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Joy Moments

Barbarella's "Diary of a Diva" this week ("Sorrow and Solace," September 8) truly struck a chord with me. Reading her words only a day after I had attended a funeral for a friend who went too young (and who would share a birthday with Barbarella) gave me comfort, perspective, and hope. And in the wake of the hurricane's destruction, I've had more than cause to stop and truly assess where I am in my life. Like the author, I feel all of those fears of loss and all of those moments of joy in what I have, what I hold (sometimes too strongly, sometimes too loosely). Thanks to her for a timely piece and one that speaks from a universal voice.

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Memory Dredge

Your re-publication of the 1980 article "When False Bay Was All Swamp" (September 1) brought back memories of my 1948 post-World War II childhood in Pacific Beach. It was a short walk along Cass Street from the trailer park (the current site of PB's Taylor Library) to the marshland now known as Sail Bay. As a seven-year-old, I enjoyed playing aboard the landing craft that the Navy had scuttled amongst the reeds and stench of Mission Bay. I watched the Corps of Engineers' dredges pumping the sand that created the beautiful playground that includes the modern-day Sail Bay. Does anyone believe that the dredging would be permitted today with our emphasis on environmental impacts?

Jim Stieringer
La Mesa

What Happened?

I have a question concerning "When False Bay Was All Swamp" (September 1).

You evidently forgot to note at the end of the article when it was originally published, and it seems to me it's about 25 years old. It talks about all these lawyers and all these fat cats who were trying to leave the beach encroached upon in perpetuity. My question is, what has happened since then? Do they still have their property improvements blocking the public beach? Being that it's San Diego, I wouldn't be surprised if nothing has changed. I think you should have put a little afterword after the article.

Name Withheld

The article was originally published on March 6, 1980, as was noted in the top right corner of page 66. — Editor

CORRECTION

The photo caption in the September 8 "Sheep and Goats" was incorrect. The photo was of Steven Lee. — Editor

IKEA All The Way

"Mostly gay" is like "mostly pregnant," and congratulations on your power boobies ("Fruit Fly," "Diary of a Diva," August 11). But poor Dave. You have saddled him with the effete talents of the Fab Five, who are an embarrassment to gays with taste everywhere. And A&E is the usual unmitigated crap. So much for worldliness.

Too bad about Dave's obvious eye for interior design not being available at your new place ("Diary of a Diva," August 18). But no need to sweat. I recommend IKEA all the way. It's hip enough for the innocent. Explore the distinction between design and decoration. There are some good magazines.

Dyke Daddy should check out the difference between patronage and respect. His brand of pride comes before a fall.

Since long before Fruit Fly we have had Fag Hag. FH's main objective is to flaunt Mr. Gay as a prod to taunt Mr. Straight. It probably works.

Real city dwellers don't stereotype. Homosexuals especially find it offensive. The only place where being gay is considered a compliment is in the Super Ghetto (per Lewis Mumford's "slums, semi-slums, and superslums"). In New York

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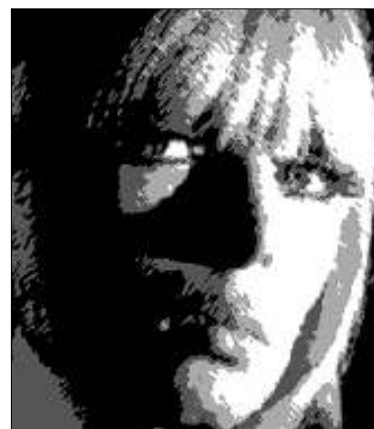
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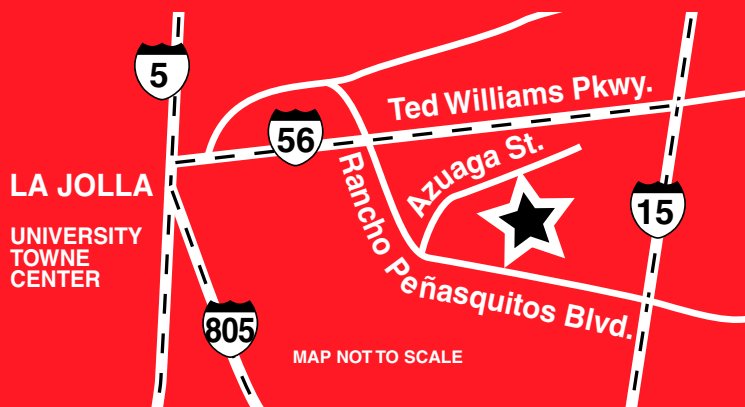
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Fat and loathing in National City



Nick Inzunza

Down in National City, Mayor **Nick Inzunza**, who recently announced he's running for the 79th District state assembly seat being vacated by **Juan Vargas**, has ramped up his campaign with an anti-fat theme. "Mayor Inzunza helps National City residents reclaim Las Palmas Park and choose fruits and vegetables," says a news release inviting local media to attend the city-backed "Reclaiming Las Palmas Park Nutrition Fair" last Friday. In addition to a speech by Inzunza about cracking down on street crime, gangs, and empty calories, "visuals" at the event were to feature "children and adults coconut-bowling, melon weight-lifting and having fun learning about fruits and vegetables." The release went on to assert that "with over fifty percent of Latinos in California overweight, there must be something done to create communities that are safe for walking."

Inzunza is the brother of ex-San Diego city councilman **Ralph Inzunza**, convicted in July's Cheetahs trial and facing sentencing in November. According to campaign finance documents filed in August, Ralph continued to collect thousands of dollars from his backers in the months prior to the verdict. The money was used to pay his



Ralph Inzunza

lawyer, **Michael Pancer**. Donors included ex-**Dick Murphy** aide **John Kern**, who gave \$250 on May 2; California State University trustees board chairman and La Jolla financier **Murray Galinson**, April 5, \$250; Juan Vargas chief of staff **Colin Rice**, May 2, \$250; SDG&E vice president **Buz Schott**, April 27, \$250; Sempra government affairs chief **W. Mark Nelson**, June 9, \$250; and PR man and lobbyist **Al Ziegans**, May 16, \$250. Codefendant **Michael Zuchet** also collected his share of cash from the likes of lawyer **Bob Ottilie**, who successfully fended off **Donna Frye's** challenge to Dick Murphy's November mayoral victory, and from former bail bondsman **Marco LiMandri**, now a business district consultant.

Bloodied Councilwoman **Donna Frye** has sent a query to city manager **Lamont Ewell** and city attorney **Michael Aguirre** requesting more information about the city's role in the testing of Poly-Heme, that controversial artificial blood substitute covered on these pages in July. "Please include in the report a history of the city's involvement in this clinical trial, the reasoning behind the city's involvement in the study, whether the city is actively participating in any other such trials with non-consenting trauma patients, and an analysis by the City Attorney's Office of the legal ramifications of such an arrangement between a city agency and a university that has signed a confidentially agreement with a private company." So far, according to Frye aide **John Lamb**, no response to the August 18 memo has been forthcoming. ... Downtown may be in the midst of

a condo-construction boom, and beer-swilling baseball fans may still swarm in the Gaslamp Quarter, but is the Horton Plaza shopping mall — the onetime crown jewel of the city's redevelopment miracle — about to tarnish in its 20th-anniversary year? No way, says **Roger Brazil**, regional marketing manager for Westfield, the mall's owner. But a survey conducted recently among mall customers has tongues wagging. The most prominent question on



the two-page survey form: "Would you still shop at Horton Plaza if there were no Nordstrom department store here?" Brazil says the survey was just asking "standard questions" about customer service and denied that plans were afoot for Nordstrom to pull out of the mall. But he said he didn't know when the store's lease was set to expire.

Hard sell San Diego is in dire financial straits, so perhaps it's not surprising that officials are casting about for ways to raise cash. One of the more interesting examples is a marketing deal the city has cut with Cardiac Science, maker of automated external defibrillators, devices used to jump-start hearts that have gone into arrest. "The current Marketing Partnership Agreement with Cardiac Science is for a term of one year with four, one-year renewal options," says a report from the city manager dated July 19. "Under the Agreement, Cardiac Science will pay the City an annual marketing rights fee and an incremental marketing fee based upon the sale of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in San Diego County." The report adds that "Cardiac Science will [also] pay the City \$95,000 in year two of this Agreement and in any subsequent annual extensions to this Agreement to fully fund a Program Coordinator and fund one-half the cost of a clerical position for San Diego Project Heart Beat."

It hasn't taken long for the city to get its sales act into gear. A "media advisory" dispatched by the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's PR man last week announced that the city was putting on a media event "honoring volunteers of 9/11 and now those helping with Hurricane Katrina and the effort of Ultra Star Cinemas to help save lives in our community." The release went on to say that Ultra Star, which runs the movie house in Mission Valley's Hazard Center, was installing Cardiac Science defibrillators "in all their theatres." Heart Beat coordinator **Maureen O'Connor** (no relation to the ex-mayor) says that all funds raised from the Cardiac Science deal are used to offset costs of the city's defibrillator program, which rents offices from the Firefighters Union, Local 145. She added that she could not say how much that lease was worth.

— Matt Potter

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Don't Touch The Guitar

by Don Bauder

Will San Diego be Karl Rove's Waterloo? President George W. Bush has now made two monumental missteps while

addressing San Diego sailors. The blunders have energized his opponents and enraged some of his supporters. The anti-Bush weblogs are siz-

plished." Declared the president, "Major combat operations in Iraq have ended." The mission was hardly accomplished, as the Democrats

support the Iraq War; terrorists might seize the oil wells. Ugh. This is no time to get people feeling sorry for the oil industry. There was a passing reference to Katrina suffering. Goodness. Karl Rove must be human after all.

Afterward came a real mud-headed move. Backstage, country singer Mark Wills handed the president a guitar. He pretended to play it, smiling broadly. While photos of dying citizens of New Orleans flashed all around the world, so did the image of



Manipulated George Bush photo from Internet

zling with sarcasm. Democrats love it. Where was Rove, the alleged genius?

Two of the president's San Diego photo ops backfired in spades. I doubt that any other metro area can make that statement. On May 1, 2003, Bush landed on an aircraft carrier off San Diego. It bore a sign, "Mission Accom-

plished." Declared the president, "Major combat operations in Iraq have ended." The mission was hardly accomplished, as the Democrats

gleefully stressed in the 2004 election. As the Iraq War drags on, Bush takes more heat for the stunt. But late last month the president may have topped that gaffe. On August 30, the day after Katrina devastated New Orleans and Mississippi, Bush addressed 9000 sailors in Coronado. Subject: please

a beaming president purportedly plucking the guitar.

One blogger summed it up the best: "This guy just oozes gravitas, doesn't he? But

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We Did the Dirty Work

By Bill Salisbury

Plumbers, Spooks, the Boys in the Band, the Boys Up the River, the Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight. Or, as former SEAL

Dan Cerrillo referred to them when he testified recently at SEAL Lieutenant Andrew Ledford's court-martial at Naval Station San Diego: "the people we're not supposed to talk about." By any other name these spooks are Central Intelligence Agency operatives, a few of whom have been causing trouble for special operations folks like Lieutenant Ledford and his men since at least the Vietnam War. Lie down with dogs and you risk getting up with fleas.

A SEAL admiral charged Lieutenant Ledford, another officer, and several enlisted men with assaulting an Iraqi who they suspected had planned the deadly attack on the Red Cross headquarters in Baghdad. The attack took place in late October 2003. The SEALs were members of a platoon that captured Mandel Jamadi at the request of the CIA. According to SEALs who testified at Lieutenant Ledford's trial, they "poked and prodded" the combative Jamadi because the spooks wanted him "softened up" for

interrogation. Lieutenant Ledford punched the Iraqi in the arm after another SEAL invited Ledford to "give this turd a knock." In an act that can best be described as felony stupid, the SEALs gleefully photographed their fun.

The SEALs turned the battered but walking, talking Jamadi over to the CIA for questioning in the agency's "romper room." An hour later Jamadi was tits up in a slushy at Abu Ghraib prison. Nineteen months after Jamadi died, the Navy brought Lieutenant Ledford to trial. Newsworthy stuff. But only the *New York Times* zeroed in on what it referred to as "ad hoc collaboration between the SEALs and the CIA."

