

The Broadway Theater presents a comedy about five monks who have 24 hours to raise \$250,000 to save their monastery. But one of them is a spy for the landlord! Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATRE, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

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 AstroTurf. 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.

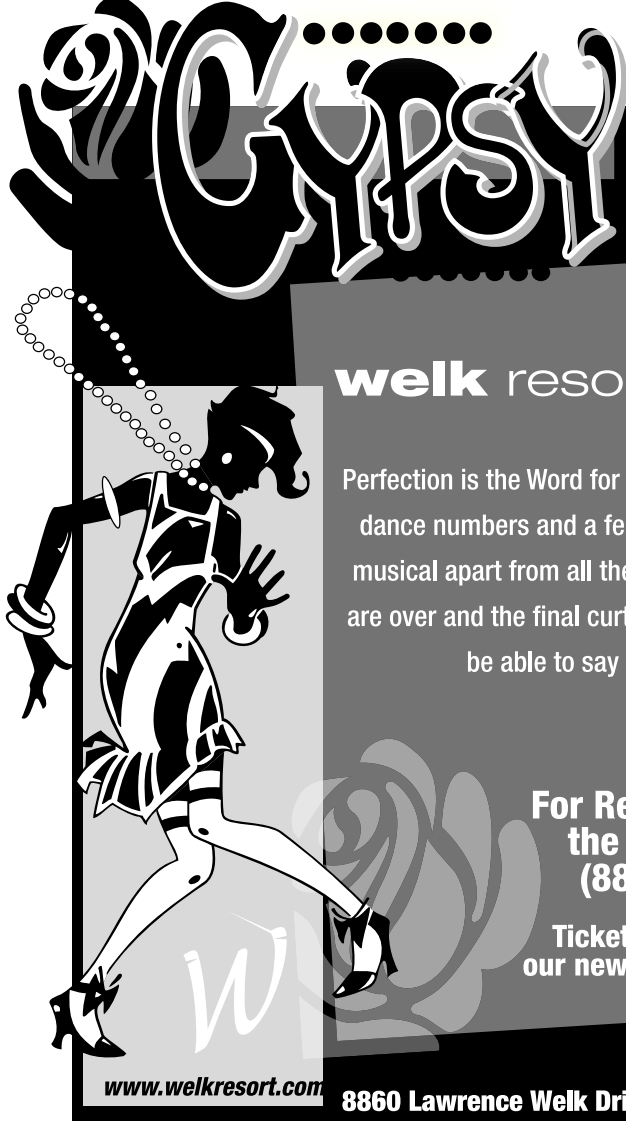
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Worth a try.

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Romeo and Juliet

At the North Coast Rep, Richard Baird proves once again why Shakespeare had to murder Mercutio so *Romeo and Juliet* could turn tragic. On Marty Burnett’s spare stage, Baird’s Mercutio dominates with swagger, nuance, and an innate affinity with Romeo’s pyrotechnical companion. Lynne Griffin’s Nurse — earthy, religious, hilarious — has the same effect and must go as well (the show’s best scene, a bawdy steeplechase over, around, and under her outfit, pairs the two). What follows their departure is a letdown. Scenes become shouting matches (actors begin speeches at full volume, then have no place to go). Brennan Taylor’s Romeo has fine moments, especially in the balcony scene, but also delivers flat readings; Rhianna Bashore’s Juliet’s about half-recited, half-strident. Both need to vary vocal dynamics, let the poetry happen unaided by clunky emphases, and simply *speak* to each other as human beings burning with love. Under David Ellenstein’s in-and-out direction, the production has abundant energy, though

not always felt intensity or sharp focus (there’s a *lot* of upstaging going on). Jeanne Reith’s wonderful costumes — Montague blue and Capulet rustic red — are a definite plus. And the must-see performances of Griffin and Baird tip the scales.

Worth a try.

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San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv



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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.

Scapino

Scripps Ranch Theatre opens its new season with Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale’s madcap comedy, based on a farce by Molière. Jim Caputo directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

The Sopranos’ Last Supper

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Tale of the Allergist’s Wife

Marjorie Taub lives in a \$900,000 NYC condo. Her husband of 32 years is an allergist/saint. And yet Marjorie hungers — because her therapist died recently? — “for meaning!” She’s a “cultural poseur,” which her kvetching mother complains about almost as much as her own digestive dysfunctions. In Charles Busch’s 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, Carolyn 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 SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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Worth a try.

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Valhalla

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Kabul Kebabs

Authentic Afghan cuisine is hard to find. For several years, Chopahn restaurant was an overlooked storefront in a huge mall up near UTC. “When we were in the Renaissance Towne Center, people often drove right by us and missed us,” says chef-owner Haider Hussainy. After a two-year hiatus to find a more attractive location, Chopahn reopened in the Gaslamp — but as of this writing, it doesn’t yet have an overhead sign. At our first visit, we nearly missed it: The setting sun was in our eyes, and a herd of elephantine SUVs was parked in front, obscuring our view. Only when we crossed the street did we espy the patio tables and eye-catching planters filled with flowers.

It was worth the hunt, because good Afghan cooking is a delight — and Chopahn’s is very good, indeed. Hussainy’s rugged, mountainous country borders on India, Iran, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and several lesser-known “-stans.” It shares some of the best elements of all these cuisines. If you love kebabs, you’ll be thrilled with Chopahn’s, which features fine, hand-cut meat cooked to order and enriched by a gentle herbal marinade. If you enjoy Indian spices and Persian stews, you’ll find close equivalents. If you’re mad for garlicky Uzbek yogurt sauce — well, you can have that too.

As you enter, you walk across two handsome Afghan rugs in the vibrant reds and compelling designs of Oriental tribal carpets. The dining room is painted a light mustard, with arches cut into the walls; the banister of a stairway to an upstairs banquet room is sawed in zigzags. Rhythmic Afghan music plays on the sound system — sometimes exotic, sometimes weirdly similar to Appalachian bluegrass jams. (It’s mountain music either way.)

Every appetizer on the menu is worth trying. My favorite (perhaps because it was new to me) was *bulanee*, a thin turnover of airy, fragile dough, filled with an intense purée of leeks, spring onions, herbs, and a touch of hot pepper. (There’s also a ground beef and potato version called *bulanee katchalu*.) *Aushak* is probably Afghanistan’s best-known dish, consisting of large, thin-skinned, ravioli-like dumplings with a similar leek filling, topped with garlic-spiked yogurt and a spicy ground-



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beef sauce. (This is a dish that lovers of Uzbek cuisine will immediately recognize as a close variation of *chuckvara*, the national dish.) *Mantu*, from the north of the country (near the Uzbek border), are *aushak* in reverse — the meat’s in the filling, and the topping is yogurt sauce and vegetables. Both *aushak* and *mantu* are also available as entrées.

From the Indian-influenced side of the cuisine, *sambosas* are essentially double-size *samosas*, with a ground-beef and puréed chickpea filling spiked with fresh-ground coriander seed. *Pakawra* resemble swollen Indian *pakorras* — in rounds the size of English muffins, a puffy fried batter encloses tender eggplant or potatoes and is served piping hot before it has a chance to deflate. The eggplant version was my partner’s favorite appetizer. The toppings are yogurt sauce and a mildly seasoned meat sauce.

Along with your appetizers you’ll receive a basket of house-baked *naan*, a flatbread re-

sembling Italian *focaccia*, baked in a regular oven. (In the homeland, it’s typically made in a tandoor oven.) Adding to the flavors are a ramekin of extra yogurt sauce and another containing coriander “chutney.” Make no mistake,

this is not a sweet chutney but the house hot sauce, a purée of cilantro, garlic, and Serrano chiles. I told my partner, “Wow, this tastes like one of those

homemade peppa sauces from Trinidad.” Thinking that I meant the faded bottled sauces we brought back five years ago, he swiped his bread through it and took a big bite. With my mouth full of *bulanee*, I couldn’t yell, “Watch out!” Eyes tearing and ears fuming, he promptly downed half a glass of beer (which, oddly enough, was Pacifico, not Taj Mahal or Kingfisher — his favorite Indian imports aren’t offered here). The soothing yogurt proved the key to his recovery.

Among the three salads, the modestly named “house salad” is the one that patrons of the UTC Chopahn most savored. It includes

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CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Foods of Afghanistan, emphasizing grilled meats (especially lamb), stews, and rice dishes. Interesting, affordable wine list, Mexican and domestic beers.

PICK HITS: *Aushak* (leek ravioli), *bulanee* (leek or meat turnovers), *pakawras* (vegetables in batter), any grilled lamb dish, *mahie* (salmon), *kadu* (pumpkin), *gulpi* (cauliflower)

NEED TO KNOW: Restaurant may not have overhead sign yet. Look for black awning and sidewalk tables on the west side of Sixth, just south of F Street (across from L&G’s). Inexpensive parking at Park It On Market (1½ blocks south). Four vegetarian entrées, many other dishes easily adapted.

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romaine, shredded carrots and red cabbage, cucumber, and tomatoes (seriously unripe that night) in a light yogurt-mustard dressing. The flavor is big and bright but weightless.

There are endless variations on kebabs. In Afghani languages, “kebabs” means meat dry-cooked, grilled, or roasted, whole or in chunks. It needn’t be skewered. Many selections are grilled whole — no hole through the center. Chopahn serves seven types of kebabs, four of which highlight different cuts of lamb. (The rest are beef, chicken, and veal.) Given Afghanistan’s geography, I chose ovine over



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bovine — the lamb selections are presumably the most authentic. A steep and chilly country where artisans weave prized Oriental rugs must have a lot of thick-wooled sheep, but no corn-fed Omaha cows.

Chopahn, the dish for which the restaurant is named, here refers to grilled lamb loin chops. (At the famed Helmand restaurants in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. — owned by the family of the president of Afghanistan — the word “chopahn” applies to rack of lamb. But Afghanistan has many languages.) The chops have been marinated in saffron, garlic, onion, and white-wine vinegar, and they’re savory, tender mouthfuls. They come with *challow*, which is buttery steamed basmati rice. Alongside is an array of char-marked grilled tomato halves, zucchini, green pepper, and eggplant. The grill here employs lava rocks, lending the meats a wood-smoky, campfire flavor similar to that of the native charcoal-grilling.

The most lavish entrée is *shinwari kabob*, a roast rack of tender lamb ribs with a pistachio crust. We ordered it

rare, and the rigorously trimmed meat was juicy and tender. Its roasted garlic and reduced lamb-stock gravy was thick, dark, and salty, and a tad burned that night. The meat comes with *pallaw*, basmati rice that’s browned and seasoned by sautéing in a touch of oil (like Chinese fried rice), plus the same grilled vegetables as those served with the *chopahn*.

Regular lamb kebabs (*kebab-e-gousfand*), skewered chunks, are made from the well-trimmed leg, same as most Greek (and Armenian, Persian, Turkish, etc.) shish kebabs, and they benefit from the same marinade as the *chopahn*. Sautéed lamb shows up in *karai*, where it mingles with onion, tomatoes, and green peppers, served over basmati rice. (There’s also a beef version, *korma challow*.) If you prefer long-stewed lamb, the shanks go into a dish called *quabili pallaw*, rice with carrots and raisins. In addition, there are several stews, with a choice of eggplant, spinach, or cauliflower as the costarring vegetable.

But it’s not an all-mammal menu of main courses. Although Afghanistan has no seacoast, it has plenty of lakes and rivers laden with trout and other freshwater fish. A form of freshwater salmon is called “red fish” in translation. It’s represented on the menu as *mahie* (which means sim-

ply “fish” and is pronounced like mahi-mahi, minus one mahi). This is farm-raised Atlantic salmon, grilled to order — precisely to our order of “moist.” It’s served on a bed of *sabsi*, baby-spinach stew, with chopped tomatoes, garlic, and an olive oil-based dill sauce, plus the grilled veggie array of the kabobs. Another meat alternative is *samarooq challow*, skinless chicken breast sautéed with onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, and green bell peppers over well-buttered basmati. It’s among the owner’s favorites and one of the waiter’s pick hits, but to me, it’s still just chicken breast.

Vegetable side dishes shouldn’t be missed, even if there are already veggies on the plate. (Served with *challow*, these dishes make up the vegetarian entrées.) The must-try choice is *kadu*, pumpkin cooked meltingly tender in a sweet syrup and topped with yogurt and meat sauce. (Right now, with pumpkin seasonally unavailable, it’s made with nutty butternut squash.) I was delighted as well with *gulpi*, cauliflower cooked with ginger, tomatoes, and onions. It’s similar to Indian cuisine, but the flavors are distinct, rather than a currylike blend. You can appreciate the individual ingredients.

The wine list is appropriate and generally affordable,

dominated by California bottlings but with some French and Italian choices. Mr. Hussainy likes Chardonnay with the appetizers and Pinot Noir with lamb dishes. I do wish there were more choices by the glass — but that’s a constant wherever I dine.

There are two desserts. The house-made baklava is less gooey than most, with top and bottom layers of filo sandwiching at least three inches of ground walnuts, all lightly dressed in sugar syrup. The other choice is *firni*, a creamy rice pudding that I like a lot but was too full to try.

Even if you don’t want to venture into the “deep ethnic” side of the menu, go for the kebabs. No insult to other nations’ cuisines, but in these dishes, Afghanistan is a world leader and Chopahn is a world-beater.

ABOUT THE CHEF-OWNER

Haider Hussainy was born in Kabul, then the cosmopolitan capital city of Afghanistan. He came to San Diego in 1974 to study for a degree in business administration at San Diego State and was here when his homeland was overrun by the Soviet Union. As much as he missed it, he couldn’t go home again. In fact, it was a good time *not* to be home, and he remained in California through the Soviet era and the subsequent Taliban regime.

He was already engaged in cooking. “When I was little, I watched my mom. I loved to cook, and I learned it that way. I’ve cooked for all my life, since I was about 12 or 15. Now I remember how my mom cooked things, and I put them on the menu. That’s why I got into the restaurant business.”

As a student, Hussainy supported himself by working nights as a waiter at the Hyatt — a gig that ended up lasting nearly 25 years, with increasing responsibilities. “When I finished my schooling,” he says, “I told my wife, ‘I’ve finished my degree but I’m not going to work in business, I’m going to open my own restaurant.’” Both he and his wife, a corporate manager, saved up their money to fulfill the dream. That was the first incarnation of Chopahn, opened in 1998 in the Renaissance Towne Center mall at UTC. “After about four years I sold that restaurant and spent two years tending to my family and looking for a better area to reopen in,” he says. “I wanted to find some nice location in the Gaslamp area. I found this place, and it took me one year to rebuild it, with all the permits and engineering.”

His cooking is remarkably wholesome, with everything made from scratch. “It’s healthy food,” he says. “I want to serve everything fresh.” He makes the yogurt sauces with a

blend of whole-milk and low-fat yogurts to get the right consistency. “I don’t want to make it too heavy, I want a balance. Once in a while I make yogurt from scratch, but it takes too much of my time.” Although he uses standard restaurant suppliers rather than “elite” food purveyors, he buys only never-frozen meat and poultry (in fact, the restaurant has no freezer). He cuts the meat himself, trimming off all visible fat. For the vegetables, “I shop all around, looking for the freshest vegetables. When the wholesaler sends me vegetables, I look them over, and if they’re not fresh I send them back. If I see something nice at the farmer’s market, I buy that.”

I asked him what Afghan cuisine has in common with neighboring India and what differs between them. “Afghan cooking shares the same spices with Indian and Pakistani cooking, as well as some of the spices that Persian people use. The difference is that Indian food uses a lot of spices all at once and makes them overpowering. Our cuisine, you can taste everything separately. You know exactly what you’re tasting — the cinnamon, the cumin, the coriander. We like a lot of spices, but we don’t like them all blended together. We want to enjoy every flavor in what we’re eating.” ■

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"We realized this was not our soup. It was the customers'. They're very possessive."

All right! Got wheels. Our neighbors Bill and Linda have gone on vacation to Virginia. Left me their cats and their car to look after. This should give Carla a kick when she gets out of rehab about a week from now.

So this morning I drop them off at the airport and start looking for a breakfast joint. End up on Cañon in Point Loma. Just before Scott Street I notice this yellow hole-in-the-wall with a cluster of people buzzing around the entrance.

Hmm. My kind of place, looks like. I park. They have some yellow stools and seats out on the sidewalk and a tiny space inside filled with folks chatting, sucking smoothies, chowing into bagels, sandwiches, fruits, croissants. But most of all, talking.

"Did you know Point Loma used to be an island?" a guy says. He's eating a big pile of fruit. "Then the San Diego River brought silt down and joined it up with the mainland."

Huh.

I go up to the counter. Purple, with a green top. It's curved and has an oval porthole in it...at knee level. It makes you think of...a hull. A boat hull! Somebody's put some crazy imagination into this shoebox. Whole place is decked out like a yacht. Plus, there are little clear-plastic bags of water hanging from the green-and-white ceiling. What's that all about?

"Hey, young man," says an ultra-glam, Vietnamese-looking gal. "Let me get you a stool."

Takes a moment. "You mean me?"

"But of course." She hauls one up to the counter. "You hungry?"

Cindi — that's her name — segues between talking to me and making smoothies, putting her arms around people and calling out names. Her sister Kelly, who's just as glam, comes down from the little step-up kitchen to help.

"So?" Cindi asks me.

"Coffee, I guess." It's \$1.50

for the 12-ounce (\$1.00 refills). I pump myself a French Roast. Then, oh God. I get a sweet, sticky muffin (\$1.85). I start scanning the wall menu. Half is smoothies and specialty drinks, like the "Nutty Irishman," a mix of hazelnut and Irish cream syrup, steamed chocolate milk, and whipped cream (\$3.25 single, \$3.75 double). The rest are wraps and sandwiches, such as the spicy chicken wrap (\$5.50), tuna sandwich (\$5.00), or chicken or tuna salads (\$5.50).