There's nothing ad hoc at all about such collaboration: SEALs and spooks have had a working relationship since 1962, when JFK commissioned the naval commandos. In the early '60s, SEAL Team Two in Norfolk, Virginia, ran ops for the CIA in Cuba and the Dominican Republic. Throughout the Vietnam War, SEAL



Tortured prisoner

Teams One and Two worked for the CIA, and the collaboration continues. A senior SEAL admiral serves full time with the CIA in a billet that for years was known innocuously as CTF 157.

I had my first experience with the CIA in 1967, when I commanded a detachment of three SEAL Team One platoons headquartered in the wretched river port of Nha Be, near Saigon. My detachment also provided administrative cover for SEALs who worked for the CIA in its notorious Phoenix Program. These SEALs would report to me, and then off they would go

to do the CIA's dirty work as advisers to so-called Provincial Reconnaissance Units, or PRUs. PRUs were assassination teams the CIA recruited from prison inmates and VC deserters. Cream of the crop. SEALs and Special Forces (SF) trained PRUs at a secluded base in Vung Tau, hard by the South China Sea.

SEALs and SF who led PRUs operated pretty much outside any military chain of command: they took their marching orders from the CIA. Most of these men were professional, dedicated, and courageous. But a few rogues would have made Colonel Kurtz smile.

When Phoenix expanded, a SEAL lieutenant was placed in charge of a new outfit, Detachment Bravo, to provide administrative cover. Det Bravo had no operational SEAL platoons. It handled such matters as pay and casualty reporting for PRU advisers and provided liaison with the spooks.

SF snake eaters who worked for the CIA ran many of their ops out of SF headquarters in Nha Trang. But the CIA still called the shots — at least until the shit hit the fan, as it did during the summer of '69, when SF "terminated with extreme prejudice" a Vietnamese they suspected with good reason of being a double agent.

CIA officers at Nha Trang at least implicitly approved and encouraged the termi-

nation. All was well until the head honcho in Nam, General Creighton Abrams, learned of the event: he charged seven SF officers and a sergeant with various crimes, including murder. The senior man among the "Nha Trang Eight" was Colonel Robert B. Rheault, who commanded SF in Vietnam at the time.

Rheault had an impressive résumé: he was a graduate of

investigation that would almost certainly result in courts-martial.

But once the lawyers got involved it soon became public knowledge that SF was running a spy network for the spooks as part of something called Gamma Project. The project was charged with, among other things, developing target lists for Nixon's secret war in Cambodia. Once



Robert Rheault



Movie poster

Phillips Exeter Academy, West Point, and the University of Paris. He spoke fluent French. He'd also had a previous tour in Nam before assuming command of SF. He was what is known as a "hot runner" — an officer on the fast track to general.

To keep itself spic 'n' span, the CIA denied any involvement whatsoever with the death of the double agent and blamed SF. In the meantime, Colonel Rheault and his men languished in the stockade at Long Binh awaiting what's called an Article 32

this cat was out of the bag, Nixon pulled the plug on Abrams's plan to court-martial the snake eaters. But the damage was done: Colonel Rheault's once-bright career had been terminated with extreme prejudice. He retired shortly thereafter and began working for Outward Bound, guiding wilderness treks. For several years he took Vietnam vets into the boonies as part of a program to treat post-traumatic stress disorder.

Colonel Rheault is alive and well and at the age of 80

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seriously, I can't believe the famously image-conscious Bush communications corps let him look so stupid at a time when he's as unpopular as he's ever been."

"While Bush Fiddles, New Orleans Dies," screamed the headline over a Jimmy Breslin column in *Newsday* on September 4. Growled Breslin, even more indignantly than usual, "George Bush was at North Island in Coronado, California, speaking to a blindingly white audience of 9,000 sailors in uniform. At the hour, blacks were drowning in New Orleans.... Wherever cameras swept, the only thing that was white was a towel being waved by a black woman begging for help.... [Bush] barely seemed to understand there was a hurricane for the first three days. He was in Coronado."

Also on September 4, *New York Times* columnist Frank Rich said that in San Diego, Bush "was standing at the totemic scene of his failure. It

was along this same San Diego coastline that he declared 'Mission Accomplished' in Iraq on the aircraft carrier *Abraham Lincoln* more than two years ago." This time, explained Rich, citing the *Washington Post*, "the president's stage managers made sure he was positioned so that another hulking aircraft carrier nearby would stay off-camera, lest anyone be reminded of that premature end of 'major combat operations.'"

Breslin and Rich were Milquetoasts compared with some of the bloggers. Here are some captions on the guitar faux-fingering photo as it swept across the Internet:

"President Nero Fiddles While New Orleans Drowns."

"Bush Plucks While New Orleans Sinks."

"The prez decided to do a little strumming on a guitar... THAT HAS THE FUCKIN' PRESIDENTIAL SEAL ON IT!!! THIS IS SICK!"

One blogger with the ability and equipment to juxtapose photos slickly sent out a real zinger. There was an African-American woman weeping, baby in hand, in

New Orleans. Next to her was George Bush happily pseudo-strummin' the gee-tar.

In 2003, Bush's team managed to make the "Mission Accomplished" gaffe worse. Bush told reporters the sign had been put up by the Navy, not the White House. The Navy rejoined that while the banner was its idea, the White House made it. The administration had to admit that.

Now the White House is making the Iraq War speech and the guitar incident worse. Bush toured the stricken areas — in flashy garb. He stuck his foot in his mouth by recalling his pub-crawling days in the Big Easy. He said he couldn't wait until Trent Lott rebuilds his mansion so the president can sit on the front porch. Rove and Bush's communications director concocted a plan to blame officials of New Orleans and Louisiana for the delay in helping ravaged areas. But the president and his aides have made so many dumb statements — we didn't know the levees could break, we didn't know about those folks in the convention center, for exam-

ple — that this plan may fall flat.

As Peter Preston of Britain's *Guardian* points out, the Republicans did not hand-pick George W. Bush in the 1990s "for his magnificent managerial skills." In fact, he had been a flop in the oil business, and "his only relevant job had been governor of Texas. He was chosen as folksy symbol, heir to a dynasty, born-again communicator" with a great communications team led by Rove.

But how did that team break every rule of good public relations in San Diego? Public relations texts preach that the lowliest machine shop should have a disaster-communications plan. But this time, the White House seemed to have none. After the "Mission Accomplished" speech had gone sour, why did Bush go back to San Diego sailors for another critical address? Was there no realization that any pro-war San Diego speech would remind the public of the May 2003 one? Because the administration had slashed spending on the levees over the last four years, shouldn't it

have been extra-sensitive about New Orleans? Why didn't Bush cancel the August 30 speech and head to New Orleans? Bill Clinton sometimes got to a disaster area before it became one.

Wasn't there a handler there to keep Bush from grabbing that guitar during the photo op? Didn't someone know what would happen after the Associated Press sent the picture out? Does the Bush administration underestimate the power of the blogs?

Comments Greg Mitchell, editor of *Editor & Publisher*, "What that trip [to San Diego] did produce was a picture of Bush laughing with a country singer and strumming a guitar." That picture, compounded with the doltish statements and bureaucratic inability to provide help, suggests, "This is not mere incompetence but dereliction of duty. The press should call it by its proper name."

Maybe the Republican Party should cast Republican San Diego County adrift. In the early 1970s, another Republican president, Richard Milhous Nixon, believed San

Diego was his lucky city. So he planned the 1972 Republican convention here. Alas, a funding scandal arose and the convention was moved elsewhere. Finally, San Diego got a Republican convention in 1996. The city was thrilled — so thrilled that it concocted a plan to underfund its pension system to pay for it. Yikes! ■

Dirty work

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living in Owls Head, Maine. I talked with the colonel by phone and asked what he thought about the court-martial of Lieutenant Ledford and this business of SEALs and Special Forces working for the CIA.

He told me in a quiet, firm voice that he would not bad-mouth special operations or the CIA. "Most of the people in these organizations are pretty good. Many have risked and lost their lives in service to the country. And you need the CIA to coordinate covert ops, or people will end up shooting each other. But there are those few in the agency who will lie through their teeth

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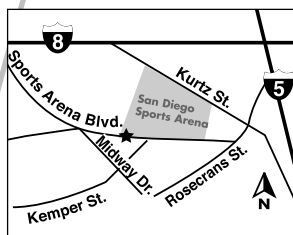
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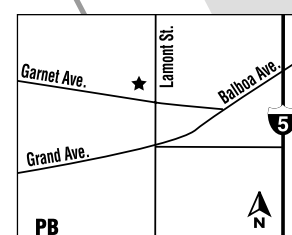
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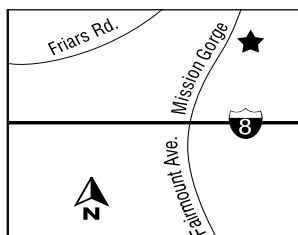
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to cover their asses.”

Is that what happened to you and your men in Vietnam?

“Sure is. When we learned one of the spies we were running for the CIA was a double agent, I sent my unit commander to ask the CIA officers responsible for the program what they wanted us to do.

“See, we had a real dilemma: if we turned the spy over to the VNs, Lord knows what would have happened. But we didn’t have any place to sequester him until his information on our operation was stale. And

we couldn’t just let him go: he was carrying the death sentence for a lot of agents in his head.”

What did the CIA tell you to do?

“The head guy looked at my commander and said, ‘You know what to do.’”

A wink and a nod?

“Yes. Of course, the CIA officer had a different story when he testified at the Article 32 hearing. To this day I remember his exact words when asked what he told us to do with the double agent: ‘I told the SF commander that whatever they did out in the rice paddies, don’t kill the man.

Nobody does that anymore. Not even the Russians.’

*“At that my lawyer leaped to his feet and screamed, ‘Liar!’ It was just like during the court-martial in *Breaker Morant*. You see that movie?”*

More than once. The British High Command hung the Aussie, Breaker Morant, out to dry after he killed a German spy — among others — during counterinsurgency ops in the Boer War. Court-martialed and executed the Breaker.

“Right. Send the colonial troops to do the dirty work of empire, then abandon them when things go south. You know how it was with special operations in Nam. We did all the hard, dirty work but were not really accepted because we wore camouflage tiger suits and had our own way of doing things. We were the redheaded stepchild.

“Now I don’t condone the mistreatment of prisoners. First of all, it’s immoral, and secondly, you’re probably not going to get good intel. But by the same token, when things come up like with Bob Kerrey, if you haven’t been there you have no right to judge

what people do under those circumstances. You send people out to do the hard, dangerous work, you got to cut them some slack.

“I’m glad Ledford was acquitted. As I said, he shouldn’t have mishandled the prisoner, but that’s something that could have been dealt with informally and certainly without a court-martial. His boss should have chewed his ass out and let Lieutenant Ledford and his platoon get on with the war.”

Then Colonel Rheault asked a telling question: “Where did the pressure come from for a court-martial?”

I told the colonel that the admiral who runs Naval Special Warfare — the SEALs — ordered the court-martial. But I pointed out there are two or three admirals who outrank him, and the Army runs special operations in Iraq. I told the colonel about the photos the SEALs took and suggested senior officers could have been afraid of another Abu Ghraib scandal if they appeared to be covering up. Wouldn’t have been good for careers.

“No need to have worried

about another Abu Ghraib,” the colonel said. “Nobody but the lowest-ranking enlisted people paid for that disgrace. There was the reserve brigadier — the woman — who got a letter, but no court-martial for any officer. Where the hell were the lieutenants, the captains, the majors, and colonels? They should have been on site. Probably were sitting in some air-conditioned officers’ club.”

What do you think about the CIA guy testifying against Ledford, saying he’d seen Ledford’s platoon mistreat prisoners before?

“I was appalled. If the CIA people had a problem with the way Ledford’s platoon was operating, why didn’t someone go to the SEAL commander and say, ‘Listen, this is getting out of hand?’ I mean, why didn’t the CIA say something right then and there rather than wait until a court-martial?