The breakfast section tends to health. Nonfat everything. The fruit parfait has fruit with nonfat granola and nonfat yogurt (\$4.50), a "gourmet oatmeal" has fruits and nuts added (\$4.00). There are bagels and cream cheese, or with peanut butter (\$1.75), with hummus (\$2.75), or fresh veggies (\$4.50). Lord. Hank'd be in hog's...uh, make that health-nut...heaven here.

**TIN
FORK**
ED BEDFORD

Then — saved! You can get eggs, ham, cheese, and tomato on a bagel, bread, or croissant (\$5.00). I go for that. Bagel, please.

It comes freshly toasted, packed with scrambled eggs, and gets more interesting when Cindi brings the bottle of Sriracha hot chili sauce. Now we're talking.

And yakking. And telling yarns. Place this size, it's hard not to. Turns out this guy Jim, who's standing glooping coffee and munching a banana next to me, designs yachts. Like, mega-yachts. Like, the Spanish entry to the next America's Cup. Lee, the gal waiting for her "Very Berry" smoothie (apple, blueberries, blackberries, nonfat yogurt, \$3.75), has just sailed around the entire world in a 36-foot boat with her husband and her daughter Kate, who's 12. She was five when they started out. Carl, who's 18, says he's just in from helping sail a 50-footer back from Hawaii. Robert Mulligan — Bob — old guy in a wheelchair, is a vet of World War II. Corsair pilot. Wow. Those were the fighter planes with bent seagull wings and huge props. Then this guy Denny hauls up outside on a scarlet chopper. Fat back wheel, lo-ong front forks. "Iron Horse," he says. He orders a tuna salad. Kelly insists on getting a Polaroid of her and Denny sitting on the chopper.

"That's what we discovered when we decided to try and take over this place, four months ago,"

says Kelly. "We realized this was not our shop. It was the customers'. They're very possessive. You've got to recognize this is a very small community, or it's game over."

But, everyone says, no way is the game over here. They love the sisters. Turns out the two of them arrived in Seattle as babies from Saigon when their parents escaped in 1975. Cindi says they can make, say, those raw Vietnamese spring rolls, if you ask.

Even the cook's interesting. He comes down from his perch at the back. Grabs a coffee. Says his name is Balarama. He's Anglo. "It's from the *Bhagavad Gita*. Indian," he says. "My parents were hippies. They traveled a lot."

I'm so busy talking, I hardly remember to get through my breakfast eggs. Then Cindi comes over with a plate of fruit chunks. She forks one and holds it up for me. Mmm. Grab it with my teeth. Cantaloupe with a hot-pepper dusting. She gives me another. Perfect mouth-freshener.

"I've just got one question," I say. "What's with the bags of water?"

"Oh, that," Cindi says. "They're to get rid of the flies. Flies have complex eyes. The water in the moving bags distorts their lenses. Freaks them out."

I look around for freaked-out flies. Only see a couple, unfreaked. Buzzing my muffin.

Can't say I blame them. I could easily become a barfly here myself. ■

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"The wet laboratory of your mouth is not always the same."

He's such an American story," says Elin McCoy, author of *The Emperor of Wine: The Rise of Robert M. Parker, Jr. and the Reign of American Taste*, about her subject. "The guy who comes out of nowhere and follows his passion, who takes on the establishment and succeeds beyond his wildest dreams. The whole concept of going out there and rating all these products, the 100-point system. It's the Horatio Alger story. You don't find it in France; you don't find it in England."

Horatio Alger? I might have gone with Charles Foster Kane. Remember that moment in *Citizen Kane* when Kane gets his old Statement of Principles in the mail from his best friend Jed, whom he's just fired for being honest? He shreds the paper, and when someone asks him what it was he just shredded, he snarls, "An antique." The circumstances were complicated, but one thing was clear: somewhere along the way from idealistic golden boy to Master of the Universe, something went awry. I thought I got a whiff of that change in McCoy's account of Parker's shift towards praising the very wines he might have called "overbearing" in his youth — the "hedonistic" monsters loaded with gobs of jammy fruit.

And if that was a whiff, I got a regular snootful in this devastating paragraph from McCoy's closing. "So much of what Parker says he stands for caused the opposite to happen. He argued for the

democratization of wine and yet became the very symbol of the elite expert pronouncing on unobtainable wines.... Though he insisted he valued individual taste, the would-be consumer advocate became the supreme judge." It goes on like that.

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

"When you see all of these goals and dreams that Parker had," says McCoy, "what he thought he was doing in the beginning — there are some things about that that are very admirable in many ways." He strove for objectivity, for freedom from conflicts of interest — he called wine like he saw

it. The famous Hébrard story is a case in point. After slamming the '81 Cheval Blanc, Parker agreed to come and retaste the wine. Upon Parker's arrival at the chateau, however, he was bitten on the leg by a miniature schnauzer, who latched on and would not let go. Jacques Hébrard, Chateau Cheval Blanc's manager, stood by and watched "impassively." Then Hébrard said he wouldn't let Parker retaste. Then he changed his mind. Parker tasted, and subsequently changed his assessment, eventually rating the wine 90 points in his book, *Bordeaux*. It would have been much easier to simply stick to his original opinion.

(The story illustrates one of Parker's virtues, but McCoy notes that it also undermines his chief claim to fame: that of the infallible palate. "I have this great quote that I really love from Louis Martini: 'The wet laboratory of your mouth is not

always the same.' Even Parker is not something that you pour wine into and a little digital read-out comes out. He sometimes revises his scores. But from what I've discovered, that first score, for the most part, sticks with the wine like it was branded on the cork.")

Though his heart remained with France, he championed new regions (Australia, anyone?) and new merchants — what a pleasant surprise to read that Parker aided the rise of importer Kermit Lynch and was his comrade in the crusade against filtration. Graciously, Lynch tells McCoy that Parker "legitimized me...He gave me a national presence."

These virtues, says McCoy, are why "how it all played out is sad. It's sad when you start out with these goals and ambitions to create what you think is a good thing, and it ends up having an effect that you probably don't even want to look at, because it's the opposite of what your intention was. The thing that was really sad to me, and really surprising, was how many people I met and talked to who were not willing to rely on their own taste. They became convinced that if they liked something and Parker didn't, then there was something wrong with their own palate." It's hard to imagine Parker longing for such a legacy.

And legacy is something Parker might well be looking toward. He is pushing 60 now, an elder statesman. "In the first phase of his career, he was a consumer advocate. In the second phase, he sort of consolidated his power and extended his reach. He's in the third phase now. He's a brand, a business. He's got a lot of power, but he has to keep defending it.

"Parker is on a plateau now," continues McCoy. "How long he can stay there is an interesting question. This book was about Parker and not After Parker, so I don't want to go into any predictions. But you look around and you see a new



From Citizen Kane

generation coming up. A new survey has shown that in the under-28 group in America, 39 percent of people are drinking wine, I think it's once a week. It's a different world now. Will Parker be able to hold on to his power in the face of a younger generation that's not too worried about whether what they drink is a status symbol?"

And status is one of the keys to his power. McCoy writes of dinners "for which the price of admission was bringing a 90-, a 98-, or sometimes even a 100-Parker-point wine." The boom of the late '90s was "the era of '1000-point dinners' — meals featuring ten 100-point wines." She also says that "if you want to invest, you should be paying serious attention to what Parker says. That's the index. That's the basis for what it's

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going to be sold for at a later point in time.” Serious money follows the Parker score, and serious power follows serious money. But if people stop treating wine like a commodity and a status symbol and start treating it more like something to drink with dinner, things could change. (Not that I’m holding my breath, but it’s an interesting idea.)

McCoy continues, “You see the Internet as a powerful tool.” This is not news to Parker, who is, she writes, “convinced it is the medium of the future for information and influence.” McCoy reports that when Parker moved Mark Squires’ swine bulletin board onto *eRobertParker.com* in 2002, he “was assured that [the site] would attract some of the most knowledgeable and vocal wine geeks on the Internet.” And, wisely, Parker himself joined the fray more and more often; according to McCoy, “He found the bulletin board useful in correcting the record and sharing his ‘random thoughts’ on wine, and liked having the opportunity to show his readers that he

was a down-to-earth, regular guy.”

But a bulletin board really is a democracy. Everyone gets equal time, and that may not be good for the Emperor, even if the board is contained on his website. Wonders McCoy, “How much will joining a bulletin board and being able to say, ‘Hey, I tasted this; what do you guys think of it?’ dilute his power? It’s hard to know. The situation is changing.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese *kibbe* (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her *kashta lea* dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rosewater syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked

seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W. (7/00)*

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little *taqueria*, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalupe. Its local specialty is *carnitas* — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-laden mild tomato *salsita*. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grins.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of *imu*-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from *malasadas* (Portuguese

donuts) to *musubi* (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fellowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and

bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

St. Germain’s Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the cafe’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egg (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles, pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It’s got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101’s vintage (1983) in no way compares with the

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Oceanside 101 Café's (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and

pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling,

bare floors, and unclothed tables, with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/03)*

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambience, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian-themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the

North Inland area. Not all dishes on the lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sumomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and

Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M. (8/04)*

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will

remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach, 858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappuccini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (4/03)*

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LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — E.B. (4/03)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braze on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to very expensive, and worth it. — N.W. (9/03)

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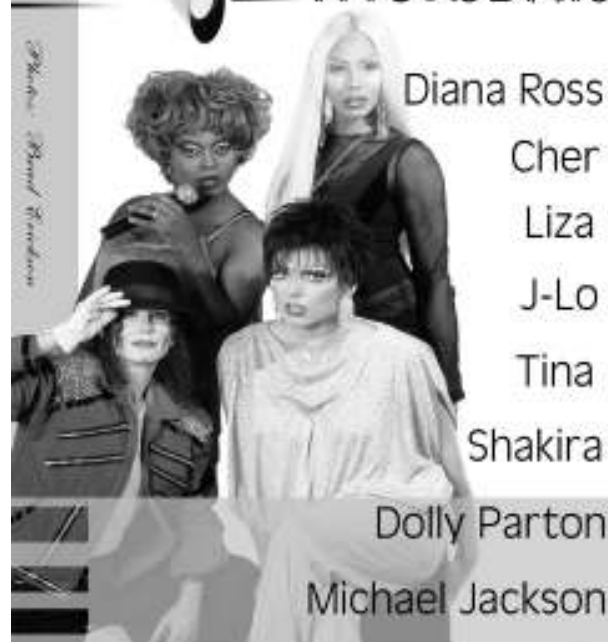
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are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, order your main course. (Table room can get skimpy once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/03)*

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy—beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romping in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gwi*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper.

Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwoe*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N. (12/99)*

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W. (8/99)*

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread—it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 different four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98—you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you—pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown

got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else—supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list—along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M. (9/04)*

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta—skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *ca-*

marones borrachos are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe—and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry,

and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon mots* like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls—ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert—like the delicious pineapple pie—all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine—sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.) The meat combination platter here isn't

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nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — N.W. (12/00)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food — yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish?

Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-honey fried-fish alternative. The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/02)

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thurs-

day through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter, especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather's fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — A.M. (12/03)

Paipa's Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The "Joe and the Volcano"-style place with a fountain tower gur-

gling in the center is Paipa's. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel 'n' eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you've gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — E.B. (10/01)

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), Middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in

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its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — E.B. (4/03)

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, "the god of Mexican food," presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — A.M. (11/01)

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you'll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/00)

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills,

619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/04)

Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard's brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd's pie, bangers and mash, ploughman's plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington's Pub Ale. Sunday's roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you're hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads.

The burgers are genuinely "have it your way" — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (8/01)

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you're rich enough to live in the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it's completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like "Texas chili," or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It's the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Dobson's 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louché, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson's is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (10/98)

Fleming's Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an "old girl's" club, or just a happy place where the term "a nice piece of meat" isn't a bad thing? The mahogany of the "old boys" steakhouse genre gives way here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it's brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite.

Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — A.M. (3/04)

George's on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger's on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger's rabbitied and left it to his partner George Harrington. It's still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers ("lobster Martini," oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley next to restaurant. Dinner nightly. Expensive to extreme. — N.W. (3/04)

Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — A.M. (11/02)

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the

delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — E.B. (11/00)

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant homeyness to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — M.N. (3/00)

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — E.W. (4/00)

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the appetizers are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a

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Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sautéed items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/01)

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Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Tango Grille Argentine Steak House 635 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-0384. Play *gaucho* and enjoy the most authentic Argentine *parrillada* (mixed grill) in town at this charming, warmly decorated bistro about two minutes from the Chula Vista Shopping Center. Fine, smoky wood-grilled Colorado beef appears in several unusual cuts (including succulent steak-cut short-ribs). You can choose from two different mixed grills (sized for one or two), the first with conventional meats, the other — the more adventurous — includes organ meats and blood sausage. For starters, there are brilliantly seasoned mini-empanadas of amazing lightness, as well as several interesting salads. Those not in a grilled-meat mood can opt for numerous pastas (including a big, meaty lasagna) or the ubiquitous *milanesa* (breaded beef or chicken patties) of the pampas. Portions are more than generous, and so are the flavors. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/02)*

Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere!

Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones, pizza by the slice, and he sells Mootime ice cream cheaper than Mootime. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one-to-ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cafe Francais La Belle Claude Calle Galeana #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the "Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarrós* and pizza. *Tarrós* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B. (2/04)*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Rio District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaur-

rant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/04)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza,

where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Genter and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San

Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W. (7/04)*

St. Tropez If you love continental breakfast, these bright cafés with indoor-outdoor seating offer scores of house-baked pastries (including brioche) and good coffee. Parisian-style brunch/lunch choices embrace *croque monsieur* and *croque madame* (grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, topped with either light cream sauce or an egg), crêpes, quiche, onion soup gratinée, or chicken-filled puff-pastry. Omelets are rather weighty. Some of the sandwiches offer Mediterranean flavors — try a *pan bagnat* (*salade niçoise* on a baguette) or one of the grilled *panini*. Desserts range from cookies on up to elaborate cakes. Beer and wine. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. Encinitas: 947 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103D, 760-633-0084; downtown: 926 Broadway Circle, 619-696-8695 and 600 W. Broadway, 619-234-2560; Hillcrest: 3805 Fifth Avenue, 619-497-0297; Rancho Bernardo: 16625 Dove Canyon #109, 858-673-6824; Sorrento Valley: 9450 Scranton Road, 858-202-0015. — *N.W. (12/04)*

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A Leaf Turns

The cheesiness of the special effects could almost stir up nostalgia for the days when science fiction tended to be grade-Z.

In addition to the fall season, we are now entering the year's second season (after Feb.-Mar.) of local film festivals, or to state it more carefully, of local film-related events that call themselves festivals. In chronological order — and I hope I haven't omitted one — they deploy themselves as follows.

The Imperial Beach International Film Festival, September 9 and 10 at the Old Palm Theater (Friday) and Dempsey Holder Hall (Saturday), wherever those may be, plus a free outdoor screening of *The Princess Bride* at the Imperial Beach Pier Plaza (Saturday night at 8:00). "Now in its third year," I am quoting from the press release, "the IBIFF hosts a range of activities, including screening of superb short films, workshops with film industry professionals, an art-walk, and art auction." The film industry professional cited by name is an Andrea Richards, who "will talk about her book *Girl Director*, present a few girl-made movies, and discuss girl-and-woman-made movies today." Website: www.ibfilmfestival.com.

REVIEW DUNCAN SHEPHERD

The Found Footage Festival, September 21, one program only at 7:30, Hillcrest Cinemas. "An hour's worth of footage from videos that were found at garage sales and thrift stores and in warehouses and Dumpsters throughout the country," accompanied by live commentary from co-curators Joe Pickett and Nick Prueher, currently on their first West Coast tour, "having played to sold-out crowds in New York, Boston, Minneapolis, Austin, and Chicago." Website: www.foundfootagefestival.com.

The San Diego Film Festival, or as it seems to be calling itself this year, the San Diego Film and Screenwriting Festival, September 21 through 25, Gaslamp 15 Theatres. True to form, I have so far received no announcements from this festival, but as my annual exercise in magnanimity, I mention it anyway. The full schedule of films, tilted as in the past three years towards American independents (and at least one subtitled film, *Innocent Voices*, shown last spring in the San Diego Latino Film Festival), is available online at www.sdff.org. There will



A Sound of Thunder

also be, and hence the longer new name, a screenwriting conference and screenwriting contest.

The San Diego Asian Film Festival, September 29 through October 6, Hazard Center. The sixth annual event, over twice the length of the fifth, promises "more than 130 short and feature films from the U.S., Canada,

Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Taiwan, and the Philippines," with a special emphasis this year on female directors, or if you prefer (after the Imperial Beach festival), girl directors. I see none of the bigger Asian names on the roster of filmmakers (by which I chiefly mean, still no sign of the last, never mind the

very latest, Hou Hsiao-hsien film), but this is a festival I always look forward to and make an effort to attend. Website: www.sdaff.org.

The San Diego International Children's Film Festival, October 21 through 30, Museum of Photographic Arts. The second such event — not the second annual but the second of 2005 —

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gathers together shorts and features from around the globe, targeted at different age groups, with an added outer ring on the target this time to include teenagers. "The idea," and a big one, "is to introduce area children to different nationalities and filmmaking techniques, in hope that children will not only gain valuable insight into the perspectives of different cultures, but also a better appreciation of film and its possibilities." Schedule to be revealed in mid-September: www.sdchildrensfilm.org.

Meanwhile, the traffic continues unabated....

The Exorcism of Emily Rose weds the courtroom drama and the devil-possession horror show, two different worlds, as clearly evidenced when the D.A. jumps to his feet to object to a piece of defense testimony on the grounds of "silliness." The case — a Catholic priest accused of negligent homicide for removing a diagnosed "schizophrenic epileptic" from her meds and replacing them, fatally, with the rite of exorcism — is based on a true one, but the true one was situated in Germany in the Seventies, and the first leap of faith to be taken by the viewer is to believe that, given the facts of the case as presented, the charges would ever have been brought in the first place. Director Scott Derrickson, leaving no doubt as to which side of the argument he comes down on, will ask the viewer to leap a lot farther, giving him privileged access not just to flashbacks of the alleged possession (a standard program of writhing on the floor, clawing the walls, tearing hair out, eating spiders, and speaking in subtitled ancient tongues known only to Mel Gibson), but also to the present-tense manifestations of "dark forces," at the witching hour of 3:00 a.m., around the agnostic defense attorney. (The Devil, who presumably would be happier with a conviction, leaves the God-fearing prosecutor well alone.) Campbell Scott, no matter how far in the wrong, is nonetheless allowed to state a strong case for the prosecution; and Laura Linney, conversely, is allowed to show much weakness in defense, before she summons up a closing argument applicable, beyond the case of her client, to the fantasy genres in general, an argument for "possibilities" over "facts." (The churchified courtroom of red brick and stained glass throws in its own two cents.) If the horror element is inhibited a bit by the flashback structure, and if the courtroom element is lured a ways into hokum, the marriage of the two is still curious enough to hold interest, and the wholehearted commitment to that marriage is enough to tighten that hold.

A Sound of Thunder presents a time-travel brainteaser of passable intellectual complexity, based on a Ray Bradbury short story (respectable s-f pedigree), and directed by Peter Hyams (*Timecop*, 2010, *Outland*, among others in the genre). The year is 2055, and a moneymaking enterprise called Time Safari arranges hunting expeditions into prehistory to gun down the same allosaurus time and time again. (Chief moneymaker: Ben Kingsley. Safari guide: Edward Burns. Radical protester: Catherine McCormack.) Every precaution has been taken to preserve and protect the course of evolution: the targeted dino was about to be inundated by lava anyway, and the bullets of ice will leave no trace. Nevertheless, the "bulletproof" plan is of course not bulletproof; and the ripple effect, when something goes wrong, comes in tsunami-sized "timewaves" of evolu-

tionary changes: a forest primeval in futuristic Chicago, a new species of reptilian primate, and so on. But what, exactly, did go wrong? And how to set it right? The cheesiness of the special effects — not least some rear-screen projection of Hitchcockian artificiality and antiquity — could almost stir up nostalgia for the days when science fiction tended to be grade-Z. But the cheesy effects in themselves are somehow not as much fun in the era of CGI as in the era of handmade Halloween costumes and claymation. Maybe it's just that technological failings are less amusing than human failings.

The Memory of a Killer, directed by Erik Van Looy, is a slick piece of commercial filmmaking from Belgium, if the Flemish doesn't blind you, or rather deafen you, to the commercialism. The dark-and-stormy-night opening — a stealthy approach to the exterior of a sedate apartment building, an unsettling scene of a father selling his underage daughter as a prostitute — is a grabber, and the plot premise of an aging hired killer with incipient Alzheimer's (jotting notes to himself on his arm, like the forgetful hero of *Memento*) manages not to be a joke. The plot, in fact, nicely thickens: the killer balks at the inclusion of a child on his hit list, and in consequence is himself added to the list by his unknown employers. They and the cops are separately searching for him, while he in turn is searching for the former and running from the latter. You could

easily see Jack Nicholson or Tommy Lee Jones in the lead role, and Bruce Willis or Ben Affleck as the intrepid cop on his trail. Given Hollywood's proclivity for foraging among foreign films, you may, in time, see exactly that. Or roughly that.

Crimen Perfecto (literally, *Perfect Crime*) is a Spanish-language black comedy, a classification which would still today raise the specter of Luis Buñuel, even without the specific sight of the mannequin in the furnace. (See *The Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz*, from the master's Mexican period.) Director Alex de la Iglesia, like other followers in those footsteps, finds a paved highway where his forerunner had to hack out a path in the wilderness. Almost inevitably, the story of a dapper lady-killer blackmailed into fidelity to a wallflower is black comedy at its cheeriest: as jaunty as the *Saturday Night Fever* strut of the hero. (The green-faced ghost with a cleaver in his head — the grounds for blackmail — is fit for nothing more than an amusement-park Haunted House.) The film perhaps has a little something to say — a very little — about the superficiality of modern culture and its preoccupation with skin-deep beauty. Booked into the Ken for a week beginning Friday, it will do duty as September's offering in the monthly Cinema en Tu Idioma series. Hazard Center, the long-time home of that series, is still in an unsettled state, having just changed hands from Mann to UltraStar. The return there of the above-mentioned Asian

festival, however, bodes well for the theater's continuing hospitality. ■

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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.

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The set form allows the audience reasonably to gauge who goes “too far,” which turns out to be less a question of taste than a question of comprehension, a question of intelligence. Howie Mandel and Bob Saget step up as the top competitors for the worst — most uncomprehending, least intelligent — rendition, with Saget getting the edge by laughing repeatedly at his own idiocy. George Carlin makes the most sensible contributions as an analyst. And Kevin Pollak earns perhaps the biggest laughs, or anyway the most guiltless laughs, with a totally irrelevant impression of Christopher Walken. Other jokes, not all of them blue, some of them variations on or inversions of the central joke, get told as well. The central one, as much as it’s a dirty joke, is also a dated joke, a quaint joke, smelling of the musty trunk of vaudeville, dulled a bit by the liberated heirs of Lenny Bruce. Taboos today are in short supply. Yet — in what appears to have been the inspiration for the film — the joke got revived and revitalized in the post-9/11 gloom, when a defiant Gilbert Gottfried chose to tell it for a televised Friars Club roast of Hugh Hefner, finding a new or a forgotten meaning in it. “Inspiration,” in that context, is not too lofty a word. Gottfried’s rendition, plucked from the archives, emerges as hands-down the best and bravest. Overlong for the task at hand, stretched out at a few ticks under ninety minutes, ghastly to look at, the film nonetheless meets the mandate of a documentary in the most fundamental sense. It documents. 2005.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Asylum — David Mackenzie’s encore to *Young Adam* is not noticeably a step up, nor is it a significant step removed from the selfsame 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 overcalculated 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. 2005.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

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 Bat-



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man; the psychological root of his fixation on flying mammals; the part this played in his guilt over his parents’ murder; in short, the logic, the reasoning, behind the selection of his chiropteran crime-fighting persona. Think of it, more exactly, as *Batman Starts Over* or *Batman Backs Up*. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. The starting-over will naturally mean that the 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)

Broken Flowers — Jim Jarmusch’s mainstreamiest film to date has a lot of laughs in it, despite the pretentiousness of the *cinéma d’ennui* pacing and deliberately dissatisfying ending. Laughs are laughs, nonetheless, and once they’ve fought through the pretentiousness, they cannot be wiped off the scoreboard. (Another impediment to be fought through, another potential wet blanket, is an image a shade or two dark and dreary.) The idea of the film is a simple one and an immediately appealing one. We start with “an over-the-hill Don Juan” (words of a huffily departing girlfriend) who receives an unsigned type-written letter from a former lover, informing him that he has a nineteen-year-old son bent on tracking him down. At the urging of his mystery-buff neighbor (an unlikely neighbor in so swanky a suburb, a West Indian family man with three menial jobs and more than that many children), he draws up a list of possible suspects from the pertinent time period — a list of five, one now deceased, scattered across the country, as revealed through a search of the Internet — and sets out to track them down, pre-emptively, and to smoke out the source of the letter. The itinerary of our amateur sleuth leads to a broad spectrum of people and places, and in between, to some invigorating on-the-road shots through a rental-car windshield. Put more pretentiously, it adds up to a tour of Paths Not Taken, a graph of Life’s Changes. With only a little effort, we can imagine Woody Allen coming up with such an idea and going to town with it. We cannot quite imagine, these days, that the idea would have turned out this funny; that he would actually have gotten anywhere near to town with it. The deadpan detachment of Bill Murray, a minimal reactor, a frosty mirror, a cautious counterpuncher, makes a perfect match for that of his director; and the humor, sprouting out of the gaps, the schisms, the chasms between people, comes through as less strained, or less buried under pretension, than normal for Jarmusch. You are free, once the closing credits are rolling, to pursue the mystery into the trackless recesses of the human heart, the enigmatic ego, the predestined

identity. But you will then have to leave behind the laughs that made the trip pleasurable. Jeffrey Wright, Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton, Julie Delpy, Chloë Sevigny. 2005.

★★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Brothers Grimm — None other than Jacob and Wilhelm, not yet world-famous folklorists, merely ghostbusting con men, whose ruses are not state-of-the-art magic *circa* the early 19th Century, but rather state-of-the-art FX *circa* the 21st. When they are recruited by the occupying French army, however, to investigate a case of missing children (a Red Riding Hood, a Hansel and Gretel), they encounter an authentic Enchanted Forest and Wicked Witch, thereby diminishing their future tales of imagination to straight reportage. Terry Gilliam’s production is characteristically heavy and indigestible, and his photography comes in arbitrary shades of monochrome: fire orange, ash gray, clay red, dirt brown. With Matt Damon, Heath Ledger, Lena Headey, Peter Stormare, Jonathan Pryce, and Monica Bellucci. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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; GROSS-

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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

— Tim Burton’s consolation prize for losing out on the Lemony Snicket concession (surely that had his name written on it) is a remake of the fractured fairy tale by Roald Dahl, a spindly little framework freighted with production values, CG imagery, and dark dense bordello color, like some scrawny four-foot scrub of a Christmas tree adorned with enough ornaments, lights, and tinsel for Rockefeller Center. (Proposed name change: Tim Burden.) The plot premise seems to combine the theme park and the reality show: an elimination game in Candy Land. Five lucky children, all of them horrid but one, win an opportunity to tour Willy Wonka’s top-secret chocolate factory, in competition for an unspecified Grand Prize. Every time one of the horrid ones is bounced out (by some nonlethal but nauseating method), a chorus line of Munchkin-like midgets known as the Oompa Loompas comes out and does a musical number, combining Busby Berkeley and David Lynch. Further combinations: the reclusive chocolatier, in Johnny Depp’s peculiar rendition, combines Mr. Rogers (mincing cadence) and Michael Jackson (pancake makeup), among others; and the titular little hero, the truly adorable Freddie Highmore, who played opposite Depp in *Finding Neverland* as well, combines Tiny Tim (poverty-line pathos) and perhaps Frodo the Hobbit (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 unsubsidized 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.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

The Constant Gardener — An adaptation of a John le Carré suspense novel, and a long stride for filmmaker Fernando Meirelles (*City of God*) from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Le Carré, to be sure, 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.” 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. Of course, many a filmmaker before Meirelles, like many a casual reader, has failed to locate the thrills in a le Carré thriller. Yet this one holds plenty of appeal as a love story, one which we know from the outset is to be an unhappy one. 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 invet-

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erate 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've 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 cinematic of these) *The Little Drummer Girl*, a gooeey sentimentalist lurks within the sour-ball. Danny Huston, Bill Nighy, Pete Postlethwaite. 2005.

★★ (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)

Crimen Perfecto — Reviewed this issue. With Guillermo Toledo, Mónica Cervera, and Luis Varela; directed by Alex de la Iglesia.

★ (KEN, 9/9 THROUGH 15)

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.

● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

The Exorcism of Emily Rose — Reviewed this issue. With Laura Linney, Tom Wilkinson, Campbell Scott, and Jennifer Carpenter; directed by Scott Derrickson.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN

DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/9)

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, peepees, puke, a plastic vagina, mooning, and (without special-effects fakery) bloody body waxing. With Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Romanly Malco, Seth Rogen, and Elizabeth Banks; directed by Judd Apatow. 2005.

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Four Brothers — The titular quartet, all adopted, all acknowledged "fuck-ups," are of two races, evenly divided, black and white, and reunited for the Turkey Day funeral of their sainted mother, murdered in the course of a liquor-store holdup. "I didn't come back here for the funeral," explains the Mark Wahlberg one, making clear right off the bat that this is to be a tale of revenge, a pursuit undertaken with a singular lack of strategy and diplomacy. (Key investigative tools: a gallon of gasoline and a cigarette lighter.) The Detroit setting opens the skies to a storm of Motown — Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, The Four

Tops — and the time of year opens them additionally to as much snow as in the relocated remake of *Assault on Precinct 13*, even to the point of engulfing the white-crowned Paramount mountain in the opening logo. Major assets, let's count them, are multiple: unselfconscious and unselfcongratulatory racial togetherness (to get the redeeming social merit out of the way first); a hurtling pace, albeit a bit lurching, leaping, and bumping; crisp photography; tangy dialogue ("You don't pay a whore to fuck you. You pay her to *leave*"); hellacious action, slickly staged by director John Singleton, most particularly the siege of the family home by ski-masked machine gunners, a sort of pocket edition of the aforementioned *Assault on Precinct 13*; and a vigorous 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, Garrett 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; 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)

The Great Raid — True story of a U.S. Ranger assault on a POW camp in the Philippines toward the end of the Second World War, though the first-person narrator, the leader of the assault, starts back a bit further: "In 1941 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor...." John Dahl, the director, had had trouble enough coping with the bare-bones neo-*noirs* of *Kill Me Again*, *Red Rock West*, and *The Last Seduction*, and whatever skills he honed in that workshop are pretty well worn down on this grander scale: a three-ring circus that jumps back and forth between the arenas of the POWs, the Rangers, and the Filipino resistance. The initial overrating of the *noirs*, however, means that auteur-hungry critics will continue to go the extra mile to hunt down a laurel or two. To get there, they must pass through many miles of straightness, flatness, dullness, and corn, in the company of cardboard characters and second-tier actors (James Franco, Benjamin Bratt, Joseph Fiennes, and lessers). The sun-washed color, a step away from sepia, appears to be an attempt to impart a newsreel reality, but the actual newsreel footage of liberated POWs and their liberators throughout the closing credits makes you feel a little like James Agee, forever brandishing wartime documentaries as a club against the prettifications of Hollywood. That sort of tactic might have been ruled (even in Agee's day) inadmissible, had the filmmakers themselves not introduced the footage in evidence. Connie Nielsen, Marton Csokas, Mark Consuelos. 2005.

★ (ESCONDIDO 16; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16)

Grizzly Man — The globe-trotting Werner Herzog digs up another of those border dwellers, those boundary pushers, he loves to document — one Timothy Treadwell, b. 1957, d. 2003 — along with a hundred or so hours of found footage, a treasure trove of video shot by the subject himself, mostly of himself, to record his years in the wilderness living among Alaskan bears, capped off with an audio recording of his own death, plus his girlfriend's death, at the paws of one of those bears. ("Capped off" might not be the way to put it: he evidently didn't have time to take the lens cap off the camcorder.) Herzog neatly organizes the material into a portrait of a man who at first glance seems simply an ecological eccentric, with more than a little presentiment of his fate ("They 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.

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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 motor-mouth 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 Agrelo’s documentary on New York City fifth-graders who’ve been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: “I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen,” one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: “I still really don’t understand what happened,” a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for “ours.” Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (be-



The Memory of a Killer

yond 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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; GASLAMP 15)

The Man — Mistaken-identity comedy starring Samuel L. Jackson and Eugene Levy, directed by Les Mayfield. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/9)

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; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; 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)

The Memory of a Killer — Reviewed this issue. With Jan Declair, Koen De Bouw, Werner De Smedt, and Hilde De Baerdemaeker; directed by Erik Van Looy.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/9)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — A stargazer’s delight, if, anyway — and it’s a big if — you can take delight in gazing at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (lips and more lips), worshipfully photographed by Bojan Bazelli, and pamperingly enshrined in an ambience of pristine showroom opulence. There is space in this firmament for no one else, apart from a small corner for Vince Vaughn and his dimming persona of socio-

pathic glibness. The two stars play a husband and wife whose passion has gone out of their marriage after “five or six years,” depending on which one you ask. Unbeknownst to either of them, they both happen to be top-level, high-tech assassins for rival espionage agencies, and once this fact becomes known to them they are obliged to turn their sights on each other. If — another big if — the situation may shape up for a while as a darkly comic metaphor on the slow death inherent in the conjugal life, this impression, this hope, cannot survive their mutual revelation, after several sincere attempts at pre-emptive annihilation, that their love remains strong, that their passion can be rekindled by means of a common enemy, that their romance after all is not darkly comic, but brightly. And if — a final big if — filmmaker Doug Liman (*Swingers*, *Go*, to start with) can be seen to have come through *The Bourne Identity* with his “promise” unbroken — the promise of a filmmaker with, or on, an edge — he here undergoes a harder whack on the chisel. 2005.

● (VOGUE)

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 stickily 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.

● (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18)

Notorious — Alfred Hitchcock’s high-rent spy romance, in romantic Rio de Janeiro, maintains an atmosphere of crackling sexual tension, with Ingrid Bergman as a loose liver wooed (too well) by a suave American agent, and propelled, against both their better wishes, into squeamish wedlock with a Nazi. Cary Grant, Claude Rains, Louis Calhern; script by Ben Hecht.