“For the most part, special operations and the CIA work very well together. That’s why what those agents did at Ledford’s court-martial and my Article 32 was so terrible.

That kind of stuff will destroy the trust you must have.

“You’re a SEAL. You know the essence of unit integrity is trust. I trust that you will save my life, and you trust that I will save yours. We don’t fight for democracy and the American way: we fight for each other. Like I said, I’m glad Lieutenant Ledford was acquitted. Never should have been a court-martial in the first place. But again, I have the highest regard for the CIA and special operations — it’s just that every once in a while bad choices are made.”

News Item: “Charges tossed for Marine accused in Iraqis’ deaths,” by Tom Foreman Jr. (AP) “The Marine Corps yesterday dropped murder charges against an officer accused of riddling two Iraqis with bullets and hanging a warning sign on their corpses as a grisly example to other possible insurgents.... The decision to drop the charges was made by Maj. Gen. Richard Huck, commander of the 2nd Marine Division, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.”

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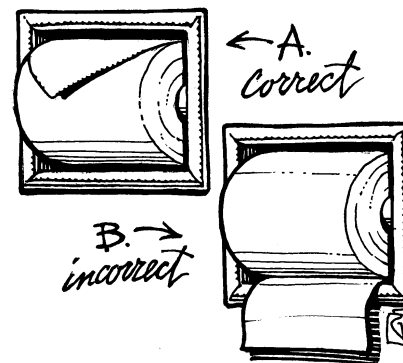


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To save gas, this year the Alices are hitchhiking to the annual vacation in Dollywood. So here are a couple of fan favorites that you've been clamoring to see again. — M.A.

Matthew:

When we outfit our bathrooms with TP we have a choice of two possible deployment orientations, loading the roll forward, away from the wall, or closer to the wall. Which is used in particularly protocol-conscious places like the Hotel Del, the White House, or Judith Martin's house?

— B.H., Pacific Beach

A survey of housekeeping trends at some local bistros and gas stations shows unanimous agreement. Away from the wall, away from the wall. The explanation was that the end gets lost on the back side, and the roll gets shredded from all the guest frustration. Protocol in the Alice house is to balance the roll on the edge of the sink. Pa Alice won't have it any other way.

Hey Matt:

My boyfriend says that the Jerry Springer show is fake, that the guests are really actors, not insane trailer trash dating their sisters. Is he right, is it fake?

— Farah, the net

No, Farah, we just wish it was fake — that we don't really share a voting booth with such Neanderthals. Sorry. We do. No question that a fake or two has showed up, but booking these shows, the producers think up the ugliest show titles, let the public know that they're looking for real folks who've done that particular ugly thing, then sit back and let the phone calls pour in. It's amazing how desperate some people are to tell the rest of us about it. Or how desperate the rest of us are to watch them.

Grandma isn't happy that I'm telling you this — but one of the Alice clan actually appeared on the Maury Povich show some years ago. I know, I know, you're stunned. Well, get over it. We're certainly trying to. Anyway, let's call her, oh, Cousin Alice. Alice Alice. So, Cousin Alice, chronologically, is an adult. At the time, her life is classic trash, without benefit of trailer. A big Maury fan. One day she sees Maury is looking for Teen Daughters Out of Control! Hey, she thinks, I have a couple of those. Besides, guests of the Maury show stay at some swank midtown Manhattan hotel. Alice has never been to New York City, so they call the Maury producers and run down their family situation. I guess the details are sordid and promising, because a few weeks later a Maury flunky shows up at Alice's house in San Diego to chat with her and the Teen Daughters Out of Control! Before you can say "exploitation," Alice and the girls are booked for the show.

The day before the taping, they hop a plane at Lindbergh, are met in New York by the Maury limo, and glide to the luxurious midtown hotel that until now has been only a dream in the closing credits. Several other moms with Teen Daughters Out of Control! are there too. They meet with the producers, who give each family \$400 walking-around money. Next, a rundown of how the taping will proceed. As Older Daughter recalls, the production staff makes it clear that the general effect they're going for is hideous children vs. helpless mother. Poor, suffering Mom, heartbroken at the horrible truth she's about to learn — live, on-camera — from the results of lie-detector tests previously administered to Teen Daughters Out of Control! Tears, hand-wringing, whining, collapsing into a pitiful pile of Momness. TDOC!, on the other hand, should be veritable porcupines of attitude — curse the audience; screech unthinkable things at gasping, blubbing Mom. Wear whatever you like. Professional make-up and hair styling optional. The Maury staff is really, really, really nice, according to Older Daughter.

Judging from their on-camera behavior, the Alices paid no attention during the production briefing. Younger Daughter lies her way through the lie-detector test and is appropriately loud and insolent on camera when she's called a liar. So far, so good. Older Daughter (who's actually just along to see the city) tells the truth on the lie-detector tests, freely admitting what's going on in her hair-raising life. No on-camera shocking secrets, no snotty attitude, just a kid who'd rather be prowling the Lower East Side than be on TV. Worse yet, although she promised to behave, Mom doesn't cry, scream, faint, throw up, or act the victim. Show prep flies out the window, and she reacts the way she would at home. Daughter gives you lip? Give her plenty in return. Daughter screaming at you? Scream back louder. Theme-wise, Cousin Alice and the girls were a flop. Immediately after the taping, the families are whisked into the limo and returned to the airport. Elapsed in-city time: 24 hours, max.

So, there's the natural history of a talk-show appearance...really, really, really nice Maury Povich division, anyway. The people aren't fake so much as their behavior is fakeish and exaggerated. They have some odd lust to show off, be on TV, or just get a free trip to New York. And they have no dignity. But these days, dignity is optional.

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Was That Martyball?

San Francisco (underdog by 7) leads the NFC West after they prevailed over St. Louis on Sunday. New Orleans (underdog by 7) won at Super Bowl-bound Carolina. Dallas (underdog by 5) beat Super Bowl-bound San Diego at Qualcomm. Detroit beat Green Bay by two touchdowns. Kansas City stomped Super Bowl-bound New York Jets by 20 points. Miami (underdog by 5) crushed Denver by 24 points.

Scores appear to be out of joint. Favorites are dropping like flies, which is more than a hack phrase in San Francisco, whose offensive guard, Thomas Herrion, collapsed and died after a preseason game in Denver.

As to the Chargers, maybe they were caught up in the swarm or breathed the strange, noxious fumes that wafted their way into several NFL stadiums and caused good teams to play bad. The Chargers have 22 starters back from last year's 12 and 4 team. There's no way San Diego should have lost that game, even with Antonio Gates on the sidelines.

Hang on, I'd better modify that statement. This is sports, so random luck applies; therefore, the preceding paragraph will be changed to say the Chargers should beat Dallas seven out of ten times. Sunday was one of those seven times.

One game is nothing to get upset about unless your money is lost. Saying that, Sunday's contest brought back the familiar feelings of despair and hopelessness that reside in the bones of every veteran Chargers fan. I'm talking about the reappearance of Martyball.

We now know Martyball has not passed away, but lurks in the rancid underground corridors of Qualcomm Stadium. Remember last January when the Chargers hosted the New York Jets on the first day of Wildcard Weekend? The game went into overtime, San Diego drives to the Jet's 22-yard line. It's first and ten. The Chargers deal three running plays — the same plays that had not worked all afternoon — for no gain. Then, head coach Marty Schottenheimer sends in a rookie kicker who misses a 39-yard field goal. End of season.

Martyball, the fear-ridden obsession of running the ball up the gut every time an important game is on the line, showed its rodent face on Sunday. Or maybe not. Here's the situation: the Chargers are on the Cowboys' seven-yard line and have 47 seconds, four plays, and one timeout left to them. They need to score a touchdown to win the ballgame. LaDainian Tomlinson is ignored, Brees throws four passes...the first three were incomplete, the last was intercepted.

It sure seemed like Martyball; the stupid, repetitive selection of plays that do not work. But (and here's the rub) this series of stupid, repetitive plays were all passes, and purists will object if we call this Martyball.

But, even purists must admit the foregoing was trying to fit a round peg into a square hole over and over and over and over again until failure is achieved. Isn't that what Martyball is all about?

The Box will sponsor an election on this question and promises an honest count. Here are the competing propositions.

1. Martyball is the stupid, repetitive selection of the same running plays that have not worked all afternoon.

2. Martyball is the stupid, repetitive selection of same plays that have not worked all afternoon.

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Ominously, Sunday's game saw a role reversal at the quarterback position. Until last year, Drew Brees was known as an okay backup quarterback. Quarterback ratings run from zero (the quarterback refuses to leave the huddle) to the highest possible score of 158 1/3. Brees's quarterback rating for 2002 was 76.9, in 2003 it was 67.5, and then aliens visited his bedroom and his 2004 quarterback rating came in at 104.8. That's the kind of statistical pump-up one rarely sees apart from Barry Bonds's. But, Brees played Sunday's game the way he used to play all his games; his quarterback rating for that afternoon's work was 65.1.

Conversely, regard Dallas quarterback Drew Bledsoe. His 2002 quarterback rating was 86.0, in 2003 it was 73.0, and in 2004 he turned in a 76.6. Steady Eddy. On Sunday, Bledsoe finished with a 143.4 quarterback rating. Birds fell from the sky.

Finally, I'll close with a sample of Week 1 Stupid NFL Quotes. The idea is for the coach or athlete to speak in sentences that convey no meaning.

Drew Bledsoe, "They call the plays, and I try to just find the guy who's open."

Bill Parcells, "We'll see where we go from here. We have a lot of work to do."

Marty Schottenheimer, "On the positive side, we're in a division [AFC West] where we're only a game out to one team."

Let me see if I get this. All NFL teams have played one game, no team is more than one game behind any other, but since all of the AFC West lost save Kansas City...

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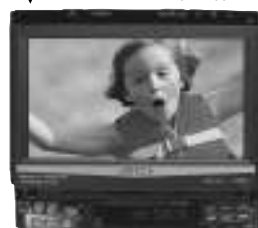
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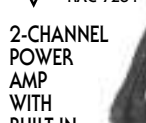
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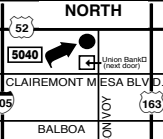
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"We believe that there is only one religion. All other paths that people take are legitimate paths, which represent only one of God's manifestations," said Susan Collins, about Muslims, Jews, Christians, and other world religions. For 18 years, Collins has served on a spiritual assembly that leads the San Diego Bahai community. "While we encourage people to be close to their holy books and continually investigate the truth, our writings tell us it is a responsibility of ours to help [other faiths] recognize the new writings for this age."

Bahai teaches that God sends a prophet for a specific time period to teach people. The prophet's teachings change as humanity is ready to understand more of God's instruction. "Abraham came while people were hunter-gatherers and unified them into a family. Jacob unified families into tribes, Moses took tribes into a nation, Jesus unified city-states, and Muhammad unified city-states into a nation. Abraham, Krishna, Buddha, Moses, Jesus, Mohammed were a few of the prophets God spoke through. They preached the same spiritual message, even if they taught a different social teaching," said Cameron Banyan. Banyan volunteers to host introductory gatherings to teach visitors the ways of Bahai. Each Monday night, people are invited to his parents' home in the hills of La Jolla to ask questions and learn about Bahai. Last Monday, I was the only person to attend Banyan's introductory session.

"As a species, humanity has progressed to a place where we are now capable of certain truths. We are in a place where we can unite the world. [This unification] will occur within 1000 years," said Collins. Banyan and Collins both believe that one day, because of the prophet Bahaullah, all of earth will be united under the faith of Bahai. "Upon unification, earth will be governed by nine Bahai leaders who run the affairs of earth," said Collins. Susan Collins said this rule will not be enforced against the will of the people. "Humanity will want this."

"The prophet Bahaullah came in 1844 to unify the nations. Bahaullah was the Jewish messiah, the second coming of Jesus Christ, the fifth Buddha and the twelfth Imam the Shiites sought," said Banyan. "Bahaullah came to fulfill the prom-

ises made by the prophets Jesus and Mohammed. Bahaullah began a great transformation of humanity. Through his coming, our society is changing from childhood into an adult. When this happens, human nature will be different."