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★★★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 9/8
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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.
● (KEN, THROUGH 9/8)

Red Eye — Economical, efficient, taut little thriller from Wes Craven, a terror film in place of his customary horror film. The normal business of a modern-day airport, with its flight delays and frayed nerves (“Flying’s so much fun these days, huh?”), makes for a smooth and easy access to the subject of terrorism, and terrorism is indeed the subject, divested of any identifiable ideology, and therefore any possible offense. When our damsel in distress (Rachel McAdams, showing some impressive physicality in the closing stretch) finally rebels against her personal terrorizer (Cillian Murphy), you might wonder what took her so long; but the film is pretty much over by the time you can lay a finger on, or poke a finger through, any hole in the terrorist plot. At just about an hour and a quarter, it is closest thing you can find nowadays to an early “B” movie by Anthony Mann or Richard Fleischer. Close in running time, that is; close in speed; not in style. With Brian Cox, Jayma Mays, Scott Bakula. 2005.
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The Skeleton Key — Dilapidated mansion in the bayou. Walls without mirrors. A secret room in the attic. Strange hoodoo rites. Long-ago deaths by violence. It’s all there but the magic. Southern Gothic hysterics with no involvement. Kate Hudson, Gena Rowlands, John Hurt, Peter Sarsgaard; directed by Iain Softley. 2005.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VOGUE)

A Sound of Thunder — Reviewed this issue. With Edward Burns, Ben Kingsley, Catherine McCormack, and Jemima Rooper; directed by Peter Hyams.
★ (CHULA VISTA 10; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON

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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 impalpable passion for Padmé, the Senator formerly known as Queen, and by his premonitions of her death in childbirth. Looking more and more like Uma Thurman (pupils floating upwards) and talking more and more like Ryan Phillippe (pouty lips over tight jaw), the leading man, Hayden Christensen, appears to plumb the depths of darkness about as far as a college sophomore facing a term-paper deadline when he’d really rather be chugalugging beer. It’s true that he has a hand in a lot of carnage (personally dispatching a roomful of “younglings,” sentimental overkill reminiscent of the slaughter of Macduff’s family in *Macbeth*), yet the dire warnings of the film’s unsuitability for children seem a bit off base. Surely it’s more suitable for them than it is for adults. Lucas’s obsessive castration symbolism (a fear bordering on hysteria) may be over their heads, but on the other hand they will be less likely to carp at the murky exposition of the faux-Shakespearean political skulduggery, more likely to sit there in contented incomprehension, inasmuch as the murkiness, thick though it is, fails in the slightest to obscure the goodness of the good guys and the badness of the bad. So clear is this separation that Anakin’s change of allegiance — Jedi selflessness for Sithian selfhood — reduces him to a dupe at best and a loon at worst. And, in the midst of what looks to be an erupting volcano, his climactic lightsaber duel with his mentor leaves him quite literally diminished in stature (or symbolically, once again, castrated). Though he gets propped up afterwards in the operating room, he comes out of it as a sort of Wizard of Oz with the curtain thrown back. Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Ian McDiarmid, Samuel L. Jackson. 2005.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance — Part one of Chan-wook Park’s so-called “revenge trilogy,” three tales unconnected other than by theme, with the cycle rounded out by *Oldboy* and *Sympathy for Lady Vengeance* — though the former was the first to be released in the U.S. This one, postponing the thread of revenge until well underway, seems initially 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

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Freelance makeup artist

One recent film I love for the makeup is *Monster*. The transformation of Charlize Theron into this real-life serial killer is amazing. The story is harsh and the subtlety of the work to make her look like the real person blows me away because you’re never aware of it as a makeup effect.

For fantasy, I appreciate *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The bouncing back and forth between the skeletons and the pirates was great. The rotting teeth were fantastic. I know how much work it takes to sculpt teeth and the consumption of time it takes to have actors transform so many times.

MONSTER (USA/Germany)
2003, Columbia/Tristar
List price: \$26.96

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL (USA) 2003,
Touchstone Home Video
List price: \$19.95 (two discs)

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. And the image is cleaner, fresher, generally healthier to boot. Ha-kyun Shin, Kang-ho Song, Doona Bae. 2002.
★★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/8, 9:35 P.M.)

Transporter 2 — Supercool hero in a blisteringly roasty-toasty image. Filling in for the family chauffeur, the “professional driver” (euphem.) gets swept up in the kidnapping of the darling little boy of an anti-drug czar. A trickle of schmaltz, a torrent of slapsticky action. With Jason Statham, Amber Valletta, Alessandro Gassman, Kate Nauta, Matthew Modine, and Hunter Clary; directed by Louis Leterrier. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6;

DEB GARCIA
Freelance makeup artist

I’ve seen *Under the Tuscan Sun* about 50 times. I like how Diane Lane goes off and does this crazy, gutsy thing of buying a villa in Tuscany.

My son recommended *Napoleon Dynamite*, and I love it. I know it’s an odd choice for someone my age, but it’s hilarious, quirky, and doesn’t resort to swearing. I love “Vote Pedro: He’ll make your dreams come true.” It’s great the way they had kids up there doing goofy kid things.

My House in Umbria takes place in Europe — do you see a theme developing? I guess it’s wishful thinking. It starts with a train wreck that brings people together at the home of a wealthy woman.

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN (USA/Italy) 2003,
Touchstone Home Video
List price: \$29.99

NAPOLEON DYNAMITE (USA)
2004, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment
List price: \$29.98

MY HOUSE IN UMBRIA (England/Italy) 2003,
HBO Home Video
List price: \$26.98

CHRISTINA ROBINZ
Freelance makeup artist

Wuthering Heights with Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon has been a favorite since I was young. This love-hate relationship between people from different sides of the tracks is very emotional. I love when they’re children playing on the moors and having fun without the pressures of stereotyping.

I was required to watch *Like Water for Chocolate* in a Spanish class, and I absolutely fell in love with it. It’s a love story about two people forbidden to marry because of family traditions. I love the symbolism.

I like the quirky humor of *Absolutely Fabulous*. Jennifer Saunders’s Edina is an off-the-wall trendsetter; with her outrageous friend Patsy, they make a motley pair of party-hardy girls.

WUTHERING HEIGHTS (USA)
1939, HBO Home Video
List price: \$24.95

LIKE WATER FOR CHOCOLATE (Mexico) 1992,
Miramax Home Entertainment
List price: \$14.99

ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS: THE COMPLETE SERIES ONE (England) 1992, BBC
List price: \$29.98

GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 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)

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 pinner and Grub Street drudge of its predecessor, even allowing for the ravages of a broken heart. (The title refers both to the time-setting of his s-f tales and to the number of his next-

door hotel room.) There is a patchwork feeling here, jammed and jumbled, diffuse and desultory, partly the effect of a fragmented narrative and a heavy dependence on the cement of voice-over, and partly the effect of a visual grab-bag that includes a lot of slow-motion, a bit of black-and-white, and extended re-enactments of the hero’s visions of the future, sometimes animated, sometimes live-action, always in an illustrational style that postdates the science fiction of the mid-Sixties. The director’s painterly eye ensures, at the same time, a great deal of beauty; and the wide, wide screen affords him more room than ever before for empty space, out-of-focus space, purely compositional and coloristic space. This thing of beauty, though, is rather a scatterbrained beauty, a gorgeous space case. Some hefty ideas, to do with impermanence, loss, memory, alienation, are lugged up and down the arduous stair-step structure: we skip quickly past the characters played by Gong Li, Carina Lau, and Faye Wong, before we spend some quality time with Zhang Ziyi, and begin to work

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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 stubborn, and slipperier. And where the Antonioni and Soderbergh fractions dragged down *Eros*, Wong manages to drag down *2046* all by himself. 2005.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/8)

An Unfinished Life — Domestic drama with Jennifer Lopez, Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman, and Josh Lucas, directed by Lasse Hallstrom.

(FASHION VALLEY 18; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 9/9)

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.

★ (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; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15)

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 cells” hidden beneath American streets; the hero’s coat of ashes fabricated from his incinerated fellow citizens; the shower of clothes from the sky; the bulletin board of the “missing”; and of course the natural question in the first confusion, “Is it the terrorists?” All of that seems legitimate enough. This is a serious film in a way that *Independence Day*, merrily blowing up the White House so few years earlier, didn’t need to be, want to be, or pretend to be. There’s something of an air of penitence in Spielberg’s choice at this time to do an anti-*Close Encounters*, an anti-*E.T.* Or if not quite penitence, then a reappraisal, a caveat. He would appear to have seen a new light. And if his conversion falls short of total renunciation, it at least infuses him with a new zeal. Still, the decision to re-do the seminal alien-invasion story, rather than to do a new one, tends to raise the familiar specter of Spielbergian arrogance. In spite of the gracious gran-and-gramps cameos for Gene Barry and Ann Robinson, the two stars of the commendable 1953 treatment of the novel, there is the inescapable implication that that version didn’t have the wherewithal to do the job right. No matter how eye-popping Spielberg’s special effects may be, no matter how much “improved” over those of a half-century ago, we are at every turn confronted by his belief in the almighty dollar, his infatuation with size, his complacent certainty that bigger is always better, and his dependence on mere loudness and suddenness to elicit a response from his audience. And his trusty old device of the temporary death, the takesy-backsy death, the just-fooling death, would indicate that his penitence for



Red Eye

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 wed-

dings 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

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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)

The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill — Human-interest documentary, and avian-interest, about an unemployed San Francisco musician, Mark Bittner, who tends a flock of cherry-headed conures, plus one outcast blue-crown conure by the name of Connor (they all have names), who is quite a character. Lightly engaging most of the way, with all of the wrenching saved for the end. Directed, edited, and shot (“no digital special effects”) by Judy Irving. 2005.

★★ (LA PALOMA, 9/10 AND 11, 2 P.M.)

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Broken Flowers (R) Fri. (2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 5:00) 7:55; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:10, 7:00, 10:00; Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:40, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 4:20) 7:30; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Sat. (11:10, 1:50) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:45, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 5:05) 8:00; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 8:05,

10:15; Sat. (11:45, 1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 8:05, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:15, 6:20, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:10) 6:15, 8:20; **Must Love Dogs** (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 7:50; Sat. (3:00) 7:50; Sun. (11:45, 2:45) 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (3:50) 8:30; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (2:20) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sat. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (11:30, 2:30) 5:00, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:55) 8:15; **A Sound of Thunder** (PG-13) Fri. (12:50) 5:30, 10:10; Sat. (12:30) 5:30, 10:10; Sun. 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:30) 6:10; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:00, 10:20; Sat. (11:00, 1:20, 3:30) 5:50, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (11:10, 1:30, 3:50) 6:05, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:30) 7:45; **Underclassman** (PG-13) Fri. (2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Sat. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:45) 7:40

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
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SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Transporter 2; Red Eye; Wedding Crashers; The 40 Year Old Virgin

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; **Answering the Call: Ground Zero's Volunteers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (4:30) 9:45; **The Cave** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00 (4:15) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 7:15; **A Sound of Thunder** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **Valiant** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (2:15)

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennerly Road (858-558-2262)
The Exorcism of Emily Rose; The Man; Transporter 2; A Sound of Thunder; The Constant Gardener; Underclassman; Matando Cabos; The Brothers Grimm; The Cave; The 40 Year Old Virgin; Red Eye; Valiant; Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo; The Skeleton Key; Four Brothers; The Dukes of Hazzard; Sky High; March of the Penguins; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory; Wedding Crashers

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
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Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:30, 8:00; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:45, 6:00; **War of the Worlds** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 10:15

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
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NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (2:20) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:15) 8:10; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri. (2:25) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:35, 5:55) 8:05; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri. (1:55) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40; Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30, 10:05; Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 4:55, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:50) 8:15; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:25) 8:15; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:30; Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:25, 5:40) 7:55; **Mad Hot Ballroom** (PG) Fri. (2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Sat. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25, 9:50; Sun. (12:10, 2:35) 5:00, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:20, 5:35) 7:50; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:20) 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Sat.

(12:00, 2:05) 4:10, 6:15, 8:20, 10:25; Sun. (12:00, 2:05) 4:10, 6:15, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:55, 4:50) 6:45, 8:40; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (1:10, 3:10) 5:10, 7:10, 9:25; Sat. (11:55, 1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 7:55, 9:55; Sun. (11:55, 1:55, 3:55) 5:55, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 2:55, 4:45) 6:35, 8:25; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:45; Sat. (12:05, 2:10) 4:15, 6:20, 8:25, 10:30; Sun. (12:05, 2:10) 4:15, 6:20, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:55, 4:50) 6:45, 8:40; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (2:20) 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:40, 9:50; Sat. (11:50, 1:50, 3:55) 6:10, 8:20, 10:30; Sun. (11:50, 1:50, 3:55) 6:10, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:20) 7:30; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. (1:05) 4:40, 7:20, 10:00; Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:15; Sun. (11:45, 2:20) 5:00, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:15) 8:00

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119)
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sat. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. 11:30 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 4:15, 7:00; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sat. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; Sun. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00;

Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. 2:00 (4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri. 5:30, 7:30; Sat.-Sun. 12:45, 5:30, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 5:30, 7:30; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 9:45; Sat. 10:15 (3:00) 9:45; Sun. 10:15 (3:00); Mon.-Thu. 3:00; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:30, 5:45, 8:15; **Valiant** (G) Fri. 2:15; Sat.-Sun. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15); Mon.-Thu. 2:15

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:45; **Answering the Call: Ground Zero's Volunteers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15); **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:00; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 3:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 3:30, 8:30; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45) 5:45; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (1:30,

3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Valiant** (G) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 5:30, 8:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 2:30, 5:30, 8:15; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30

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San Marcos 18
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Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45; Sun. 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10; Sun. 12:45, 3:40, 6:30; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10; **The Exorcism of Emily**

Rose (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Sun. 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:25, 9:25; Sun. 11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:25, 9:25

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00) 5:00, 7:45; **Answering the Call: Ground Zero's Volunteers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 4:15, 7:15; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:03, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:03, 4:30) 7:30; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15; **Valiant** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15); **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
An Unfinished Life (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Broken Flowers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Grizzly Man** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:30, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 2:30; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:30; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
The Exorcism of Emily Rose; The Man; Transporter 2; The Brothers Grimm; The Cave; The 40 Year Old Virgin; Red Eye; Valiant; Four Brothers; Wedding Crashers

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
March of the Penguins (G) Fri. 7:00, 9:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 9:00; Mon. 7:00, 9:00; **The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill** (G) Sat.-Sun. 2:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **Answering the Call: Ground Zero's Volunteers** (Not Rated) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; **Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
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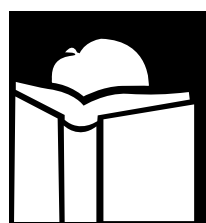
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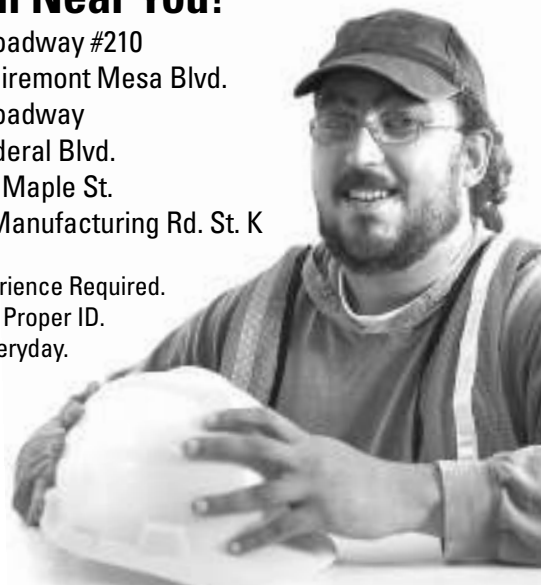
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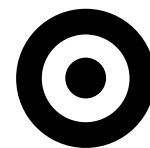
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Jeff Kyle
Grad Student
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I didn't think there's a right age. I'm 24, and I have a few friends getting married right now, but not many of them. Something like 16 might be a little young, but it's an individual thing. I would think that someone that young wouldn't know themselves well enough to know who they would want to be with for the rest of their life. I still don't know what I want, and I'm 24. You should take however long it takes. Who says you even have to get married? You can get married on a grad-school budget, but it wouldn't be fun unless I were to find a sugar-mama.



Dianne Nguyen
Student
Mira Mesa

At least 25. I'm 20, and I don't have any friends getting married right now. I go to school, and I think a lot of people are in school and they should at least finish undergraduate school before they actually get serious about something. Actually, 25 is the minimum age; I wouldn't get married until I'm 30 or 40. If it's the love of your life and you're going to marry them, then it shouldn't matter. I fear getting a divorce, so I'd rather wait and break up with someone at 40, than marry and divorce. I'm a med student, and I wouldn't want to be doing residency with a fat stomach and having time off [to have a baby] when you're so close to being a doctor. Guys don't really have to worry about maternity leave.



Terrell Green
Graduate Student
La Jolla

Considering graduating college and working a few years, I'd say 25. I think you probably don't want to wait too far past 30. After 30, you appear to be damaged goods. It's a slim window. A lot of people do [marry] at 22, right when they finish college, but I think it's optimal to work a few years and get yourself established. The financial aspect is important. It's very much up in the air; let's give the window between 22 and 30. I don't recommend 22. I think it would be best if people got married and waited a few years to have kids. A lot of people get married and have honeymoon babies when they really haven't had enough time to live together and know each other; already they're bringing somebody into the house to take care of and who's going to be there for the rest of their life. But you don't want to be 70 years old and at your kid's graduation.



Tim Morrison
Student
University Heights

After college. Mid 20s or late 20s, probably. I guess it depends on what you're doing and if you go to school or not. I don't think it works as well when people get married too young. I think it has to do with maturity, but that doesn't necessarily mean age. I would be scared to get married right out of college without a job. I don't think I'd wait until I'm 40. I don't have a girlfriend at the moment, so I'm not really thinking about that right now.



Caitlin Jockis
Student
Mission Beach

I don't think there's a minimum; of course, I mean, you should wait until the legal age of 18. It's better to get married when you're older. I'm 21 right now, almost 22, but could I get married right now? Yeah, no, yeah, no. Maybe 25. The latest I'd want to get married by would be 35. If you're unmarried at 35, you better get moving. You could wait as long as 38. Marriage has to do with having children, and you can still have children when you're 38, 39, 40. Thirty-five-year-old women shouldn't sweat it; they should keep on living life, having fun. You have to scope it out and see what you want and what you don't want.



Jessica O'Connor
Food Server
Pacific Beach

I'd personally want to be married by the time I'm 30. The earliest I'd get married would be 27. Right now, I'm 23, and if someone asked me to get married tomorrow, I'd say no. I feel too young, I'm not sure where I want to settle and there are too many things that I want to do. You need some time after college because you're in such a bubble when you're in college. There are so many people from all over the world who you can still meet. You can get sucked in during college to just be with that one person. You should take a little time on your own and then see what else is out there. For me, I'd like a guy with some ambition. He doesn't have to have it all right now, but he has to have a goal. As long as he can get by, then it doesn't matter what he's doing.

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GASLAMP CHURCH. Ministry of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Sunday service 11:00am. Outdoor garden at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. 404 Third Avenue at J Street.