As part of the unification of earth, Bahai works with the United Nations (UN). "The concept of the UN is aligned with the goals of the Bahai faith, to unite the planet. The UN loves the Bahais. They like the guidance of Bahai's teachings. Our faith shows humanity that even with diversity it is possible to come together in the spirit of fellowship, harmony, and love. Bahai is the second most widespread religion in the world geographically," said Banyan. "There are 2000 different backgrounds in the Bahai faith, whether they are ethnic, religious, or societal. The Jews and Muslims who weren't able to get along now live in peace. White and African-Americans through Bahai love and respect each other." Collins agrees, "We're everywhere, and we're on the same page."

"Today, from the Christians or Muslims we

see, many have a religion of hate. This doesn't line up with the original teachings. Christianity has 20,000 denominations that hate each other. In Ireland, Catholics and Protestants are killing each other. They both believe in Christ, yet they kill each other," said Banyan. "All of these written teachings have been corrupted. Mohammed was illiterate; someone else wrote his teachings down. We know that Jesus' teachings were written up to 60 years after he died. Only Bahaullah has written thousands of writings down with his own hands. That is why we can trust his writings."

Collins said that she does not know what will happen to other religions when the unification occurs. "As part of the unification, there will no longer be any clergy. Humankind has evolved spiritually to a place where they can read these things on their own. We don't need to

have someone tell us what the books say."

After the unification of earth, Banyan said he and other Bahai followers believe the next step is unification with aliens from another planet. "Bahaullah taught over 100 years ago, 'Know most assuredly there are an infinite number of infinite planets.'" Banyan said in the distant future, prophets will unite numerous solar systems together.

I asked Collins what happened to a person after he died. "We believe there is an afterlife, we just don't know much about it. It is like the world of the womb for a baby before they are born," replied Collins. "Our virtue in this life will affect our afterlife. Just like there are levels in our society of wealth or something else, there are levels in the afterlife. We don't believe in heaven or hell, though. Our soul will continue to progress toward God. Yet we don't know what God is. God isn't a person, but attributes, such as goodness, peace, love, mercy, forgiveness."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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Dear Saffron,

My mother-in-law is 78. She's a sweet and generous soul, and sharp as a tack, though she has some physical complaints (arthritis, asthma, etc.). We get along well. She lives alone in New York and has for the past ten years since her husband died. She comes to visit us five or six times a year and stays in our guest room, and my wife and I are happy to have her except for one small problem: Whenever she visits she ends up walking around naked or half naked. She's probably gotten into that habit living alone all this time, though my wife says her mother was never modest about her body. She's staying with us now, and yesterday I came home to find her watching TV in the living room in a pair of ripped panties and a bra which was pretty much falling off. Sometimes she doesn't even bother with the undies. When my wife and I suggest that she put on more clothes, she laughs and waves it off and says she has nothing to hide at her age and that since we're all family she might as well be comfortable. Sometimes she says it's too hot to get dressed until she has to go out. We have a 13-year-old son who isn't too comfortable seeing his granny in the raw, and I don't blame him. I'm a little nonplussed myself. How can we convince grandma to get dressed?

HIDING MY EYES IN ESCONDIDO

Dear Hiding,

Here are several suggestions about how to coax free-spirited granny into more appropriate attire. You and your wife could buy her a few gorgeous bathrobes or loose housedresses, ones that would be to her taste, look elegant, and be a pleasure to wear. If you buy her housedresses, make sure they're the kind she can easily slip over her head. Give them to her gift wrapped, like it was her birthday, and let her open them. When she does, explain that you all love her tremendously, and that it upsets you when she is waltzing around the house half naked. With these robes she'll always have something nice to put on whenever she doesn't want to bother getting fully dressed. Keep them in a special drawer in the guest room she uses so she knows where they are when she comes to visit. Sometimes elderly people don't take the trouble to completely dress themselves because it's physically difficult, painful, and/or tiring for them to wrestle themselves into their clothes. Putting on a robe is very easy and nontaxing. If she complains that it's too hot, turn up the air conditioning! A little chill in the air is a wonderful incentive for getting dressed. You may also have to be more direct with your mother-in-law, confiding to her privately that junior is at an

awkward, adolescent age, and it makes him nervous to see adults right now, even family members, scantily clad. Out of consideration for him, you, and your wife, tell her to not walk about in the near buff.

Dear Saffron,

I have a serious problem. I found out my fiancée is addicted to cocaine. In a past column you gave some numbers one could call for referrals to drug counseling and treatment, but the one you gave for Alcohol and Drug Services for San Diego County is no longer in service. Could you publish those phone numbers again? I need to get her some help before this addiction destroys our relationship.

S.O.S. IN TIERRASANTA

Dear S.O.S.,

Your fiancée is lucky to have a partner who is willing to stick by her and help her become drug free. You can call the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Services at 619-584-5007. Their website might be helpful: www.adp.cahwnet.gov/. You may also find useful general information at the website for the federal government's health and human services department at www.health.org. The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' number is 916-445-1942. They have a wealth of information about treatment programs of all different types in specific cities. Their address is www.adp.cahwnet.gov/help/aod_help.shtml. You could start trying to find appropriate help by consulting your own doctor if you have a doctor you like and trust. He or she might be able to refer you to counseling and treatment.

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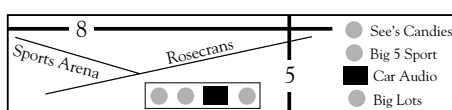
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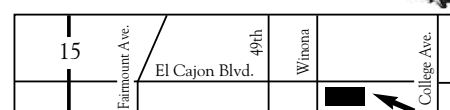
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"We've got ants in the kitchen again," I told my husband Patrick.

"Hmph. That's nothing. My computer is buggy," he grumped in reply. "It's sluggish, and it just isn't working the way I want it to."

"Sounds like you when you have a cold."

"Ha ha. Just for that, you get to help me wipe its nose. Actually, its hard drive."

"It's gonna cost you in foot rubs."

"Story of my life."

Patrick blew me a kiss as I headed out the door and over the hill to Bullseye Computers in La Mesa (619-589-8096).

Owner Bill Dettweiler smiled when I told him Patrick's request. "Typically, when people bring in their computers to have the hard drive wiped, we try to find out if that's what they really need. Sometimes, it's not — they just have one little problem that will take care of everything. So, we try to talk to them, find out what the real problem is. People talk about a computer being slow or buggy. If the hard drive gets too full, the computer slows down. If files get corrupted, then when the file tries to tell the computer what to do, it doesn't do it, because it can't process the corrupted data and send a logical command."

Dettweiler could see that I needed him to back up a bit. "Inside a computer, basically, are a motherboard, a processor, memory chips, a hard drive, and a CD-ROM drive. The motherboard has the memory chips and everything on it; it controls operations. It talks to the hard drive, and routes data to the processor."

The processor, he said, "does the calculation. Everything in a computer is done in bits — ones and zeroes. It processes all that data. If you type the letter 'h' on the keyboard, the motherboard registers that and tells the processor you've typed it. Then the processor says, 'Okay, I'm going to put the letter 'h' in the memory I've allocated for what we're doing right now and show the letter 'h' on the screen.' If you decide to print, the processor tells the printer how to print it. And if you want to save that letter 'h,' the processor sets up a file and puts the letter 'h' on the hard drive."

Dettweiler compared the hard drive to "a parking lot. All the files are cars in the lot. When you want to use a file, you get that car out of the parking lot and drive it to the regular memory — the highway. The processor is directing it."

Then he got back to those corrupted hard drives. "A computer can be fouled maliciously, by viruses or spyware. Spyware watches what you do on the computer — what Internet sites you visit, or what keyboard strokes you make. That slows a computer down. Viruses corrupt files," leading to the bugs Patrick mentioned. "But a power surge can also corrupt a file, because the data is magnetic."

The only way to fix a corrupted hard drive "is to erase everything on the computer and reinstall the operating system. That's called 'wiping' a hard drive. It's basically the same thing as

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formatting a hard drive. You're not actually erasing everything; you're resetting the indexes. Indexes are what the hard drive uses to keep track of data. When the processor sends a command to the hard drive, the hard drive uses an index to find the data. Without the index, the hard drive doesn't know where to find data." So if you remove the old indexes, the corrupted data can't be found.

It is possible to save files, he said, but not software. "If people want to save data, we can do that. We take the files — the cars — and move them to another parking lot: a CD or another hard drive. Then we reset the indexes and reinstall the operating system." After that, the data can be reloaded. Software, however, must be reinstalled from its original discs.

Bullseye does repairs at an hourly rate of \$67.50. "We typically quote an estimate when people bring the computer in, and then try to stick to it. To wipe a hard drive and restore an operating system will normally cost \$67.50," with a two-day turnaround.

Bullseye Computers could not, however, work on Patrick's computer, because it was a Macintosh. "Apple has really limited the availability of information about their computer, and it is a very different computer," said Dettweiler. "All the other PCs run on gas; Apple runs on Kryptonite or something. We don't repair them."

So I rang up Phil Hammerling at Mad Macs in Miramar (858-454-8535). "Macs have an entirely different operating system," he confirmed. "It's like a different set of instructions. And for now, they use a different processor as well. We charge \$75 an hour to work on a computer. Getting a hard drive wiped with data recovery can usually be done in the first hour or two. It depends on how much data, and what type of data it is. But the price is the same for laptops or desktops."

Hammerling also offered a little advice for keeping your hard drive clean: "Do as little as possible. I know the programs I use, and I try not to load a lot of superfluous items. If you don't need it, leave it off your computer. There are people who download a piece of software just because it looks cool, and it eats up resources."

You may have trouble removing it, since it can be stored in little bits and pieces all over the hard drive, and it may cause conflicts."

Other prices around town:

CompUSA, Kearny Mesa (858-573-1000). Diagnostic check and wiping the hard drive: \$99.99 for a desktop, \$139.99 for a laptop. Data recovery, additional \$69.99.

Best Buy, Mira Mesa (858-831-9003). Diagnostic check and wiping the hard drive, \$120. Data recovery, additional \$89.99.

Cry Wolf Computer, Clairemont Mesa (858-277-9653). Rate, \$89 per hour.

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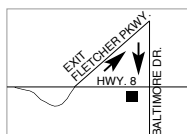
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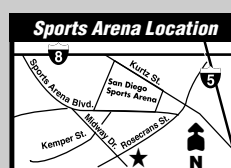
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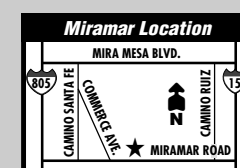
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In the Reader

Thirty Years Ago

I want to get back at my parents for force-feeding me Gerber's and making me clean my plate at butter-knife-point. "Eat it all and become strong like Mad Dog Vachon." (Mad Dog was a wrestler in Quebec who weighed about 300 pounds.)... Since I'm squeamish when it comes to wrestling, society has not left me with much. My only chance is this Christmas when I can don the Santa Claus outfit and act jolly for the Chamber of Commerce.

—"WE THE FAT PEOPLE," Miles J. Watson,
September 18, 1975



San Diego Reader, September 18, 1980

Twenty-Five Years Ago

But Jim Crawford is likely one of the best recognized models in San Diego because of his work with the Highlander clothes stores. For more than six years, he had been the "image man" for Highlander, a man whose face was synonymous with the company. Crawford, though, no longer works for Highlander and has been unemployed for the past two months — a possibly terminal condition for a 33-year-old male model in San Diego.

—"STRIKE A WORRIED POSE," Mark Orwell,
September 18, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

"You're like my opponents. Inquisitive. But they are not to touch me." — Archie Moore
Archie Moore was true to his words. I never really touched him. You don't touch the Mongoose, by consensus the greatest light heavyweight boxing champion of all time; Archie Moore touches you. In 228 professional bouts between 1936 and 1963, he touched 140 men unconscious, a knockout record that many boxing experts believe will never be broken. He won 193 fights and lost 26. A San Diego resident since 1938, Moore is now probably 72 — he has never revealed his true age — but he belies the image of the old boxer as punch-drunk palooka.

—"A FEW ROUNDS WITH THE MONGOOSE,"
Neal Matthews, September 19, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Many paths end in San Diego. But none, perhaps, as twisted as the path that brought civil rights pioneer James Meredith to Mission Hills.

Meredith in 1962 became the first black man to enroll at the University of Mississippi.

"Pretty soon liberals are going to get knocked out of the saddle somewhere in this country. I think San Diego is that place, mainly because it's so controlled. No city in America is as controlled as

San Diego. A very small network of people — fewer than 50 — run San Diego. When they see the liberal solutions are not working, my solutions will be listened to in San Diego like no other city in America."

—CITY LIGHTS: "MEREDITH OF MISSION HILLS,"
Colin Flaherty, September 20, 1990

Ten Years Ago

Three survivors of the '90s grunge takeover recline around a patio table. Four-button suits and skinny ties. The most vocal of the three, Bart, says, "There're just not enough Mods to form a scene here anymore." The San Diego Mod scene may be in disarray, but Bart's in the Shambles. And the Shambles, a local, '60s-influenced power-pop band, may be just the thing for beleaguered audiences seeking to escape the clutches of the "alternative" empire.

—LOCALS: "JUST NOT ENOUGH MODS,"
Cody Petterson, September 14, 1995

Five Years Ago

Dear Matthew Alice:

My husband and I enjoy the savory, thick bacon that we get with breakfast at the Original Pancake House and at Mission Café. Is it available to "ordinary" folks? The lovable Mission Café treat is called smoked apple bacon. The best I can tell, it's wholesale only. The Original Pancake House restaurants (Poway and Kearny Mesa) serve Hormel's Old Smoke House bacon, but not the kind you find in the supermarket. Theirs is a wholesale-only 9/13 bacon — 9 to 13 slices to the pound. Common supermarket bacon is a flimsy 14/16.

—STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP, Matthew Alice,
September 14, 2000

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DAISY CHAIN

by Josh Board

Haley threw a *Dukes of Hazzard* theme party at her new Pacific Beach apartment. She wore Daisy Duke cut-offs and a Western shirt.

On the small lawn in front of her apartment there were about 25 people crowded in with kegs and bales of hay. I asked Haley where she got the hay, and she told me a barn in Santee.

Haley brought me a Jack and Coke and introduced me to her friends. Half the crowd wasn't dressed in the *Dukes of Hazzard* theme. I met a red-head dressed in cut-off shorts and snap-button shirt, which was tied at the bottom, and her friend was dressed like the orange Charger the Duke boys drove. She had a license plate around her neck and the number 01 on her back. The redhead and her friend are both from Ireland and are going back home in mid-September. I asked them if they knew about the *Dukes of Hazzard* TV show. "Oh, all the American shows are aired in Ireland." We talked about *The Office*, a British show that we all watch.

When I mentioned their Irish accents, they told me that everyone thinks they are from England. The redhead



said, "We've been asked if we were from Australia, too. I couldn't believe somebody asked if we were from Boston a few weeks ago. I can understand a person not knowing what an Australian accent sounds like...but Boston?"

They told me that they like parties because everyone can drink. At the bars, you



I asked Haley if her neighbors would complain about the noise. "We have some Mormons that live up

"We have some Mormons that live up there. They already looked at us and then slammed the window shut."

have to be 21. (They are 20 and 21.) The older one said, "In Ireland, you can drink when you're 18. And everyone does." I asked them about the stereotype of Irish drinkers. She said, "It's true. We drink a lot."

there. They already looked at us and then slammed the window shut."

I grabbed some BBQ chips and watched a crowd of people play beer pong. Cups of beer are set at one end of a table, and you have to bounce

a Ping-Pong ball into the cup to force another person to drink it down.

Then they played a cup-flipping game that didn't involve drinking. The two teams were screaming. I asked one player if he had money riding on the game. "No, but you still want to win."

A girl asked him to be quieter. She was trying to talk on her cell phone. He said, "Not unless that's George Bush on the phone!"

I talked to one guy that was worried the party would be shut down. He said the

cops came by the night before at 10:00 p.m. "We only had four people on the patio playing Ping-Pong."

I said, "It's after midnight. It won't be a big deal if they come now, since the party's been going for a while."

"I want the party to go at least until 2:00 a.m.," he replied. "That's when the bars close. Otherwise, the night is ruined if the party is shut down any earlier. People wouldn't have time to go to the bars, or do anything else they may have."

Since I wasn't joining in the drinking games, Haley kept coming over to talk with me. I think she felt guilty that I was just chilling out by myself and watching the crowd. I found out most guests were SDSU students and that she's close to graduating.

I asked her how often people mispronounce her name. "Oh, all the time. It's hard to tell somebody my name in a bar. I have to repeat it five times." I said, "It's easy, because you can say 'like Haley's Comet.'" She said, "His name actually isn't pronounced like that, though." At that point, the

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story of how her name is pronounced started to confuse me. Maybe it was the Jack and Coke getting to me.

One of Haley's roommates was a tall, thin blonde who looked like the actress Heather Graham. She always had a drink in her hand but

never seemed to get tipsy. She would greet people as they showed up, smiling and holding conversations, and she'd walk people to the gate as they left.

One of the Irish girls started playing beer pong. It looked as if she were winning. I asked her

friend where in Ireland they were from. She said, "Limerick." I asked her what her favorite limerick was. A guy from Nashville, who had a thicker accent than the girls, said, "There once was a man from Nantucket..."

She told me that one of her friends from Limer-

ick was the guy who founded the band the Cranberries, but he was kicked out six months before they made it big. (I guess every group has a Pete Best.)

I asked her if she were homesick and she told me, "Not at all. I'm going to be sick when I have to go home. Don't get me wrong. I'm close with my family. I write twice a week. But there are such nice people here. I don't ever want to leave." As we were talking, she pointed out two guys who'd showed up. "They're from Ireland, too." She didn't know them but said, "You can just tell."

I heard the guy talk, and he did have an Irish accent. She told me about the Irish students in San Diego. "In America, I'm the designated beer purchaser. I'm 21, but a lot of my friends are 18 and 19. Parties like this are the only opportunity they have to drink."

It was after 2:00 a.m., and I decided to head out. I told a couple guys near the sidewalk that they should've dressed up. One said, "I'm not even sure how Bo and Luke, or whatever their names are...how they dressed. I can sing that song though."

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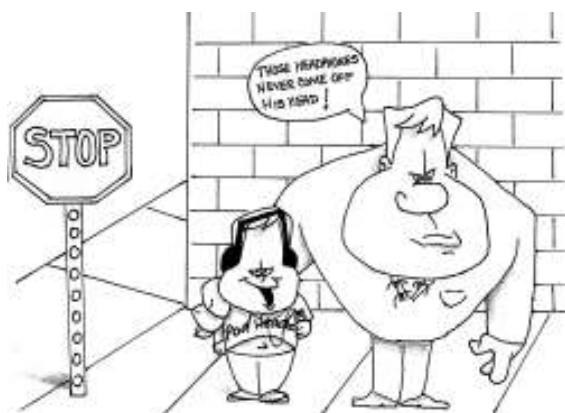
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She's gorgeous,
she's pushy, she
gets what she
wants, and
because she works
with movie stars
every day, she's
quick to shatter
the popular belief
that they are
perfect.

What's that?" David asked, pointing to the bag of romaine lettuce on the conveyor belt. I had hoped he would be too distracted with the electronic thingamajig he was running his credit card through to notice my sly maneuver of slipping the periodicals beneath the lettuce.

"What's *what*?" I responded, thinking *Good one, Barb. Keep up the idiot act and he'll never suspect a thing.*

David reached over and, as though shooing a fly, brushed off the bag of lettuce to reveal my little stash of magazines. "Those," he said quietly.

It was too late for him to do what he did last time, which was put the divider between our groceries and my magazines and pretend he didn't know me; the girl behind the checkout counter already knew we were together. I decided to take advantage of the situation and embarrass him.

"Oh, *these*?" I said, loud enough for cashiers and customers within a two-aisle radius to hear. "I picked these up for *you*, beh beh! I know how you've been following Britney's pregnancy, and didn't you just tell me last night that you were concerned Nickie and Paris would never speak to each other again?" David's expression was priceless. Why didn't I tease him in public more often? He had no idea who I was talking about, but

his face still reddened when he caught the cashier's lips curling up in amusement on his behalf.

I never used to buy gossip magazines like *People* and *Star*. In fact, I used to look down on others who did. *What a waste of money*, I thought. *Who gives a shit whether or not some woman I've never met and probably wouldn't like is cheating on her fiancé?* Even now I tell myself I don't care. I don't care if Brad is serious about Angelina. I don't care if Paris dumped Tinkerbell for a smaller purse pooch. And why would I care who wore what to that recent awards show I didn't even watch? Despite my apathy, despite my disgust at the petty problems of the rich and famous, I can't seem to stop myself from sneaking them in with my groceries, hiding them beneath other products whether or not David is with me. I want to know what celebrities are like in *real life*.

I remember the precise moment when my trashy-mag vice began. I was in San Francisco for Grace's bachelorette party last year and met her friend Alex for the first time. Alex is a hot bitch in every way — she's gorgeous, she's pushy, she gets what she wants, and because she works with movie stars every day, she's quick to shatter the popular belief that they are perfect. Alex strutted into the hotel room in white pants and stiletto heels and, with a flip of her long, dark hair, tossed a

magazine on the bed next to me and launched into an explanation as to exactly how she obtained for us the best room in the hotel for the cheapest rate — and that, "by the way," complimentary bottles of wine were being brought up by a bellhop at any moment for our "trouble."

The headline on the cover of the magazine caught my eye: "Stars Without Makeup." While I listened in awe as Alex described for the room full of curious women the dates she'd been on with one A-lister after another, I flipped through the magazine. Were these pictures PhotoShopped? Or could it be possible that this model or that actress was pockmarked or freckle-faced? As though reading my mind, Alex said, "I always pick up a few of these magazines before I get on the plane. Let me tell you, none of these people are good looking in real life." Drawing from her personal experiences, Alex explained how much lighting and post-production work goes into removing all of the "flaws" from actors and actresses.

I hate to admit that I found this information liberating. If someone like Alex wasn't ashamed of spending money on those fluffy rag-mags, it must be an acceptable thing to do. It's in my nature to be nosy about other people's lives, whether those people are high-profile or not. But there is an aura of mysticism that surrounds celebrities, one that keeps

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the public yearning to learn more about them.

When I lived in Hollywood I was submerged in the subject of entertainment. I knew a woman named Fancy Free (I'm not kidding). Fancy was dubbed a "starfucker" because she would only date men who had *starred* in (costars never made the cut) a movie or television series. Most of my friends wanted to *be* stars — auditioning by day, waiting tables by night, and getting a small break every now and then. Everybody else I knew, from coworkers to newscasters, was content to simply talk about stars.

"Did you hear about the latest divorce?"

"No, do tell! And then I have to fill you in on the party last night. You'll never guess who I saw there!" No conversation was complete without mention of who was spotted walking down Santa Monica Boulevard or sitting outside a café on Sunset. Other people's sightings are boring — hearing about such an encounter is the pale, scrawny cousin of experiencing it firsthand. What is it about seeing someone famous in the flesh that gets most of us so excited?

At David's last photographic art exhibition in L.A. I trailed off in the middle of a sentence and announced in an emphatic whisper, "Oh my *GOD*, Zach Braff just walked in the door," to the woman I had been explaining long exposures to.

"Zach who?" She asked, following my star-studded gaze. "You mean the guy next to Mandy Moore?"

"Mandy who?" Now it was my turn to be stumped. But no sooner had I asked the question than I decided coming up with a scheme to speak with Zach was more important than finding out who the tall chick on his arm was. I loved his character on *Scrubs*, but it was his movie, *Garden State*, that I had watched with David just last week that sealed my affections for the actor/writer/director.

Luckily, I didn't have to tap my creative reserves trying to figure out how to strike up a conversation with

the handsome talent for too long — Zach approached David. I inched my way with-in hearing distance in time to catch Zach talking about the print he owns from one of David's editions. David, as though nothing extraordinary was occurring, was

doing what he always does at his gallery openings — humbly accepting praise.