HERPES/HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS. (HSV/HPV) Support group. Accurate medical information and support. Recorded message. 619-491-1194. www.SanDiegoCityHELP.org.

JESSE, we met at Harar Ethiopian Restaurant on Friday 7/29, 6:45pm. Please contact me, dreamweaver0425@yahoo.com.

MENOPAUSE HOT FLASHES? UCSD is conducting research study for women ages 50-75, healthy (not smoking or using HRT) experiencing hot flashes. Evaluation plus 6 overnight stays are required. 619-543-5575.

MOVIE BUFFS. Interested in watching movies then discussing it afterwards, like a book club? Ages 25 to mature welcomed. Please call 619-850-6075 or 858-272-8727.

OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE Anonymous 12-step group for people with OCD. Mondays, 6-7pm, Department of Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, Mission Room, San Diego. Free. Information, 619-757-6603.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Overweight? Anorexic? Bulimic? Can't stop eating? There is a 12-step solution. Meetings daily. No dues or fees. www.oasandiego.org or 619-521-2538.

PARENTS, FAMILIES, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). Find help, support, and understanding. Meetings monthly in Hillcrest. www.pflag.com or call for details, 619-579-7640.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION. The Power of the Word, Monday, 9/26, 4716 32nd Street, San Diego 92116. Open meeting, no fee, materials available. For information, call 619-280-9075.

PATHWORK DISCUSSION: Integrating Sex, Eros and Love. Thursday, 9/22, 1228 1/2 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar 92014. Open meeting. No fee. Materials available. For information, call 858-259-1880.

PMS SLEEP and light study. Women ages 20-45 not on medication or birth

control pills with regular menstrual cycles needed for 5-month UCSD sleep and light study. 8 overnight hospital stays required. 619-543-7393.

PRACTICE ITALIAN CONVERSATION. Retired teacher wants to practice Italian with people from Italy. Have studied Italian and do not want to forget it. 619-260-0606.

RECOVERY GROUPS for men and women seeking freedom from addiction/co-dependency. Fridays, 7pm. Celebrate Recovery, First Lutheran, 867 South Lincoln Avenue, El Cajon. 619-444-7444.

ROCK SOLID YOUTH GROUP. Immanuel Lutheran Church. Mike Guzzardo, Guest speaker from Acquire the Fire. Ice cream social following. Free event. Sunday, 9/18, 6pm. 760-433-2770.

SEX and/or relationship problems? Out of control? You are not alone. Call Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step fellowship. PO Box 3791, San Diego 92163 or 619-685-7211 or www.slaa-san-diego.com.

SUPPORT SAN DIEGO GUARDIAN ANGELS Safety Patrol. Non-profit, tax deductible donation. 6161 El Cajon Boulevard #404, San Diego, CA 92115-3987. www.sdguardianangels.org, sdguardianangels@yahoo.com, 619-910-1523.

THANK YOU. Blessed Mother Queen of Heaven and Earth for prayers answered.

THE BETTER BREEDERS CLUB. Support group for COPD/Emphysema. Meeting on Monday, September 19, 1pm, The American Lung Association Office. 619-297-3901.

VOLUNTEERS. San Diego's abused/neglected children need you to serve as a Court Appointed Special Advocate. All training provided. Information sessions: Wednesday, 8/31 and 9/21. Voices for Children, 858-569-2019 or visit www.voices4children.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. UCSD's Doula Program needs women to help other women during labor. Be a part of this special time and make a difference in women's lives. 619-543-6269.

WRITERS TO BECOME AUTHORS. Attend meeting of King Author's Court. Group of authors committed to guiding, encouraging and educating writers to achieve the dream of becoming published authors. 858-490-1411; kingauthorscourt.com.

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MATCHES

SHARED INTERESTS

IOWA HAWKEYES FOOTBALL! Looking for people to watch the games with at a sports bar or someone's home this season. Drew Tate for the Heisman! (9/21) **48815**

FRIENDSHIP. Female seeks gal pals for going out to listen music, people watching, conversing/light dancing. Want to have fun, not sure where. Any age. (9/21) **48809**

TRAVEL FRIENDS. Female, 54, seeks compatible, outgoing ladies for trips and evenings out. Must be open-minded and fun-loving. (9/14) **48788**

FRIENDSHIP. Pacific Beach, average lady, 53, wants to find friends, both men/women to go to the movies, weekends. I like the Fashion Valley theaters. (9/21) **48810**

FRIENDSHIP AND TRAVEL. Male, 62, would like to meet other senior males or females for travel, dining in, and other activities. (9/14) **48776**

FRIENDSHIP. Female friends, join me for dancing, dining, movies, anywhere fun. Bring ideas! 48-65. Please no substances, health, emotional issues. Let's meet for coffee. Lila. (9/21) **48814**

MATCHES

WOMEN SEEKING MEN

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, long hair, sexy, classy, nice legs. Want to meet very attractive guy, 40-52, healthy, financially stable, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship, possible relationship. (9/21) **49016**

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**

BUXOM BLONDE, 35 AND SWEET, looking for that special loverboy who's good enough to eat! I'm shy, quiet, kinda lone-

some, saving a lotta loving for fun, honest man who makes me smile! (9/21) **49011**

LAUGHTER AND LOVE. Tall redhead, shapely. Seeking outgoing, honest, committed, financially established, fun, lovable. Enjoy family, friends, dining, San Diego stuff. Seeking quality relationship, 50+-. (9/21) **49021**

SENSUAL, CHANTEUSE, 42. Seeking consort, sexy, successful, self-employed, smoke-free, spiritual, centered, connected, conscious, caring, financially secure, sustainable food/life/love, 30-55. Let's live! (9/21) **49023**

IF YOU PLACED THE WIFE wanted ad, my apologies for missing your deadline! Here I am, 46, radiant, romantic, compassionate, adventurous, spiritual, artistic and attractive. I love life, being in love, yoga, the outdoors, dancing, traveling, exquisitely cooking for and nurturing my soul mate. (9/21) **49015**

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (comp)passionate. No baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids, spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9"+. (9/21) **49004**

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**

PATIENTLY SEEKING SINCERE, kind, gentleman, 48-59, for a lovely, passionate romantic, full-figured, 52-year-old lady to enjoy a successful, permanent relationship. (9/21) **49009**

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**

CURVACEOUS, PRETTY, YOUNG, 64, educated, worldly, artistic, formal to campfire. Seeking handsome, upscale, grey tanned, upbeat grandpa; gardening, ballroom, hobbies, Spanish, sports, learning new adventures. (9/21) **49010**

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**

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**

ROLLERCOASTER ENTHUSIAST, adventurous, active, alluring, affectionate, auburn, amazing American. Seeking handsome, slim, clean cut, romantic, classy, giving, dog loving, childless, Caucasian, film buff. Nonsmoker/drinker. (9/21) **49017**

SOUTH BAY, EASYGOING, pretty, 5'3", brown eyes, brown hair, outgoing, unlimited interests, both arts/nature, spiritual being, staying fit-healthy, important! 48-57, nonsmoker. (9/21) **49014**

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**

ATTRACTIVE 20-YEAR-OLD mom of one looking for a honest, sincere, passionate man to spend time with and see where things go. (9/21) **49005**

YOUNG 40s, SEXY LATINA, honest, fun-loving, romantic. Seeking healthy, loving man who is ready for and wants some real love. No games or drama. (9/21) **49006**

NO FUSS, NO MAKE UP, no muss! Clean, ready in 20 minutes. Own kayak, truly outrageous, don't drink/drug. Promise lots of laughter. Single, 36. (9/21) **49025**

PETITE, ASIAN, 40ish. Seeking fun, handsome, fit, outgoing, gentleman companion, black or Caucasian between 34-45. Must be financially and emotionally secure. Must love kids, sports. (9/21) **49026**

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**

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**

MEXICAN LADY, 35. Seeking male, 42 years old, single or divorced, healthy, with kids, for serious relationship. (9/14) **48981**

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**

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, sweet, cultured. Enjoy traveling, cooking, reading, movies, nature. Want to meet a nice white gentleman, age 30 and up. Nonsmoker, no drugs. (9/21) **49000**

FILIPINA, PRETTY FACE, legs, skin, 53, affectionate, romantic, spontaneous, melow, happy, 5'1", 130lbs. Looking for white man, 50+, 5'8", under 210lbs., no cat. Relationship/marriage. (9/21) **49020**

FILIPINA-CHINESE, tall, slim, goal-oriented. Seeking thoughtful, loving, sincere, financially/emotionally stable gentleman, tall, attractive. I'm cute, attractive, oriental, sure of what I want. (9/21) **49013**

CALI SUN BUNNY, 35, sincere, attractive, honest woman. Love music, coffee, conversation and comedy. Seeking stylish anti-war pacifist who's handsome and witty, for dining, etc. (9/21) **49001**

PRETTY, RETIRED SECRETARY, Irish ascetic, 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**

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**

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**

ATTRACTIVE, 40, full-figured mom, size 18. Searching for the one who can make me laugh, communicate, want a committed relationship and share everything with. (9/21) **49024**

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**

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**

NORTH COASTAL, DIVORCED, white female, 5'7", proportional, slender, nonsmoker. Seeking quality relationship. (9/21) **49012**

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**

PROFESSIONAL BLACK FEMALE, slim, attractive. Like movies, camping, hiking, dancing, laughter, etc. Seeking companion for long-term relationship, 35-49, no smoking or recreational drug use. (9/21) **49003**

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**

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PART-COUNTRY/CITY GIRL, pretty lady in duress needs compassionate city slicker to chisel cheekbones of melancholy back to life. 45+, nonsmoker please. (9/21) ☎49002

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. (9/21) ☎49018

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

PLUS SIZE GIRL looking for fun and laughter. Love movies, reading, coffee and conversation. Looking for nonsmoker and no drugs. Let's meet and see. (9/21) ☎49008

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

PETIT LADY, great personality, have to call to appreciate. Looking for a partner friend that likes music, good conversation and walking in the rain. Call. (9/21) ☎49007

EAST COUNTY COUNTRY GAL, 50s, attractive, intelligent, sensitive, affectionate. Seeking nonsmoking, 38-60, active, fit, outdoorsy, attractive, spiritual, numerous, adventurous, loving, generous, sincere for serious relationship. (9/21) ☎49022

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

BEACHES, MARTINIS, OCEAN. You: fit, outgoing, love music, outdoor events. Me: cute, energetic, contemporary taste, outgoing. Let's talk. (9/14) ☎48998

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

EAST COUNTY, retired gent, 68, nice guy. Like cruises, car trips, movies, walks. I'm healthy, active, trim, looking for a nice lady. (9/21) ☎48833

JUST A HAPPY DIVORCED white male who would like to meet a lady who would enjoy a man who likes feet. (9/14) ☎48786

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE, seeks happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive lady, 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate; blue eyes, muscular, well dressed, Catholic. (9/21) ☎48819

GLOBETROTTING UNENCUMBERED, retired European, 5'9", 180lbs., trim, nonsmoker, nondrinker, educated, trustful, tactful, honest, hobbyist, art lover, dress to occasions. Seeking matching white lady under 60. (9/21) ☎48816

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, handsome, forward-thinking, very mature. Seeking female pilot, attractive, 5'5"+. Private, commercial, or military. (9/21) ☎48830

LAKESIDE, BACK COUNTRY. Seeking country gal to share slower lifestyle. Dinner out, home cooking, conversation with white 60s guy, hugs, romantic, long term. Race open. (9/14) ☎48777

858, WHITE, HANDSOME, 56, 5'9", 175lbs., well groomed, clean shaven, healthy, romantic, secure, communicative, honest, great quality, fun, smart. You: secure, attractive professional. (9/21) ☎48831

NICE LOOKING, YOUNG, 56, 5'8", 160lbs., loving, active, healthy lifestyle, dancing, dining, cruising, unencumbered, financially secure. Seeking attrac-

tive, fit, caring, soulmate for lasting relationship. (9/14) ☎48793

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/conscenza. Enjoying my exciting life as either happy lover or happy companion. (9/14) ☎48801

HELP, GET ME OUT OF this box ad. This white male, 6'4", professional chef, mid-40s. Seeking native American or black female, 30-50. Answer, talk, meet. (9/21) ☎48835

AWESOME LOVER! White, 45, nice looking, great personality and sense of humor. Seeking fun-loving female for friendship, dating, travel, love and mind blowing kisses! (9/21) ☎48837

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

RETIRED DOCTOR chiropractor, 55 (looks 45). Seeking 40-55-year-old woman for adventures, fun; warm hearted, monogamous, sincere relationship for cuddling, romance and love. (9/21) ☎48812

CALLING ALL AGES, young at heart, 49, values intelligence, humor, meeting someone confident, assertive. Take time to know each other. Movies, the arts, dancing, travel. (9/21) ☎48825

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

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

MOSTLY NORMAL, ranch, vineyard owner, 5'8", 165lbs., not too ugly, baggage checked, want mature, low mileage lady, varied interests. For companionship and que cera ceras. (9/21) ☎48838

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

MODERN MAN WITH universal values. Seeking a partner in crime. Into the arts, nature, yoga, swimming, travel, KPBS, radio, 24, chemistry, communication. 38-48, petite, Brunette. (9/21) ☎48842

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

HONEST, SINCERE, AFFLUENT, gentleman, nonsmoker. Seeking compatible, retired, unencumbered lady for friendship, companionship, loving relationship, partnering, dinners, shows, concerts, travel, cruises, whatever we find enjoyable. (9/21) ☎48811

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, fun at home, and more! La Mesa area. (9/21) ☎48832

WHERE'S THE PASSION? Handsome, stable, funny, adventurous, 34. Looking for funny beach-loving gal who is passionate about life, love, movies, music. Let's have fun. (9/21) ☎48827

ITALIAN, 46, HARD WORKER. Seeking nice simple lady for long-term relationship. Open race. No smoker, drinker. Enjoy travel, romantic dining. Ciao Bella. Call me. (9/14) ☎48807

SEEKING THAT ADVENTUROUS, fit, girl with ski or bike racks on her car. Also like the river, desert and horses. Me: 48, fun, successful, fit. (9/21) ☎48840

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

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

TICKLE YOUR FUNNYBONE. Imagine man who does everything then contact me, romantic, adventurous, fun, fit, sensitive, understanding, intelligent, confident, creative, unpretentious, friendly, fantastic, 48. (9/21) ☎48829

SLICED BAGEL SEEKS OTHER half. 54, tall and holding, not too crusty. Seeking slenderish bagelette for mutual cream cheese spread. Lux optional. (9/21) ☎48823

26-Year-Old

Quiet, shy, trim, attractive, white Christian gentleman, 5'7", nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking lady, love, 25-35, trim Christian, childless, nonsmoker, who drives and enjoy romantic, fun, lifestyle. North Inland preferred. (9/21) ☎48839

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

A GOOD CATCH! Attractive white professional, 44, spontaneous, adventurous, romantic, honest, healthy homeowner, beach, barbecue, jacuzzi, dining, dancing, music, pool, poker, Vegas. Let's have fun. (9/21) ☎48822

59-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for North County nonsmoker woman who likes herself and her life, who wants a good nice man, too. (9/21) ☎48817

NOVICE OUTDOORSMAN, seeks feminine, outdoorsy lady to show me the way to new adventures. Me: 45, 5'8", 165lbs. You: personable, ready for caring, sharing relationship. (9/21) ☎48813

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

GOOD LOOKING, TALL WHITE male, 41 years old, well educated and gainfully

employed. I will e-mail a photo if you reply. (9/21) ☎48826

CARDIFF/COSTA RICA, kung fu author/real estate magnate. Taoist, enigmatic, confident, Italian, genuine. Love who I am, hate TV. Warm rain deserted beach heaven. (9/21) ☎48841

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

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual man, 40ish, searching for beautiful Brunette with fine form and content to explore relationship. Full of love, passion, intimacy and growth. Smile! (9/14) ☎48779

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 42-49, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, relationship. (9/14) ☎48796

WIDOWER, TALL, SUPER looks, healthy, virile, educated, financially secure, homeowner. Seeking beautiful lady, 49-60, attractive, curvaceous, affectionate. Dates, fun, romance, trips, dancing, laughs. Genuine, call! (9/21) ☎48821

53, TALL, SLIM, DEGREED, humorous, father, varied interests, news junkie. Seeking 43-53 lady, trim, tallish, North County, nonsmoker, for conversation, outdoors, sharing life, possibly more. (9/21) ☎48828

BLACK WOMAN WANTED. Good-natured outgoing guy, fit, slim, 5'8", college educated. Seeking kind, caring, slender, black woman, 19-35. (9/14) ☎48797

HANDSOME, BLACK MALE, 38, caregiver, 5'10", 165lbs. Looking for honest female for serious relationship. Age/race not important, honesty is. Your search is over. (9/14) ☎48804

LIKE HARLEYS. Good-hearted biker looking for fit woman for fun and relationship. Let's enjoy life together! Call me. (9/21) ☎48834

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- 1. Pollutants banned in 1975
- 5. Asked "Got Milk?," maybe
- 11. Go (for)
- 14. "Looks like trouble!"
- 15. Wheedle
- 16. 1972 treaty subj.
- 17. DANCING TONI
- 19. It's S. of S. Dak.
- 20. Actor MacLachlan
- 21. Soprano McDonald
- 23. Falafel holders
- 26. ITALY RUNS
- 30. Camera ____ (film festival prize)
- 31. Discovery channel subj.
- 32. Close with force
- 33. Patchwork work
- 36. No Mr. Nice Guy
- 38. MORE BALKIER
- 41. Cartoon characters who are "three apples tall"
- 42. Bagnold and Blyton
- 45. Together, musically
- 48. "Certainly, captain!"
- 49. Chickadee relative
- 50. INTEL JUMP
- 53. Unclear
- 55. "Wheel of Fortune" buys
- 56. Turnarounds, informally
- 58. Scribble down
- 59. This puzzle's theme
- 66. All ____ sudden
- 67. Frat candidate
- 68. Orderly
- 69. They play behind second basemen: Abbr.
- 70. Emphatic agreement
- 71. Wilder of "Young Frankenstein"