"Hi!" I interrupted. I couldn't help myself. To Zach, I blurted, "Since you're a fan of David's, and he's my man, and we're fans of yours, I'd like to take a

picture of the two of you together." *Smooth.*

"I'd be honored," said Zach. I took the picture and managed to add, "I love your work!" before turning to rejoin my friends at the other end of the gallery and show off the gem on my

camera.

Later that night, I raved about all the celebrities who showed up to see David's work and what a nice guy Zach turned out to be.

"Yeah, he was terrifically nice. And he looked familiar," said David. "How do

we know him?"

"What?!" I screeched.

"Are you kidding? You mean to tell me you were talking to *Zach Braff* and you didn't even realize who he was? Wait here," I told him, and I dashed off to retrieve my latest supermarket stash. ■

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Marks then explains how he tried to get out of a tour of his own, his second deployment with the Marines to Iraq. He says he pulled every string he could think of to avoid the duty. But finally, he says, he had to acquiesce in God's will.

After church, in the chaplain offices across the street, Marks tells me that the Navy first assigned him in May 2002 to the United States Marine Corps, Seventh Engineer Support Battalion. He deployed with them to Iraq the following March and was there for the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "We went all over Iraq, wherever there was a need for construction or engineering. We supported the ground troops." He did the same kind of work during his second tour in 2004, but this time he worked with Combat Service Support Battalion One. "We did the same things, building stuff and retrieving downed vehicles."

Did Iraqi insurgents, I ask, ever attack your battalions?

"Every day. And we lost a few people," says Marks, not volunteering to elaborate.

During his second tour, the Navy assigned Marks additional duty with Bravo Surgical Company near Fallujah. "That was a very tough place to work," he says, "a unique ministry. We sometimes had to get medical personnel to treat the wounded even if they weren't on our team. That's part of the ethics they take on, not to be angry with enemy combatants and attack them in the medical facility.

"Beyond that, there were things you saw that you never want to see again in your life. When the casualties came in, and if the injured requested one, I was the go-to chaplain for the company. Because of my denomination, I don't do last rites. But I will pray with somebody in a minute.

"Still, as bad as things were," says Marks, "so many wonderful things came through there. We had some of the best patch-and-get-them-back work that was going in Iraq. The medical staff performed wonders. The technology has come so far beyond the days

of World War II and Korea and Vietnam. They were able to treat our wounded on the front lines and get them back. And if they couldn't, they did a heck of a job of sending them someplace where further medical treatment could be given."

I ask whether Marks "preached" outside of chapel, whether during the desperate circumstances of Iraq he ever tried to convert any non-Christian Marines. A chaplain proselytizing, he tells me, "is never appropriate in the military. I'm not here on active duty to convert anybody from Islam, or any other religion, to be a Baptist. When I'm in chapel, I preach what I believe. But not outside."

* * *

The 36-year-old Marks grew up in Tennessee and had extensive military experience before becoming a chaplain. At age 18, he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve, then graduated from Tennessee Tech University with an Army ROTC commission as a nuclear biological chemical warfare officer. After a stint in the Army, he attended seminary at the Interdenominational Theological

Center in Atlanta, Georgia. There he was ordained a minister in the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the largest African-American denomination and the second-largest Baptist church after the Southern Baptist Convention. The denomination is noted for placing great emphasis on social outreach.

"In the ministry, we say that we have a calling upon our lives," states Marks, "and I knew a long time ago that I was going to serve God's people in the military. I was a chaplain in the Air Force Reserves. Eventually, after a lot of prayer, I requested that I be endorsed to go on active duty in the Navy Chaplain Corps. The denomination has an agent who signs off on a document and sends it to the Navy, saying we endorse him fully to become a chaplain."

In 2002, Marks joined the chaplaincy, first attending the Naval Chaplains School in Newport, Rhode Island. Since he was bound for a Marine ground unit, he also attended the Marines' Chaplain and Religious Program Specialist Expeditionary Skills Training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Among other things, the schools teach chaplains, who may have no previous experience in the military, how to relate to enlisted personnel and officers of various ranks. "But also," says Marks, "not everyone is a believer in what the chaplains do, or even a believer in God, so in order for us to be able to speak to people properly, we also have to have ranks."

All chaplains come into the Navy as officers. "Right now, my command is the Naval Base Coronado, and I'm a lieutenant," says Marks. "There's a certain respect that comes to me from that, and I have to have a corresponding respect for others." Chaplains are paid by the military services, not by their churches. So besides the status and influence they carry, ranks determine their salary ranges.

Since at least 2000, a number of disputes over fairness in promotions have arisen among evangelical Navy chaplains. I ask Marks if he has opinions about these disputes. He tells me he has heard about them,

everyone

TO NAVY CHAPLAINS

but “I believe that if God wants me to be somewhere or to do a certain task, God’s going to equip me to do it. I don’t worry about those other things. They’re not important to me,” he says.

* * *

According to an August 6, 2001, story in *Christianity Today*, “[Lieutenant Commander] Patrick M. Sturm, a Navy chaplain based in San Diego, filed suit after being denied promotion five years in a row. After seeking reconsideration by a naval board and filing his suit in federal district court, Sturm was promoted retroactively. The Navy then sought to have the case dismissed.

“U.S. District Judge Thomas J. Whelan dismissed the part of the suit relating to Sturm’s promotions but decided to consider his claims of stacked selection boards within the Navy.

“The pleadings contain specific and detailed factual allegations which suggest the Navy may be favoring certain religious groups over others,” Whelan wrote, ‘causing an unconstitutional religious preference or an infringement upon plaintiff’s rights to religious freedom.’ ”

This summer, on July 12, Laurie Goodstein wrote an article in the *New York Times* called “Evangelicals Are Growing Force in the Military Chaplain Corps.” The article shows how the numbers of evangelical chaplains are increasing, while chaplains from mainline denominations are decreasing.

“Figures provided by the Air Force,” wrote Goodstein, “show that from 1994 to 2005 the number of chaplains from many evangelical and Pentecostal churches rose, some doubling. For example, chaplains from the Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministries International increased to 10 from none. The Church of the Nazarene rose to 12 from 6.

“At the same time, the number of chaplains from the Roman Catholic Church declined to 94 from 167, and there were declines in more liberal, mainline Protestant churches: the United Church of Christ to 3 from 11, the United Methodist Church

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**“I WAS THE GO-TO
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Top: Chaplain Dan Reardon and Chaplain Kyle Fauntleroy put up cross for the Easter Sunrise Service, USS Nimitz;
bottom: Camp Bullrush, Kuwait, chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Michael L. Greenwalt leads a Protestant service

to 50 from 64.

"Other branches of the military did not make available similar statistics, but officials say they are seeing the same trend."

But in its final section, the article mentions a group of 50 evangelical chaplains that has filed a class-action lawsuit against the Navy for dismissing some of them and denying the promotions of others. One plaintiff in the suit, Lieutenant Commander David S. Wilder, "a 20-year Navy chaplain...said that his troubles began on Okinawa after the more

senior Episcopal chaplain stepped in and interrupted his worship service. He says that that chaplain has blocked his promotion.

"There's a pecking order in the Navy chaplain corps," Commander Wilder said, "and at the very top is the Roman Catholics and just below them are the Episcopalians and Lutherans. And if you're an evangelical nonliturgical Christian of some type, you're down on the bottom."

Father David Mitchell is a Catholic Navy chaplain working in Southern California. To allow



Navy chaplain delivers communion aboard USS George Washington

him to speak freely about the alleged Navy discrimination against evangelical chaplains, he requests that his real name not be used in this story. Mitchell says he

has spoken with several of the current evangelical litigants and has the impression that "their lawsuit is not really about discrimination so much as it is about the

nature of the chaplain corps." A Catholic layman told Mitchell he got the same impression after attending a meeting on the East Coast for officials of various churches, where the litigants explained their lawsuit.

"Will the Chaplain Corps and chaplains," Mitchell writes to me by e-mail, "continue to respond to the expressed religious preferences of service members, or will they become actively evangelical? Will we take the religious affiliation of service members as a given and seek to provide for the free exercise of those religions, or will we see the military primarily as an opportunity for evangelization? The litigants deeply resent the policies of pluralism and inclusion that govern operation of the chaplain corps and by which they are evaluated as chaplains and officers. To them, evangelical Chris-

tianity is the normative American religion, and they see no reason why this should not be reflected in their functioning as chaplains, even at official command functions.

"To this," Mitchell writes, "I would add that there is certainly room for evangelization in the military, especially among the unchurched. It's a matter of style and timing. I have had many conversions to the Catholic faith. But this always has been as a result of the converts' initiatives."

The *New York Times* story describes the following approach to the issue by the current Air Force deputy chief of chaplains: "[Brigadier General Cecil Richardson]...said in an interview, 'We will not proselytize, but we reserve the right to evangelize the unchurched.' The distinction, he said, is that proselytizing is trying to

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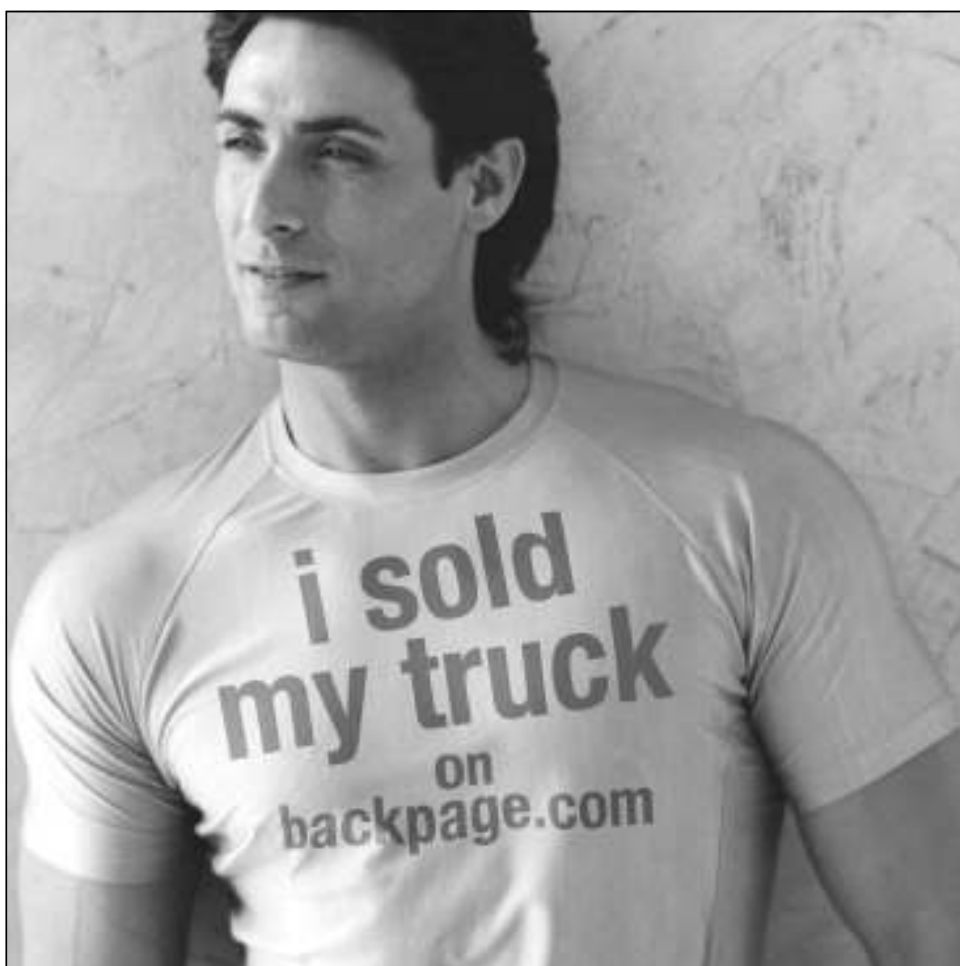
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convert someone in an aggressive way, while evangelizing is more gently sharing the gospel."

In fairness, the article also reports Richardson saying "that although his faith required him to evangelize, he would help accommodate the faiths of others. 'I am an Assemblies of God, pound-the-pulpit preacher, but I'll go to the ropes for the Wiccan,' he said, if that group wanted permission to celebrate a religious ritual."

Chaplain Marks says his duties never require

him to preach to mixed groups anyway. "We have Jewish chaplains and lay leaders," he says. "We have Muslim chaplains. If a faith group out there is different than ours, we try to help them find a place to worship for themselves."

"Sometimes we do have ecumenical services and present a service we all participate in. But at that time, we're not trying to proselytize our different faiths. We're coming together to show a united chaplain force, and I think that speaks volumes to the type of ministry that's unique to an active-duty chaplain's

work.

"When people ask us questions," Marks continues, "it sometimes opens up an opportunity to say, 'Have you given this some thought, have you given it a try?' But if a person comes into my office for counseling, I would never say, 'You wouldn't have these financial problems if you believe, like I do, in Jesus Christ.'" Instead, Marks says he would send the person to Fleet Family Services, where they can receive professional training in financial matters.

"But if they say something like, 'You

know, chaplain, I don't know about this God thing, tell me your thoughts,' then I have an opportunity to tell them this is what I believe and why I believe it. Whether they choose to believe it or not, that's still on them. But the person has opened up the doors for that to happen."

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Father Mitchell had no military experience before requesting the church to allow him to enter the chaplaincy in his early 40s. "In this," he writes, "I was greatly influenced by the military chaplains I had

come to know over the years. To a man, they were positive and enthusiastic about their work. This was in marked contrast to the general run of priests I had encountered while giving retreats and hearing confessions. At the time of the 1991 Gulf War, there was a general call for volunteers, and several priest chaplains I knew contacted me. I asked permission but was sure my superiors would say no. Much to my surprise, they said yes."


Later by phone, Mitchell tells me that, in relations with all his Protestant colleagues, he emphasizes their common faith in Christ and takes them with total seriousness as ministers of the gospel. He admits that Catholic chaplains have fared better in the Navy than their evangelical counterparts. But, thinks Mitchell, Navy discrimination is not the reason.

"The slots in the chaplain corps for different faith groups are, to a large extent," he says, "assigned not on the basis of how many people write their name down in the dog-tag information as Catholic or Presbyterian or Jewish or Muslim but on the attendance records of chapels. It's like medical clinics. You have certain numbers of patients who come in for gynecological conditions, a certain number with heart problems, so the medical corps recruits and retains doctors in specialties based on those statistics. Now, we've got so many people showing up on weekends for church in this group or that, and we need to recruit and retain chaplains to take care of them."

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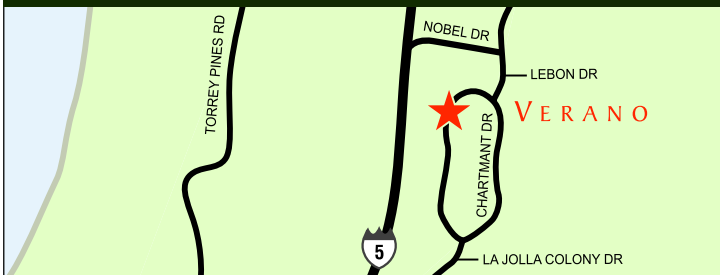
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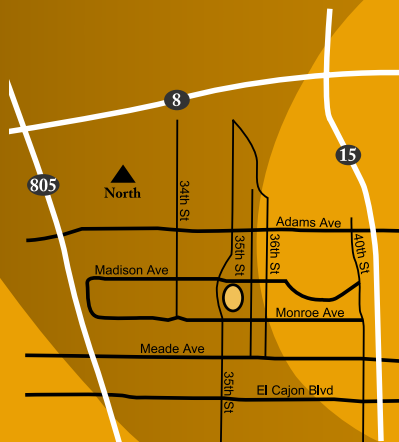
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lump all the Baptists together, they would equal roughly the number of Catholics. The military's religious population is approximately 30 percent Baptist and 30 percent Catholic. The final 40 percent breaks

down into all the other different groups. There are a lot of churches that are moving toward non-denominationalism, but in theology and practice they are Baptists."

But despite the roughly equal size of the

Catholic and Baptist contingents in the Navy, Catholics participate in religious services at the base chapels far more than Baptists. Mitchell finds a major reason for that in the fundamental difference between

Catholicism and evangelical Protestantism. And "soul competency" is a crucial notion in this difference.

Mitchell says that soul competency came to his attention after reading Yale University

professor Harold Bloom's 1993 book *The American Religion: The Emergence of the Post-Christian Nation*. "The Chaplain Corps — we had more money in the early '90s — bought it for all of us to read," he

says. "The book takes several typically American religions — the Mormons, the Seventh-Day Adventists, and the Baptists, among others — and looks at them in the context of Christian history. And this was very interesting for me to read, because I was encountering evangelical Protestantism for the first time then. The kind of Protestants I had grown up with were mostly Episcopalians and Methodists and Presbyterians, what we call 'mainline churches' where I come from."

Mitchell continues: "Among the Baptists, especially, Bloom points out a crucial role for the concept — they probably wouldn't call it a doctrine — of soul competency, namely, that the scriptures mean what they mean for me and that I am capable of interpreting them without any outside help. So the Bible, or something in the Bible, can legitimately mean one thing for you and another thing for me."

The Catholic Church traditionally has considered this tendency to be far too relativistic. But due to soul competency's emphasis on a direct relation of Christians to God and the Bible, without intermediaries, Baptist theologians see it as firmly rooted in the trajectory of Martin Luther's "priesthood of all believers." As such, the concept deemphasizes the regulatory role of ecclesiastical bodies and officials in Christian thought and elevates unique, individual faith.

Father Mitchell sees soul competency's influence in the recent proliferation of independent churches. "It's not fashionable in certain quarters to have a denominational label nowadays," he says. "Evangelicals, especially, are very focused on the local

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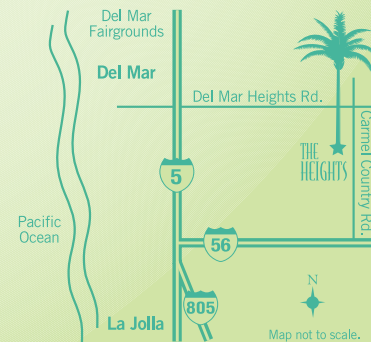
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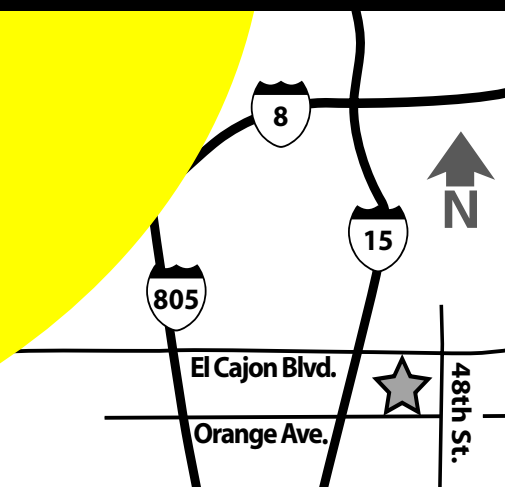
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church, thinking of themselves as belonging to that Valley Stream Baptist in Kentucky, or wherever they're from. And if they move someplace else, they may or may not find another church like it to attend. It depends on whether or not they're comfortable at the churches they try. That's the exact opposite of Catholics, who will go to the nearest Mass, gen-

erally, wherever it is."

Thus, when Catholics come from other parts of the country to serve the Navy and Marine Corps in California, they are much likelier to be satisfied with the Catholic service offered on base than a Baptist is with the Protestant service commonly offered in the same chapel. "If they go to church, and I assume they do," says Mitchell, "the evangelicals go to

town, because they're looking for what they consider to be a real church. They don't want to go to a general Protestant service on base, whose nature depends on the chaplain's denomination. In fact, many Protestant chaplains have a weekend job where they help out at a church in town."

Chaplain Marks speaks of the phenomenon in a similar way, but, as expected, he is more

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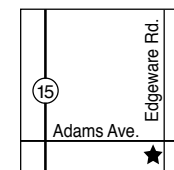


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appreciative. "Sure, that happens all the time," he says. "We have Southern Baptist, American Baptist churches, and other denominations off base, and people go where they feel most comfortable. So if you know there's a church out there that has a style of worship similar to what you've been to, yes, we encourage you to go there. Then again, some people like the chapels on base better than the outside churches."

When it comes to independent churches, "We say that God occasionally will inspire somebody without any special background to plant a church," says Marks. "They just decide to open up the doors in their homes or in a storefront, and they attract more and more members due to the approach and the gifts and talents they bring to the ministry. So it grows and grows, and then you've

got an independent church out there. A more direct relationship to God might inspire someone to start a church in that way. That's how Martin Luther started."

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Chaplain Mitchell thinks that "a vast majority of the Protestants go to these neighborhood churches, unless you're in Japan or Iceland or someplace like that. Even in Japan, you go outside the base gate, and there are all of these storefront American Protestant churches, some of them founded by retired chaplains who marry local girls. In Seoul there are several large American churches, and they cater to the military population. They deliver what the sailors and Marines want."

These considerations, thinks Mitchell, and not the numbers of sailors identifying themselves as having this reli-

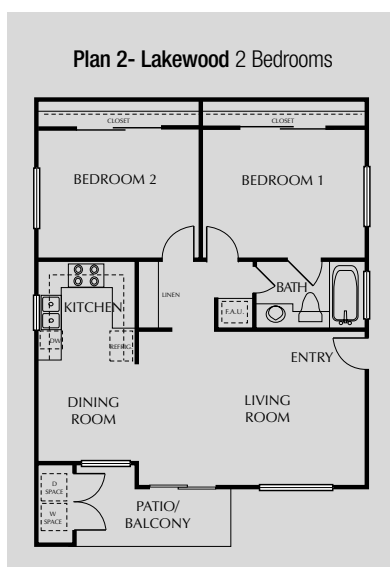
gious affiliation or that, explain why "inside the military setting, Catholics are the overwhelming majority of those participating in religious services. I can give you an example to illustrate this," he tells me. "I have been stationed at Camp Lejeune twice in my career. And there are 40,000 Marines stationed in Camp Lejeune, with wives and kids. So a total military population of about 100,000. I would say half of them live on the base and the other half live in town. I'm just estimating.

"And at Camp Lejeune, when it was built in 1945," Mitchell goes on, "they decided to give each faith group its own chapel, so there's a Catholic chapel, a Protestant chapel, a synagogue, a Russian Orthodox church, and we even now have a little building set aside as a fledgling mosque. On a typical Sunday, we would



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have three Masses, and we had at least 250 people at every Mass. But depending on the time of year, that could go up to 500, and at Christmas and Easter, 700 at the main Mass. We also had 550 children in Sunday school, whereas down the road at the Protestant chapel, which is bigger than the Catholics', they typically would have 35 or 40 people at their one service, and they had about 12 kids in their Sunday school.

"But, of course, the Catholic Church has never been able to produce enough priests to fill its quotas," Mitchell

says. "So, ironically, when John O'Connor, who later became Cardinal, Archbishop of New York, was the chief of chaplains, he decided to open up the slots that the Catholics couldn't fill to the nonmainline churches, primarily the evangelicals. This was a means of bringing smaller groups into the chaplain corps."

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"We have two functions in the chaplain corps," says Mitchell. "Primarily, we are commissioned as officers to act as ministers of our faith group." But second, he says,

chaplains must serve all military personnel, whether Buddhist, Jewish, Wiccan, or whatever. So chaplains often must pray in such a way that everyone hearing it "can say amen to the prayer." At a Memorial Day service or retirement ceremony, he says, the Navy expects the prayers to be broad and inclusive. "This is all explained. You get it in chaplain's school day in and day out. So it's not like this is some kind of surprise.

"And specifically," Mitchell continues, "you can't be praying to our Lord Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Now, it's not difficult to write a prayer — I do it all the time — that is obviously Christian in every respect except that you don't mention the name of Christ."

But here, the chaplains' primary function — to represent their own faith group — can move some of them in the opposite direction. "Some of these guys," says Mitchell, "can't bring themselves to offer the inclusive prayer. It's very difficult for them, because in their churches, they have to pray in Jesus' name. No other prayer is heard by the Father. They take a

very literalist approach."