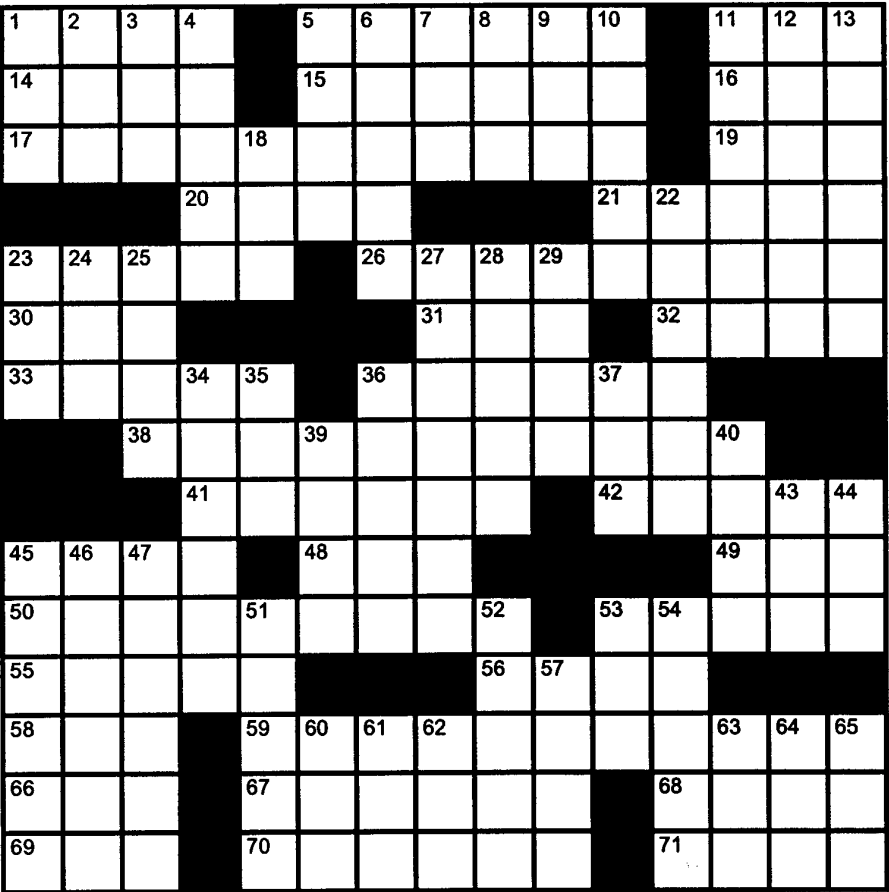
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- 1. Wrinkly pooch
- 2. Team in both the AL and NL: Abbr.
- 3. It's good in France
- 4. 19th century Zulu leader
- 5. 1450, on a monument
- 6. No faster?
- 7. Picasso's eye
- 8. Came out on top
- 9. One of the NFL's Mannings
- 10. Rot
- 11. Home wrecker
- 12. Airline to Madrid
- 13. Preserve, in a way
- 18. Sen. Schumer represents it: Abbr.
- 22. Like many a narrator
- 23. Immediately, if not sooner
- 24. Slip of paper in a poker pot

- 25. "Lou Grant" paper, with "the"
- 27. Turnpike toll, e.g.
- 28. Hustles
- 29. Ex of 37-Down
- 34. Get beaten by
- 35. "Big Fish" director Burton
- 36. Actress Streep
- 37. Ex of 29-Down
- 39. Outdoor feast
- 40. Cracker brand
- 43. Gillespie, to fans
- 44. Snorter's quarters
- 45. Key of Beethoven's Seventh
- 46. Go extinct
- 47. Baltimore Colts great Johnny
- 51. On edge
- 52. Nickname of catchers Carlton Fisk and Ivan Rodriguez
- 53. Not agin
- 54. Putting to work
- 57. March 15, e.g.
- 60. Ending with tact
- 61. Crosses (out)
- 62. Dreyer's partner in ice cream
- 63. Bridal bio word
- 64. "The Wizard of Oz" locale: Abbr.
- 65. Sault ____ Marie

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page.
- And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 9/1/05.

Of the 164 entrants, 144 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Richard Young, Bonita
- 2. Graham Grimm, El Cajon
- 3. Eric Harris, San Diego
- 4. Mike Romersa, San Diego
- 5. Edd Weddington, Encinitas

You: attractive, fit, drink and smoke OK. Let me satisfy you. (9/21) ☎48818
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ALLIED GARDENS. Near SDSU. \$500, 1/3 utilities. Free DirecTV. No deposit. Spacious home. Quiet neighborhood. Large kitchen, laundry, entertainment room. Available 10/1. 619-572-6456.
ALLIED GARDENS. Mission Valley. Large room in a 2 bedroom, 1 bath canyon view home. Washer/dryer, cable Internet. Clean and quiet neighborhood. No pets. \$600 month, \$600 deposit. 1/2 utilities and household supplies. 619-788-7046.
BALBOA PARK. \$550, \$550 deposit, 1/2 utilities. Newly updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Master bedroom, walk-in closet, bathroom. No smoking, drugs, pets. Jamie, 858-220-6143.
BANKER'S HILL. \$675, 1/2 utilities. Large master bedroom in awesome 2 bedroom, 2 bath house, hardwood floors, washer/dryer. Easy freeway access. Available 10/1. 619-994-2551.
BAY PARK. Share 2 bedroom newly remodeled apartment. Near I-5, Mission Bay. Off-street parking, pool, gym, jacuzzi, computer room, high-speed Internet available. 858-775-9210; 619-235-2415, x28613.
BAY PARK. \$695, plus \$40 utilities. Large master bedroom with own bath. Furnished, king sized oak bed, refrigerator. Quiet area. No smoking, drugs, pets. 858-272-1594.
CARDIFF. \$625. Location is everything for this 2 bedroom apartment. Oceanview from bedroom window, large closet. New fridge, dishwasher, gas stove. Ask for Carl, 760-917-2099.
CARDIFF. Private entrance/bath, \$625 plus utilities/deposit. Community living with privacy. Vegetarian/seafood kitchen, organic garden, jacuzzi, laundry, distilled water. Nonsmokers, no pets. 760-753-0321.
CARLSBAD. \$725. Master suite. Fireplace, washer/dryer, dishwasher, pool, parking. 760-402-0886; 619-235-2415, x19410.
CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. \$570/month. 2 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Jacuzzi, pool, washer/dryer. Nonsmoking female preferred. Dog OK. Near beach. Joe, 760-476-1993.
CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH. \$550, 1/3 utilities. Newly renovated room/bath. Cute house. Gated. Convenient location. Pool, spa, washer/dryer. Garage. No smoking/pets. Alan, 858-673-4799.
CARMEL VALLEY. \$900. Bedroom/bath in 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Lots of closet space, private bathroom, clean condo. Pool, jacuzzi, tennis. Near beach. 858-254-0912.
CHULA VISTA. \$550. Room available in 2 bedroom house, share with male and female. 2 parking spaces. Washer/Dryer, utilities included. Deposit in payment. 619-422-2866.
CHULA VISTA. \$580 rent, 1/2 utilities, \$200 deposit. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, fully furnished. Exercise room, pool, jacuzzi. Secure complex. Next to park. 619-235-2415, x10355.
CLAIREMONT. \$750. Large room in nice, large townhouse. All amenities; cable, internet, washer/dryer, pool. Centrally located. Utilities included. Deposit, references required. Available 10/1. 619-981-3221.
CLAIREMONT. \$480, \$250 deposit. Medium sized room, own phone line, share bath. Laundry, kitchen, house privileges. No smoking, drugs, pets. Available now. Call 858-229-8315.
CLAIREMONT. \$558. Female roommate needed for huge 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath apartment. Complex features pool, laundry and parking space. Call for more details, 619-846-4626.
CLAIREMONT. \$575, 1/2 utilities. Nice home. Large bedroom, personal bath, 8' closet. Laundry, storage, Tai Chi backyard. Near Mesa College. Deposit. Non-smoking, no pets. 858-874-7774.

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	55-59.....	\$239	\$248	\$298
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LET'S MEET AND SEE HOW IT goes. I'm tall, attractive, humorous, fit and Latin, 38. Searching for 25-35 lady who's active in life. Race unimportant. (9/14) ☎48803

VERY NICE WHITE MALE, warm, affectionate, healthy, 5'9" tall, 170lbs. Seeking healthy white female, 50s-60s, under 136lbs., monogamous, nonsmoking. Let's walk and talk. (9/14) ☎48790

GENTLEMAN, NICE LOOKING, trim, young 60s. Seeking shapely, 40s-60s, open-minded, affectionate lady for friendship, fun, good times, leading to long-term or marriage. (9/14) ☎48794

ONE GOOD MAN, one good woman, it's a beautiful thing. 54, divorced white male, fun-loving, fit, I've taken the first step. It's your move! (9/21) ☎48824

FILIPINA SOUGHT for friendship, possible long-term relationship. I don't bite. Handsome, loving, playful, spiritual,

Berkeley grad, 53, 5'10", 175lbs., mixed race. All calls returned. (9/14) ☎48778

CAMPING, FISHING, NATURE. Attractive black male, property owner, seeks attractive, passionate, white female who wants her home in the mountains and share love, romance, future. (9/14) ☎48792

Polite, Sexy Man

Educated, courteous, attentive man with good heart, 6'2", slender, 56. Seeking sexy, kind-hearted lady, age 50s-60s for committed relationship, fun, mutual spoiling. (9/14) ☎48802

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CLAIREMONT, NORTH. \$475, 1/3 utilities, \$200 deposit. Female. Owner occupied. Quiet 3 bedroom house. Garden, laundry. No pets/smoke. Share bath with female. Share chores. Available now. Gary, 858-531-4993.

CLAIREMONT. \$595, all utilities paid by landlord. 1 bedroom, share large bath. Tri-level house Cul-de-sac, near Clairemont Drive and bus. No smoking, drugs, pets. 858-272-1594.

COLLEGE AREA/ROLANDO. \$550. High speed Internet, all utilities. Room is 12x12 feet in quiet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Near shops, gym, freeway access. 619-549-2300.

COLLEGE AREA. \$395/month, \$200 deposit. Furnished/unfurnished room. Share bath. Includes utilities, cable, phone, and laundry. Close to bus. 619-582-6093.

DEL CERRO. \$600. Quiet. Male or Female to share 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo in nice location. No smoking/drugs. Needed by 10/1/05. Warren 619-204-4853; 619-462-6240 nights.

Call the free Roommate Hotline! 235-2415

Soon after advertisers place their ads, their spoken introductions go on the Roommate Hotline. This lets you hear listings before they're printed in the Reader. Call 24 hours/day & choose option two. Select listings by gender, price and area. Listings updated daily.

DEL CERRO/COLLEGE. \$625, plus utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with female. Large room/bath. Pool, jacuzzi, Internet, phone. Have cat. Nonsmoking. Toni, 858-731-3114; 619-235-2415, x18903.

DEL MAR, EAST. \$800, 1/2 utilities. Middle bedroom, private bath, closet. Garage parking, pool, jacuzzi. 10 minutes from beach. Available end September. Leave message, 858-794-0883; 619-235-2415, x23396.

DEL MAR. \$1200. 3 bedroom townhome, 1 mile from the beach, easy freeway access. Own room and bath. Includes all utilities. 858-405-8755.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$825, 1/2 utilities. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, pool, tennis, jacuzzi. No smoking, drugs, pets. 858-481-1617; 619-235-2415, x16737.

DOWNTOWN. \$700, 1/2 utilities. Share brand new 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Great views/location. 1266 square feet, top corner unit with rooftop deck. 619-807-1980.

DOWNTOWN/GOLDEN HILL. Ultra modern luxury condo. 2 bedrooms available with private baths. Gourmet kitchen. Pool/spa. 5 minutes to Gaslamp. Laundry. No smoking/pets. \$975 each. 714-546-6667.

EAST LAKE. Share a unique family home. 1 bedroom and private bath. Close to Southwestern College. Community pool/tennis court. \$450 month plus utilities. 619-781-2408.

EL CAJON. \$500/month. Room in large 4 bedroom, 2 bath house. Full access to house. Near freeway, mall, SDSU. \$300 deposit, includes utilities. 619-990-8706.

EL CAJON. \$540, 1/3 utilities, deposit. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Private bath. Washer/dryer, cable Internet. Near all! No drugs, smoking, pets. Clean! 619-250-7144.

EL CAJON. \$550, plus deposit. Large beautiful fully furnished room. Utilities paid, cable, pool, washer/dryer, quiet, secure. Females only. No smoking/pets. Jana, 619-588-0586; 619-235-2415, x14173.

EL CAJON/ALPINE. \$450, plus \$450 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Washer/dryer. Quiet neighborhood. Country living, large backyard. No smoking/drugs. Have 2 cats. 619-504-8229; 619-235-2415, x26389.

EL CAJON/GRANITE HILLS. Female preferred. Furnished room with private bath. Utilities included. Kitchen, washer/dryer, pool privileges. No smoking/drugs. Available 9/19. \$500. 619-440-6613.

EL CAJON/LAKESIDE. \$475. Room in 4 bedroom house. Washer/dryer, high-speed Internet, parking. Close to freeway and shopping. 619-390-7668; 619-654-0146.

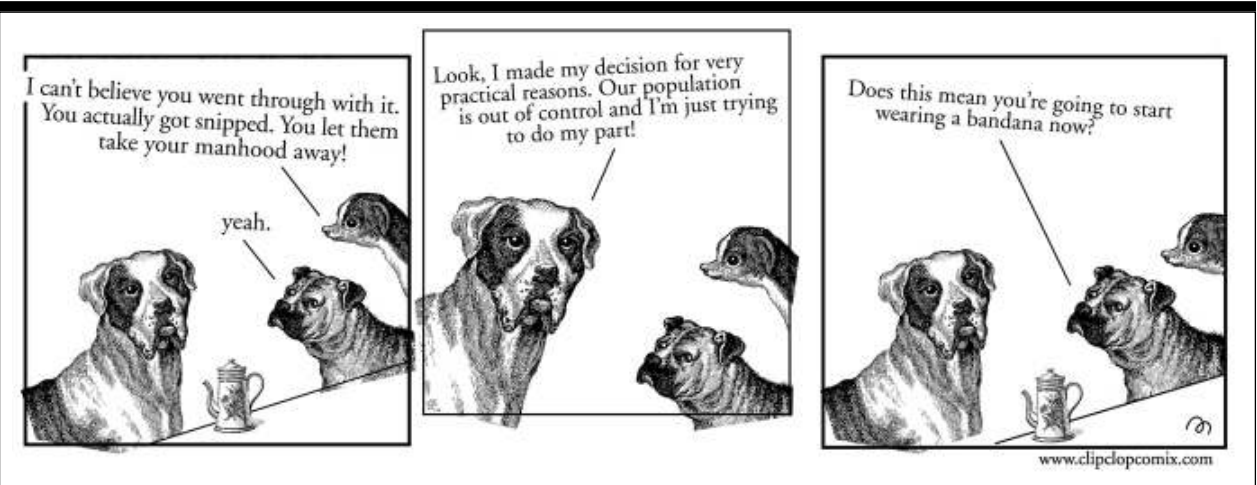
ENCINITAS. \$500/month, \$500 deposit. Roommate wanted. 760-828-8382; 619-235-2415, x18208.

ENCINITAS. \$550/month, 1/4 utilities. Room in clean, quiet modern house. Washer/dryer, cable, kitchen privileges, phone line available. Deposit. Won't last long. 760-753-1686, 619-235-2415, x11736.

ENCINITAS. \$699, 1/4 utilities. Tons of amenities and upgrades! Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in Village Park. Have 2 dogs. Female only. References. 760-420-9590.

ESCONDIDO. 1 bedroom available in nice quiet home, with pool, wireless high

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ESCONDIDO. \$600. Room for rent with own bathroom in 4 bedroom house. Quiet. No pets. Available 10/1. 760-613-8987.

FASHION VALLEY. \$775, includes utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury condo. Washer/dryer, pool, spa, garage. No smoking/pets. Prefer male. Available 10/1. 858-279-6077.

HILLCREST. \$750/month, 1/2 utilities. Roommate wanted. Large bedroom, private bath. On-site laundry, underground parking. Temporary stay is fine. 619-235-2415, x28193.

HILLCREST. Room rental. Large, bright, furnished master bedroom with private bath. \$565 month, \$400 deposit, utilities included. Clean, quiet, no drugs, smoking, or pets. 619-291-3022.

HILLCREST. \$675, \$350 deposit. Bedroom in 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath apartment. Bright, spacious bedroom. Gated community. Laundry, pool, spa. Credit check required. 6-month lease. 619-203-2812.

KEARNY MESA. Birdland. Furnished room in 4 bedroom home. \$475. Includes utilities, cable, kitchen. Near all freeways. Nonsmoking male only. 858-277-2660.

LA JOLLA VILLAGE. \$1200 per month. 1 person to share 1700 square foot house. Separate downstairs. 2 bedroom, 1 bath in 3 bedroom/3 bath house. 1/2 garage/storage. Full use of entire house.

Washer/dryer. No smoking/pets/drugs. 858-483-2844.

LA JOLLA. \$600 and \$650. Own bath. Share spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath house. Near UCSD. No smoking, pets, drugs. Available 9/15 and 9/30. 858-729-0055.

LA JOLLA/UTC. Male to share 2 bedroom condo. Own bedroom and bath. Available now. No lease. Garage, washer/dryer, pool. Near UCSD. \$725. 858-453-0564.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$695, plus utilities, deposit. 2 rooms available. 2000-square-foot home. Fireplace, in-ground pool, gazebo, fountains, off-street parking. No pets. 858-455-9914.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH. \$800, includes utilities, completely furnished bedroom. Cleaning service in house. Private entrance. Cable, Internet access. Near UCSD. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-459-3089; 619-235-2415, x14659.

LA MESA. \$465, 1/2 utilities. Near all. Quiet duplex, wide screen satellite, patio, dishwasher, barbecue, laundry. Fridge, TV, bed, Smoker OK. Male only. Mike, 619-469-1131.

LA MESA. \$550. Furnished room, own bath. Utilities/cable included. Share house with 1 person, 2 large dogs. Drive-way parking. Near trolley. Nonsmoking. \$300 deposit. 619-235-2415, x13399.

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LINDA VISTA. Close to USD. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, laundry in-unit, large condo, fireplace, pool, spa. Top floor. Views. Female preferred. \$725. 760-250-2954; 760-250-5015.

LINDA VISTA. \$460. 3 bedroom home. Ocean view, central, tropical yard, quiet, new carpet/marble, laundry. \$300 deposit. No smoking/pets. Male preferred. Bill, 858-518-1517.

MIRA MESA. \$520, includes utilities, \$350 deposit. Room in new house. Private garage. Washer/dryer, cable, Kitchen privileges. No smoking/pets, 858-695-0975.

MIRA MESA. \$495. Furnished or unfurnished room available. Share large house. Excellent location. Close to freeways and mall. Available now. 619-871-4582.

MIRA MESA. \$400-\$550. Share big 2-story house. Pool, jacuzzi, deck, cable, wireless Internet, washer/dryer. Female only. No pets. 858-549-3197.

MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA (163 and Genesee near Sharp Hospital). \$775, 1/2 utilities/housekeeper, deposit. 2 bedroom with study, 2-1/2 bath, 1440-square-

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MISSION VALLEY. Beautifully furnished room in deluxe townhouse, includes private bath. \$565, 1/2 utilities. Cable included. Parking, laundry facilities. Male preferred. Mirrored wardrobe closets. 619-298-4228.

NORTH PARK. \$500, 1/2 utilities, \$100 deposit. Male seeking female, 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. Security gate, laundry room. No pets, drugs, smoking. Ray, 619-347-0189.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$875-\$900+. Share spectacular ocean view home. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Den, fireplace, washer/dryer, garage, Maid, gardener. Pet OK. 619-223-1014.

OCEANSIDE/RANCHO DEL ORO. \$550, private bedroom/bath. Includes cable and utilities. Large house. Quiet neighborhood. Near MiraCosta College. Washer/dryer. Nonsmoking/drugs. 760-231-1971; 858-245-1435.

OCEANSIDE/RANCHO DEL ORO. \$650. Room in 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house. Female only. First and last payment of rent required. No smoking/drugs. iveyridge2005@yahoo.com.

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2. Write your 25-word Roommate ad on this form and be ready to dictate it when requested. You will have one minute of recording time. Begin with the neighborhood, then describe the property and list the rent. After dictating your printed ad, continue to describe your roommate situation. When you are finished recording, press 2.

3. Your print ad may not describe you or the person you are seeking.

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4. To provide online viewers of your ad with a map of your neighborhood, we need cross-streets and zip code:

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NEAREST CROSS-STREETS ZIP CODE

5. The system dictates a mailbox number and security code.

_____ MAILBOX NUMBER _____ SECURITY CODE _____

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Look, man...you can't live by the rules we made way back when we were in college.

But we meant it, Don.

Look at that over there. If you ever see me holdin' some chick's purse for her, kill me.

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You got it, my man. Goes double for me.

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Goes double for me. I better go grab my wife's purse out from under that clothes rack before she comes out.

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$650/month, 1/2 utilities. Room in 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Blocks to beach, parking/laundry in complex. Female. Available 10/1. 858-274-2482.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$800/month. Share townhouse. Master bedroom available, with private bath/balcony. Includes utilities, cable, telephone, washer/dryer. All amenities. No pets/smoking. 858-483-6629.

PACIFIC BEACH/CROWN POINT. \$600 rent, \$500 deposit. Share sunny 2 bedroom cottage. Deck, fireplace, hardwood floors, cable Internet, vaulted ceilings. No pets. Available 10/1. 619-235-2415, x27615.

PACIFIC BEACH. Room available in 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. \$540 month/\$300 deposit plus utilities. Quiet room. No smoking/parties/pets. Paul 858-273-8770.

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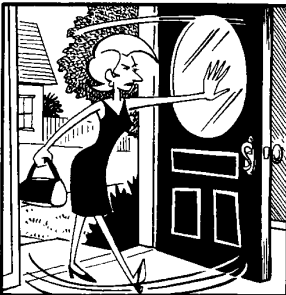
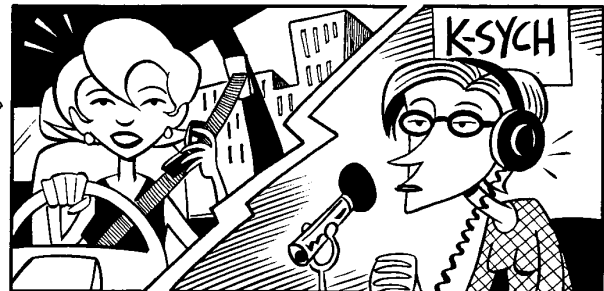
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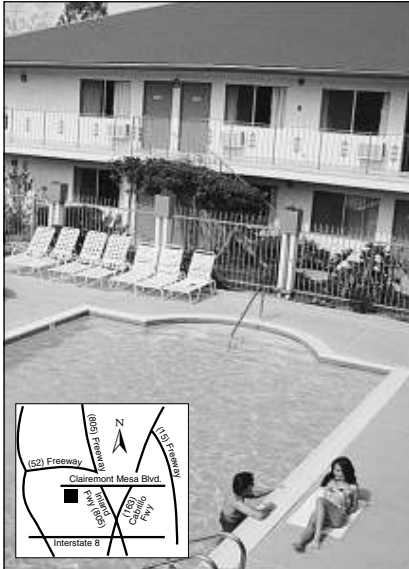
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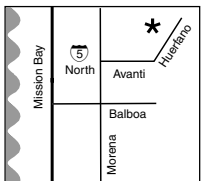
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— In court papers filed in 1994 but which only recently drew public attention, lawyers for the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland, Ore., challenged a child-support claim against a priest by pointing out the culpability of the mother herself for failing to use birth control (which the church regards a sin). The 1994 document came to light when the woman went back to court in July 2005 for an increase in child support, but the court turned her down in deference to Father Arturo Uribe’s vow of poverty, although Uribe’s ordaining order subsequently volunteered more support. (The man who was archbishop of Portland during the 1994 case recently assumed Pope Benedict’s previous job as the Vatican’s chief doctrinist.)

Ironies

— New World Order: In April, the communist government of China presented its quinquennial Vanguard (or Model) Worker award (in the past, given to factory workers, public-outhouse stewards, and the like) to Yao Ming, the Houston Rockets basketball player who lives most of the year in the United States and earns about \$15 million annually from playing and from product endorsements (which is about 15,000 times the average earning of Chinese urban workers).
— More Ironies: (1) Criminal defense lawyer Donald Johnson apprehended the man burglarizing his home in Cornwall, Ontario, in May, and discovered it was one of his clients, Scott Best, 34 (who was unaware of whose home he had entered and wanted to telephone Johnson from the station house). (2) Among the items stolen from the All Souls Church in Peterborough, England, in July was a two-foot-high statue of St. Anthony of Padua, the patron saint of lost and stolen items.

Compelling Explanations

— In July, a team of South Korean scientists made history by cloning an Afghan hound, but many experts view the team’s revelation two months earlier as even more important, when they derived 11 stem cell lines from clones of patients

with specific diseases. The leader of the team, Hwang Woo-suk, told the journal *Nature Medicine* then that Koreans have an advantage over westerners in delicate laboratory work because of “Oriental hands. We can pick up very slippery corn or rice with the steel chopsticks.”
— Lame: (1) Ronald Schueller, convicted of attempting to hire someone to knock his estranged wife unconscious and kidnap her, said (according to prosecutors) that he was just trying to reconcile with her, based on an idea from a *Dr. Phil* TV segment in which the host said that sometimes people need a good scare to realize their delusions (Port Washington, Wis., August). (2) Jessica Stakelbeck, 22, charged with neglect when two of her diaper-clad toddlers were found on the side of a highway, blamed her lapse not on being high from her admitted methamphetamine habit but on sleepiness from missing her meth for several days (Franklin, Ind, August).

Latest Rights

— Eric Laverriere, 25, filed a federal lawsuit in Boston in July, claiming the Waltham, Mass., police violated his constitutional right to be drunk when they arrested him at a private New Year’s Eve party even though there was no evidence that he was disturbing anyone. (The law in many states requires police to detain someone who is incapacitated and who might be a threat to himself, and indeed, some police departments have been sued if they fail to detain someone who later injures himself.) ... In July, Britain’s High Court declared illegal London’s 9 p.m. curfew for those under age 16 who are not with an adult. Lord Justice Brooke said “everyone” should have the right to “walk the streets without interference from police.”
— Geoffrey Moore, 65, of Hightown Green, England, filed an unfair dismissal claim against his former employer, Kevin Mayhew Publishers, for firing him after he was convicted of six counts of sexually abusing a 4-year-old girl. Upon his conviction, Moore was placed on various restrictions but avoided jail time and now says that since he never actually went to jail, the com-

pany, which specializes in Christian-themed books, should take him back.

The Litigious Society

— In Old Saybrook, Conn., in October 2004, Alan Hauser, who was parked with engine running, sitting with his mother-in-law, accidentally hit the accelerator, causing the SUV to jump a curb and plunge down an embankment into the Connecticut River, where rescuers (who were later cited for heroism) pulled the woman out 30 minutes later. (Hauser managed on his own.) The woman, 75, suffered serious brain damage from being submerged, and in August filed a lawsuit against the city for not having guardrails, not having regular patrols of trained and equipped rescuers, and not having more signs warning people of the danger of falling into the river. (Hauser was also sued, but the family’s original plan, to sue individual rescuers, was scuttled.)
— In July, Jeanette Passalacqua, 32, filed a lawsuit in San Bernardino, Calif., against the Kaiser Permanente medical organization for the death of her husband in June 2004, when he passed out from watching his wife receive an epidural anesthetic, fell over, and fatally hit his head. According to the lawsuit, hospital personnel had asked the husband to hold and comfort his wife while the needle was being inserted and therefore were at fault.

Things People Believe

— About 200 Major League Baseball players wear \$23 titanium necklaces made by the Japanese company Phiten, according to a June *New York Times* report, with many accepting the company’s claim that they improve circulation and reduce muscle stress. Said a company spokesman: “Everybody has electricity running through their bodies. This product stabilizes that flow of electricity if you’re stressed or tired.” Said New York Mets pitcher Heath Bell (who has two necklaces): “If you think it works, it’s going to work. If you don’t think it works, it’s not going to work. But I’m going to keep wearing it because next year there will be something new we’ll all have to get.”

Questionable Judgments

— Steven Newell was hospitalized in London, Ontario, in June after his large plastic swimming pool, which he had just placed on his second-floor balcony and then filled with water, caused the balcony to collapse and plunge to the ground. The pool, 8 feet in diameter and filled with water as it was to a height of 20 inches, would require about 640 gallons, weighing more than 2 1/2 tons. Newell had relocated the pool to the balcony in order to avoid the safety requirement of building a fence around it.

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— Lawyers for horror novelist Stephen King acknowledged in June that King had been sued once again by Anne Hiltner, who now claims that the obsessed, psychotic nurse in the movie *Misery* must have been based on her. She had earlier claimed that a psychic character from King’s TV show, *Kingdom Hospital*, was based on her and sued him before that for allegedly breaking into her home and stealing manuscripts.

Recurring Themes

— “News of the Weird” has often mentioned cases of bestiality, but the death of a 45-year-old man in Enumclaw, Wash., in July was extraordinary. The death was reported in the local media as having occurred after “sex with a horse,” but bestiality usually involves the human as the penetrator. In this case, though, the man died of acute peritonitis from a perforated colon, indicating that the horse was the penetrator. Investigators reportedly seized videotapes of the activity, which took place at a non-descript farm that was known in Internet bestiality chat rooms to be a haven for sex with livestock. Washington is one of 17 states without a specific anti-bestiality law, and authorities said that the act was probably not a crime in that the state’s animal-cruelty law would require showing that the horse suffered.

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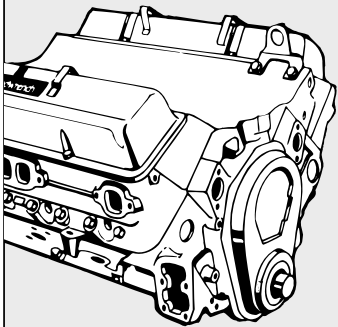
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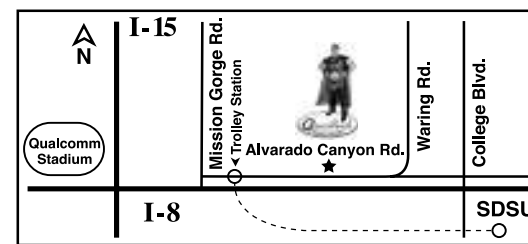
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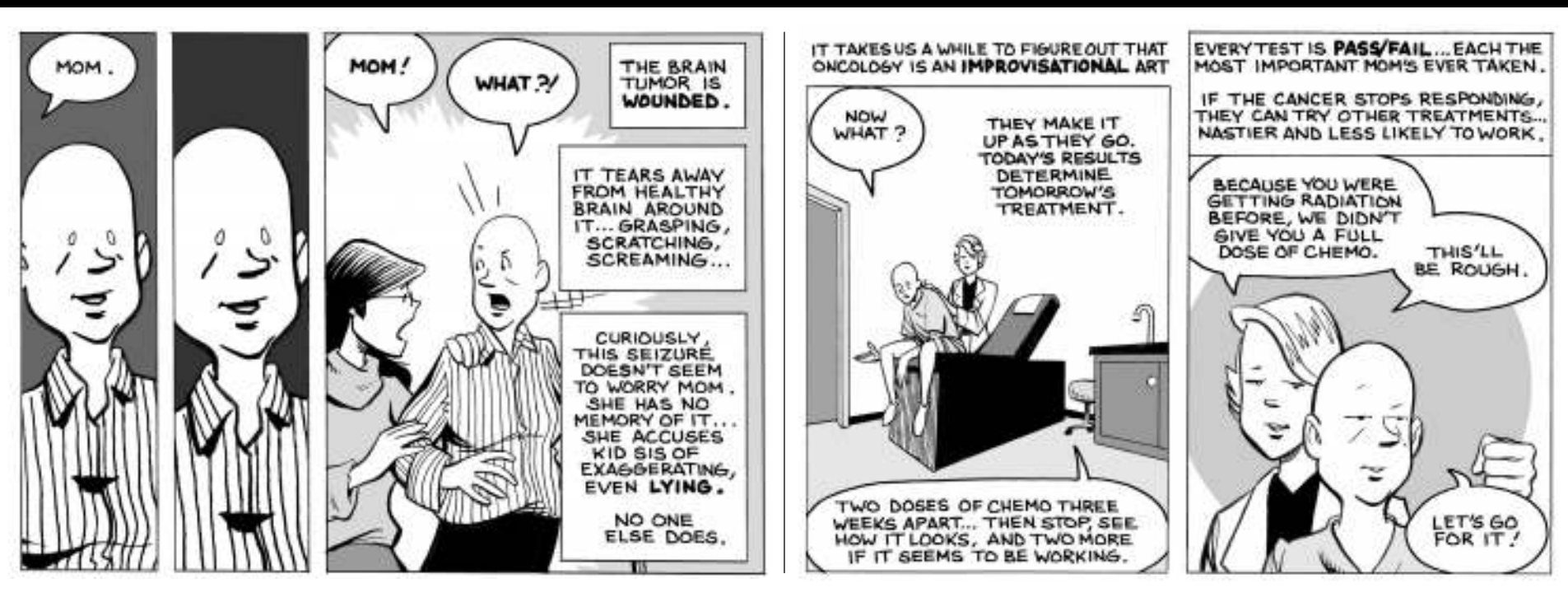
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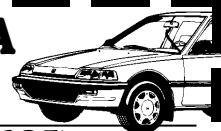
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There's a line in the 1986 movie *Stand by Me* about "never having friends like the ones you have when you're young."

This came to mind recently while I was going through old photos from my childhood and found a faded black and white snapshot of my 8-year-old self with an arm around my first best friend, Robbie. He lived across the street from me and we were best buds until my family moved to another town the same year that picture was taken. Through the years I'd see him every now and then. The last time was when he was pitching a baseball game for UC Irvine, where he'd earned an athletic scholarship.

Seeing this photo made me remember the simplicity of those times, at least to an eight-year-old. It was the late '60s... We didn't know there was a war, and protesters, and hippies. Our lives revolved around kickball, Big Wheels, and *Winky Dink and You*. We climbed trees, built forts out of cardboard boxes, and roamed our little neighborhood safe in the knowledge that in almost every home was a stay-at-home mom who could keep an eye on us from her kitchen window, and scold us when we acted up. Life was pretty good back then.

My favorite memory is of Robbie's garage. His father worked for an ice cream company and he made sure that their garage freezer was packed full of Push-Ups, ice cream cups, Fudgesicles, and rainbow popsicles. That's probably where I developed my love of ice cream which, unfortunately, plagues me to this day.

This photo is the only one I have of Robbie. The picture is bittersweet. It's a souvenir of a simpler time, of friendship, and of childhood fun. But the picture was taken on the very day of my family's move from the neighborhood, so it represents the end of that friendship. And an end to those simple times, which are now gone forever.

My own kids don't have the freedom to roam like I did.

Their playtime is organized and supervised. The back yard is their domain, while the front yard is off limits. We're supposed to be suspicious of our neighbors because the media has filled our heads with images of unlocked guns, child molesters, meth labs, and irresponsible parents.

I know today's world is not as scary as the media portrays. The fact is that violent crime is at an all-time low in this country, and has been decreasing for thirty years. And the looming specter of a stranger abduction is, in reality, almost nonexistent. Of the 800,000 children who went missing last year, less than 200 of them were stranger abductions.

But still, once that idea has been placed into a parent's head, it's hard to get it out and feel comfortable about turning my back, even for a minute. My common sense tells me that the world is a much safer place now than it ever has been, but my emotions are irretrievably scarred by the culture of fear that we now live in.

Even people without kids are nervous. A few weeks ago we were in Sandpoint, Idaho, poking around the touristy downtown area. We stopped at the Cedar Street Bridge to browse the

Coldwater Creek store there.

In the middle of our browsing, our daughter started her little dance and whispered, "Mommy, I have to go..." so off to the nearest bathroom on the upper level of the bridge. My son and I looked at old photos on the wall while we waited. Soon a middle-aged couple and their friend stopped to look at the photos too. Just then, the screaming began.

"No no no! Aiiiiiieee!!



Eeeeeeeeeeeeeek!" Something like that anyway. I hear this stuff practically every day and I know how to read all the different noises my kids make, so I didn't react at all. But the couple next to us became very concerned, probably because of a recent child abduction that had brought national attention to our area. The woman didn't waste much time and announced loudly that she was "going to investigate!"

We waited a few moments, with a small crowd gathering, and me pretending not to know what's going on. Pretty soon the woman emerged from the bathroom, spread her arms, palms out to calm the masses, and authoritatively stated, "It's okay! Everything's all right. She just saw a spider web!"

Audible sighs of relief followed, and the crowd dispersed, glad that the screams of terror coming from the public restroom were simply a little girl freaking out over a dusty old spider web.

So, my kids are growing up in a different world, with dangers both real and perceived. But I'm not so sure that's a bad thing. They are healthier, happier, and smarter than I was at their age, and they will

have opportunities in the future that we could not have even imagined thirty years ago. It's kind of like what my childhood was like as compared to that of my parents.

The only constant that I hope holds true for my children is that they find one or two "friends like the ones you have when you're young." And may they have a freezer full of ice cream!

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FELONY VANDALISM

Location: 687 Alvin Street, Emerald Hills

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. on 8/22/05

Air Support Unit Report: Officer Clark and I were in S/E when we responded to a call of a 417 PC (gun). When we arrived, a Sergeant was speaking to the victim. On our second orbit, the suspect



drove up behind the Sergeant in his Tahoe. The Sergeant immediately pointed his gun at the suspect and had him put his hands out of the driver's side window. We called for expedited cover for the Sergeant. All of the cover units were from a distance. The suspect got out of the car and began moving around in the street, reaching towards his waistband. A cover officer and a K-9 unit

arrived and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. He was booked on four counts of felony vandalism. No gun was found. The suspect was recently released from parole.

FELONY EVASION, BATTERY, ET AL

Location: [4400] River Road, Oceanside

Time/Date: 9:00 p.m. on 8/21/05



Incident: Oceanside Police were dispatched...to investigate the report of a domestic battery. An officer located the possible suspect, identified as Steven D., parking his car in a driveway on Trinity Street. The officer called to D. to stop as D. walked down the driveway. He ignored the officer's orders and got back into his car. D. backed out of the driveway and intentionally canted the wheel so that the front end swung outward, striking the officer's knee. The officer sustained a minor injury as a result of the impact; he did not require medical treatment.

The suspect vehicle description was broadcast over the radio, and it was located by police in the area of College and Highway 76 at 10:33 p.m. Police subsequently pursued the car and lost it in the area of Highway 78 and Jefferson Drive. Oceanside officers re-located the suspect vehicle at 11:01 p.m. in the area of Highway 78 and El Camino Real,

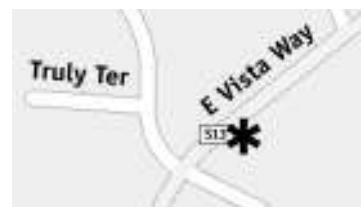
and [they] pursued it for approximately twenty minutes. The pursuit ended on Highway 78 and Nordahl shortly after the vehicle ran over spike strips that had been deployed by assisting CHP Officers.

The suspect vehicle hit the center median and spun out of control, coming to rest on the freeway. The suspect fled the vehicle on foot, and officers caught him before he could get away. He was subsequently arrested, and booked into the Vista Detention facility for two case of felony evading, assault with a deadly weapon against a peace officer, possession of a controlled substance, violation of parole, and domestic battery.

KIDNAPPING

Location: 815 East Vista Way, Vista

Time/Date: 7:34 a.m. on 8/21/05



Report: Erica R. (19) and a companion were inside their vehicle in the parking lot of the Jack in the Box. R.'s boyfriend, E.M. (23), drove into the parking lot and blocked R. and her companion's vehicle in the drive-thru. M. exited his vehicle with a metal crowbar and started walking towards R. and her companion. R. exited the vehicle and tried to enter the restaurant. M. struck the vehicle several times with the crowbar and broke out

several windows. M. then went after R., forced her into his vehicle, and fled the scene. R. and M.'s whereabouts are [currently] unknown. They have a child together, Bruce (20 months), who is also missing.

TERRORIST THREATS

Location: [7800] Paradise Valley Road, Skyline

Time/Date: 1:48 p.m. on 8/22/05

Officer's Report: F.S. threatened, both over the phone and in person, to burn down T.T.'s car. T. came into the Southeastern front counter to report this incident. I took T.'s statement. I had Officers Johansen and DeWitt check [the address] for F.S. because T. told me that is where [he] was calling from. S.'s friends live at that address. Officers Johansen and DeWitt knocked at the door and the residents said they never heard of F.S.

T. told me that on 8/21/05, she was visiting friends in the Meadowbrook Apartments, across from where S. was visiting his friends. During the night, S. kept yelling in the window, trying to get her to come out. She ignored him and went to sleep. When she left the apartment this morning, S. was outside waiting for her. He called her names and threatened to burn her car to the ground. T. again ignored him and left.

This afternoon, S. called T.'s cell phone and said, "If I ever find your car I will blow it up." He continued saying, "You don't give a shit about your kids."

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"I had been thinking about giving a little money or encouragement. So I said, 'My car?' And He said, 'Yes, like before.'

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"A week went by and then I asked, 'Okay, God, I've given you this week, now what's it going to be, *Auto Trader* or *Union-Tribune* or *Reader*?' He said, "Give it to the Pattons.' So I gave my car to these people. This time it was much easier, because I had done it once and I knew He wouldn't leave me high and dry.

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"My daughter hears from the Lord too, so that day I went to her and said, 'There's a really important decision I need to make, and I need to know if the answer is yes or no, and that's all I'm going to tell you.' So my daughter went to the gym and worked out, and she came home, and we talked about something else. Then she said, 'Oh by the way, God said yes.'

"This person asked me what kind of car I wanted, and I said 'I don't know.' Later, we went to look at cars, and we looked at a Honda Element, because I have two dogs and it's just kind of me, a little functional, a little boxy. And it's a good car.

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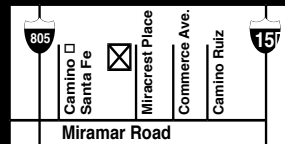
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On the TV above the counter a man in a crisp black blazer with black shirt and red tie stares into the camera from behind a giant oak desk. The sound is so low I can’t make anything out, but I think he says “Lance Armstrong.”

Behind me a child parades his ten-word vocabulary around for everyone in the diner to hear. “Mom! Mom! Mom! Look!” Raising one eyebrow and peering over my left shoulder, I see the little bastard turned around in his seat, standing up and making a charge at the back of the booth like it’s Mt. Everest and the bald guy sitting behind him is base camp.

Straightening up, I see my suspicions confirmed when a yellow jersey and aerodyne helmet race across the screen — blurred foliage behind the scene and a title bar in front that reads, “Lance Takes First.”

“What can I get ya, honey?” the blond smile asks the notepad in the clutches of her long fingernails.

“I’ll take a cheese omelet, wheat toast,” I answer.
“You sure can,” she says to the notepad and vanishes.

I didn’t ask. I didn’t say, “Can I get a...” because I hate that. She can’t answer, “Sure you can,” when I didn’t ask for it.

With that one most passive of aggressive acts the waitress has wrested control from me. What was a you-bring-me-things-for-pay situation she reversed and made it an ask-for-things-that-I-allow-you-to-have situation.

“Mom! Mom! Mom!” from the booth. Grubby little hands have found a spoon and an errant saucer and fashioned them into a percussion instrument. Clang! Clang! Clang! “Mom! Mom! Mom!” I can’t hear the damn TV.

“More coffee, honey?”
Clang!

“Yes,” I say loudly, pointing over my shoulder. “And tell that booth to hold it down.”

The look of fear crosses the waitress’s eyes. That’s right, I want you to confront that family and tell them that they’re disturbing others. Control comes back to me with the unspoken threat of, “If you don’t...” If you don’t I’ll tell the manager. If you don’t I won’t come back and spend money here. If you don’t I’ll shove that cello-wrapped toothpick into my ears and pop the drums so I don’t have to listen to this racket and you’ll have to clean up all the blood and ear wax and pus that leaks out and down my shoulders and onto the GODDAMNED counter!

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WHAT I WILL AND WON’T WATCH THIS WEEK...
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COMPANY: MIDOL
SEEN: BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, DAYTIME TALK SHOWS, LIFETIME

Commercial: All right. Let’s get this steaming sack of monkey crap right out of the way. This is the one where three girls walk along on a beach. One says, “I’d kill for a brownie,” and her friend says, “Oh, yeah, she’s menstrual.” Like it’s the latest, hip, happening thing for a girl’s uterus to slough off its interior wall. It’s branched out to other commercials too. I think Midol is trying to make it their catch phrase, reminis-

cent of the irksome “not so fresh feeling.” My biggest fear involving this is that it will become the de rigueur punchline in every stand-up comedian’s routine for the next ten years.

COMPANY: MONEY TREE

SEEN: JERRY SPRINGER, COPS, FOX SPORTS
Commercial: If I’m really pissed off and have no place to channel my anger I think about what I would do to those Money Tree caterpillars if we were ever in the same room. My scowl soon turns to a smile as I think of green and

yellow face paint smeared across my knuckles, teeth skittering over a concrete floor, and the shouts of, “Please! Oh, please! No more! I can’t take...oh, my antennae! No!”

COMPANY: SIX FLAGS

SEEN: EVERYWHERE CONSTANTLY
Commercial: If anyone knows whose idea it was to put a young man in an old-man suit and have him jump around to that grating Venga Boys song, please let me know. I will rain down on the heads of everyone involved like fire from the Bible.

COMPANY: RED STRIPE

SEEN: KING OF THE HILL, POKER, DAILY SHOW
Commercial: Finally, a good commercial. If Red Stripe were Tom Cruise and I were Renée Zellweger I would run across the room, throw my arms over its longneck and kiss it on the bottle cap and I’d say, “You had me at ‘Hooray Beer.’ You had me at ‘Hooray Beer.’”

COMPANY: SELECT COMFORT

SEEN: MATLOCK, THE PRICE IS RIGHT, QVC
Commercial: Whenever a Sleep Number commercial comes on, my dad throws whatever reading material is in his hands and yells, “What a crock! You mean to tell me that people slept on regular mattresses, hay bales before that, and rocks before that, but I’ve got to have a personalized bed with some kind of digital number? What a load of...well, it’s a lie. These people are liars.” I’m amazed he thinks some advertising isn’t a lie, but for this one he’s spot on.

COMPANY: EMERALD NUTS

SEEN: SPORTS EVENTS, GAME SHOWS
Commercial: It’s rare that you learn something from a commercial. This is the exception. In this ad an ugly little girl with a mongoloid uni-brow asks her daddy to share his peanuts. He says, “Sorry, honey, if you eat any of my peanuts unicorns will disappear forever.” GENIUS!

COMPANY: STARBUCKS

SEEN: MORNING TELEVISION, SIMPSONS, FAMILY GUY
Commercial: A guy wakes up to find he’s being followed by a cheering section, complete with mascot in matching suit. Oh, ho ho, MAN, do



Red Stripe commercial

I need a mascot. I couldn’t care less about what this commercial is really selling, but I’m totally sold on the mascot idea.

COMPANY: LAS VEGAS BOARD OF TOURISM

SEEN: BILLBOARDS AT BUS STOPS AROUND TOWN
Commercial: These billboards are tie-ins with the recent “alibi” line of TV commercials Vegas is airing. The billboards have a phrase with a missing verb like, “I couldn’t stop _____ing all weekend.” Or “We just stayed up and _____ed the whole time.” With these I can’t do anything except put the “f” word in. That’s where my sixth-grade sense of humor automatically goes when faced with this sort of challenge.

COMPANY: XYIENCE

SEEN: NOTHING BUT KNOCKOUTS, PRIDE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP, THE ULTIMATE FIGHTER
Commercial: A woman to sell nutritional supplements does ab and glute exercises next to a swimming pool. My thoughts: “Good lord. She’s tanned skin pulled taut over muscle. She’s hairless and oily slick like a Caucasian lizard. Is that woman even the same species as me? What I’m thinking has to be illegal in the Bible Belt states.”

COMPANY: LUNESTA

SEEN: SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, KING OF THE HILL
Commercial: A luminescent butterfly floats from house to house and puts people to sleep. I don’t like that there’s an implied psychedelic affect. Let’s just have out with it. Pills make you feel funny. They give you courage or somnolence or energy or whatever. I want to see that commercial. “Our pills put you to sleep. Give them a shot.”

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I was asked to leave by a Starbucks employee accusing me of threatening behavior.

By John Brizzolara

When I first started writing this column, six years ago this week, I pretty much decided not to cover the obvious Friday pursuits like going to bars or hanging around in coffee shops. Mostly I think I have done this, or rather, not done it. But in the past six years the coffee shop has become, for the “TGIF” column, the elephant in the living room. Not necessarily the Living Room coffee shop chain (there’s two that I know of, anyway), just the living room in the Zeitgeist as it were. All of us are spending possibly inordinate amounts of both leisure and work time in these establishments. It has, for example, become quite common for me to write this column in this one particular Starbucks. Last week’s column, for example, I wrote where I am sitting now. In it, I seized upon this forum for my own agenda, possibly, but until I am stopped, I decided I will continue to luxuriate in this liberating and vital opportunity to expose the teeming hordes of disloyal and incompetent society members who are constantly plotting against me.

Excuse me a moment. Thank you. Another jolt of African caffeine. Yes, my mind is much clearer. To begin with, I deplore the absence of electrical outlets in certain caffeine emporiums; don’t they know that, like the staff behind the counter, I am working on Friday nights? I can only assume that I am expected to sign up for their wireless deal.

That, of course, is a pathetic ruse to get your name on a list of those to be served only coffee laced with odorless, tasteless sterilizing chemicals and drugs to inhibit sexual activity and/or render undesirable customers impotent. That is precisely why I bring my own. If I order a Frappe Cranberry Latte, I will pretend I ordered it by mistake and foist it off on some loud chimpanzee talking about the Chargers (whoever they may be) and should not be having children.

A word about the music in Starbucks, HEAR Music, I believe they call it disingenuously. Alanis Morissette, Tracy Chapman, other whiners. Thank God, the aural palate is cleansed by the occasional Ray Charles, Miles Davis, and Van Morrison offerings. These gentlemen have a prophylactic effect on the neural synapses and are proof against the music of certain chicks that would love to make me look foolish because I have no idea what they’re talking about. “Isn’t it Ironic?” Alanis? Well, as local writer Alex Bosworth exposed publicly — Bosworth is one of us I believe, but I will say no more — no, rain on your wedding day is not ironic! You clearly have no idea what the word means, Alanis, or whatever your real name is. As for Tracy Chapman singing “Stand by Me,” the song was never meant to be performed on heroin, and if your children hear it (do I have to say it again?) make sure they wear a condom. Myself, I find an aluminum foil condom inexpensive and effective, but my readers know that already by telepathic means and certain others I need not describe, do I? I thought not.

I will mention particular coffee shops in the following section: Claire De Lune, Lestat’s, Basaam, and the above-mentioned Living Room locations (which I will not disclose) are safe places to work and recreate, and you can smoke at Basaam(’s). I mention these because they have survived where others have failed. Between the Friday on which I am writing this and the next Friday when the column will have appeared, untold multiplicities of pre-brewed coffee businesses will have opened with the kind of hope that springs eternal in a young man’s heart in spring. A nearly equal number will be crushed under the weight of supply and demand principles and, needless to say, the ongoing conspiracy to silence those who would bring into question widely accepted realities such as the reason frozen peas are nearly all the same size. The pea question is one that so-called comedian George Carlin once remarked upon as if it were quite humorous. I think you and I both know the deadly serious nature of this kind of glibness.

As an aside, I noted the presence of a middle-aged man reading a hard-bound Barnes & Noble (I think) edition of *Grimm’s Fairy Tales*. I leaned across

my table to read the title, and the long-haired, pin-wheel-eyed hippie clutched the book and hid it away in his lap. Likely attracted to the volume as a result of seeing the current movie (I have not seen it) about the brothers, this aging hipster (whom I recognized immediately as a widely known though disguised dupe of the secret police in National City) unwittingly betrayed himself. I saw in a trice that he had caught on to the encryption key implanted in the spine by the Grimm literary estate agents.

Our fairy-tale, gnome-like little man may already, even as I write this, be possessed of secrets at which we can only guess.

Later: In a parking garage off Fifth Avenue, I was asked to leave by a Starbucks employee accusing me of threatening behavior. I complied, naturally; I am on probation regarding a misunderstanding that involved alcohol and some sort of law. Those who have read my jail columns will understand. Passages in my recent work have provided psychiatric lackeys of the government with what they like to call “increasing evidence of returning symptoms” and I simply call emanations. For the record, all I said to the cowering spy at the sidewalk table as I reached for the code was, “Give me the book, traitor, bastard!”



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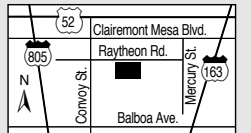


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