In her *New York Times* article from this summer, Laurie Goodstein writes that Evangelical Episcopal Church chaplain Gordon James Klingenschmitt complained that "he was warned by commanders that his approach to the ministry was not inclusive enough. When a Catholic sailor on his ship died, Lieutenant Klingenschmitt said he preached at a memorial service and emphasized that for those who did not accept Jesus, 'God's wrath remains upon him.'"

"After that and sev-

eral other incidents, Lieutenant Klingenschmitt's commanding officer recommended that the Navy not renew his chaplain contract.

"The lieutenant is fighting to remain in the military. 'The Navy wants to impose its religion on me,' he said. 'Religious pluralism is a religion. It's a theology all by itself.'"

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Father Mitchell maintains that the smaller, evangelical groups don't always have the highest educational standards. "Proper academic credentials," he says, "are a



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master's degree or the equivalent. But any group claiming to be religious can get recognized as an endorsing agent if they have a small number of people in the service to minister to." Mitchell thinks that among some of the smaller groups the versions of "the equivalent" often are subpar. And that, rather than discrimination by the Navy, is another reason the evangelicals are experiencing delays in their promotions.

Of course, every minister working in the Navy receives specialized training. But Mitchell points out that chaplain school is "built on the assumption that you are already competent as a counselor and a public speaker, that you're schooled in the liberal arts, and that you can write standard English. A lot of those are issues that come up later," says Mitchell with a laugh, "when chaplains get out to the fleet. The idea is that we're not training these men and women as ministers or priests or rabbis; we're giving them the Navy's and the Marine Corps's side of the picture, so that the chaplains can function in their context.

"Chaplain school is a little over a two-month course," Mitchell continues. "It's very similar to Officer Indoctrination School that doctors, lawyers, dentists, nurses, and people like that go through when they come in with a direct commission. These people have a prior professional competency, as opposed to people who go through Officer Candidate School. That's for line officers.

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sure you've seen this in movies. Marine gunnery sergeants or drill instructors traditionally train Navy officers, because Navy enlisted people aren't into marching and all that stuff. They're so laid back it just doesn't work. But in our case, it's important, because most of us go in our first tour to be a battalion chaplain with the Marines, and we really need to have a sense of how to behave with them.

"And you learn about writing a budget and the administrative side of the Navy, how that works. Then, of course, you need to find out all about the Navy's health-care system because you're constantly going to advise people and their families who are having health problems. They teach you the code of conduct for prisoners of war and all about the military criminal justice system. Chaplains' school is situated at

the Naval War College in Newport. They bring in people from all these different kinds of expertise to teach us. It's the Navy's graduate school, so it's a very interesting place to be," says Mitchell.

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I ask Chaplain Marks whether, during his tours in Iraq, soldiers ever came to him with misgivings about the war or about their role as combatants. "It happens occasionally," he says. "There are the conscientious objectors. We question their beliefs and try to help them through the military's process for dealing with that. Sometimes it's in the best interest of the military that these persons are released from active duty. Other times they may need to be taken away from a combat environment, where they actually have to take up arms. We make recommendations to com-

manders. An advisory role is one thing we do, but that's all.

"The conscientious objectors may have been through a traumatic event out in the field. Sometimes people find themselves in harm's way and get in a position where they have to kill somebody. And they really didn't want to kill anybody. They do want to protect and fight for their country. But you never know how you're going to feel when you actually know you pulled the trigger and killed somebody. You had seen that person in your sight alignment. That affects different people different ways. Not only that, but they may have seen their best buddy, their bunkmate, somebody they slept with in the fighting position, get blown up. Then they don't want to continue on.

"And psychological trauma happens, something like post-traumatic

stress disorder. I'm not a medical doctor, but we do have people who have various degrees of that, so we try to make sure they get the best medical care the Navy has to offer. Things are in place now to allow the Navy to do more follow-ups in the medical profession, conducting interviews 90 days out, 6 months, a year out, to help our military members handle what they're dealing with. We've learned a lot of lessons from Vietnam."

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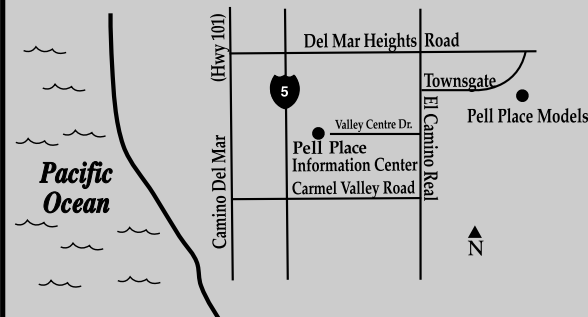
How much can chaplains go to bat for rank-and-file individuals? "You can be an advocate for enlisted personnel," says Chaplain Mitchell, "but you can't do it in an adversarial way. And many folks in ministry come into the Navy with that 'fighting-city-hall mentality,' especially if they come from a church tradition that is socially

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active. So that's often a sticking point, and some chaplains don't quite get it. I had a confrontational Catholic chaplain with me once, and he would never go to staff meetings because he didn't want to be identified with the higher-ups. But what happened, then, was that he couldn't use his rank as an officer to help the enlisted. He had no access to the commanding officer because he didn't make himself available to him. In other words, he didn't know

how to work within the system."

Yet a chaplain who constantly brings problems to commanders' attention, says Mitchell, would be like a supply officer who is so meticulous in doing his job that "he makes life difficult and is no longer an asset. The brass frowns on any kind of disturbance. And military ethos is very traditional. They see religion as a foundation of society and a support to the command. Part of our job is to pour oil on the water.

"And that may be why the mainline churches that have gone to the far left don't have as many ministers in the chaplain corps as they used to. You know, the Navy chaplain corps was basically Episcopalian and Catholic until the 1950s, and if you go to those older Navy chapels at Norfolk and Camp Lejeune — not so much out here — they are Episcopal churches, somewhat Low Church, but nonetheless, they definitely have that Episcopal look. And for wor-

ship, they had this thing called 'Protestant divine service,' which was a modified version of the Book of Common Prayer. And if you weren't a Catholic, that's where you went on Sunday."

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Chaplains spend some of their time in "deck plate" ministries, Robert Marks tells me. Those amount to going "into enlisted people's workspaces. We walk the floor, the decks, to see how they're doing and to keep morale up,

because anytime you're deployed, especially if you haven't seen land or just stay away from home for a long time, morale goes down."

Father Mitchell says he goes to lots of "boring" meetings. So he prints material from the Web to take along for reading. "But it's important for the chaplain to be seen at the table with the commanding officer as part of the command, to be seen as a player," he says. For instance, take "navigation briefs," which Mitchell says

everyone on a ship, "from the captain to the youngest seaman, uses to review the procedures for getting underway or returning to port." The briefs give young officers an opportunity to practice making presentations. "So not to go to them," Mitchell says, "would be an insult."

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Depression must strike some sailors on long deployments, I say. "They don't even have to be gone a long period of time before they get

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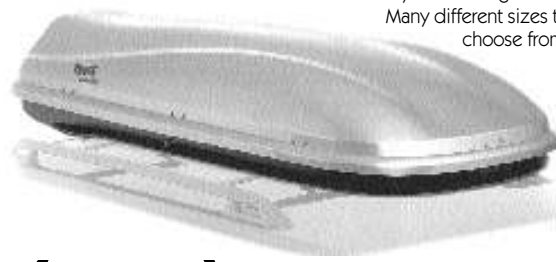
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depressed," says Marks. "They can be depressed the very first day they get on the ship. Some sailors are very dependent on their families. If you take people from Smallville, USA, who have never been away from home, they are likely not to adapt well. They're used to being with their cousins and brothers and the rest of their immediate family. They usually just need growth and maturity. We try to help them go through the rough periods and keep out of trouble with their commands. Because the commands know about these things. Everybody's been young once, and sometimes it takes a deployment or two before people understand how to cope. We try to get them to say to themselves, 'Just get through the first day, give it the first week, now I'm gone for the first month, and now it's been two or three months.'"

And then there are the Dear John letters. Marks remembers devastating discoveries by soldiers in Iraq. "You were trusting in your spouse back home, male or female, and you had been deployed four or five months with a month left before going home and you checked

your bank account and realized you didn't have any money. Your spouse has taken all of it. Then you start checking around and find that your spouse has been doing things, and finally, your spouse tells you, 'Hey, when you come back, I'm not going to be here.' That's a horrible thing to tell somebody, especially when they're in a combat situation. Unfortunately, it's going to continue to happen.

"We try to encourage personnel to take care of things ahead of time," Marks continues. "Young people often believe that when they're

deployed, they leave problems behind and don't have to worry about them until they get back. But they often find that the problems grow bigger, and not being there to do something about them makes them worse. We try to emphasize that having a good power of attorney when you're gone often keeps a check on the things that are occurring back home.

"And the military doesn't just say, 'Okay, you got this letter, we're going to send you home.' There's a cost in deploying and being operational. So unless it's a

great emergency, then you've got to endure being away, and that's the hardest thing for a young sailor or Marine to have to go through when they get those Dear John or Dear Jane letters."

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Many kids in the military, says Chaplain Mitchell, come from broken homes and didn't do well in school. "The Navy becomes their home. When they have serious psychological problems, they do seek out the chaplain. I try to take a common-sense approach. I don't play the psychologist. A

potential suicide needs a psych ward."

As a priest, Mitchell's counseling runs toward spiritual direction. He says he almost always has a couple of guys who want to become priests. In fact,

he claims, "The largest single source of vocations to the priesthood is the military. They aren't the majority in seminaries but are definitely a presence at every seminary. The Navy, especially," he says, "lends

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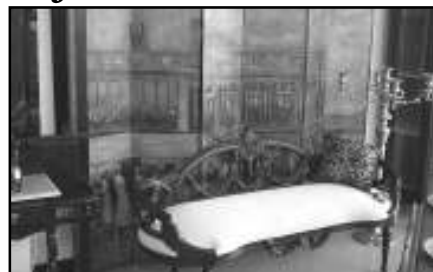
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Marks and Mitchell speak differently about women in the Navy, perhaps because of the different lengths of time they have been serving as active-duty chaplains. "Since I've been in the military, women have always been there, so it's not that big of a deal to me," says Marks. He points out that the Uniform Code of Military Justice establishes sexual boundaries. "And when I went through boot camp, a woman held the record on the rifle range at Perris Island."

But Mitchell argues that women often cause problems in the close quarters of a ship. "There's a lot of sex on board," he says, "and people get caught in adultery. Then a young lady goes into business for herself. So there are social complications that go with having women on board." That being said, Mitchell admits that women make it possible for the Navy to fill jobs it might not have enough personnel for otherwise.

Has Mitchell heard of sex crimes by priests in the Navy? "Few priests have misbehaved," he says, "and there has been no pedophilia that I know of." He did hear of a Jesuit priest caught committing sodomy. The Navy sent him to Leavenworth. "His order requested that he be turned over to them for rehabilitation," says Mitchell. "The Navy said, 'We're interested in punishing him. After that, you can rehab him.'"

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Marital relationships come to the attention of chaplains during their shore duty as well as on their deployments. "Families are part of the military," says Chaplain Marks. When sailors deploy, the spouses they

leave behind sometimes visit the chaplains for their own counseling. And then "privileged communication" comes into play. "If either spouse comes in for counseling, I cannot share that with anyone else, including the partner. I don't keep notes either and lock them up in a file for anybody else to come after me and look at them."

Privileged communication applies to the relationships military personnel have with their commanding officers too. Chaplain Mitchell recalls an emergency appendectomy that took place during a cruise he was on in the Mediterranean. The sailor died on the operating table, and the surgical team became distraught afterwards.

"They needed to vent," says Mitchell, "and I talked to them. So the commodore sends over a judge advocate general officer who asked me, 'What do you know?' I told him, 'You can't ask and I can't tell.'"

In another touchy situation, "On a wet wintry day at Camp Lejeune," says Mitchell, "this Marine comes in and wants to speak with the

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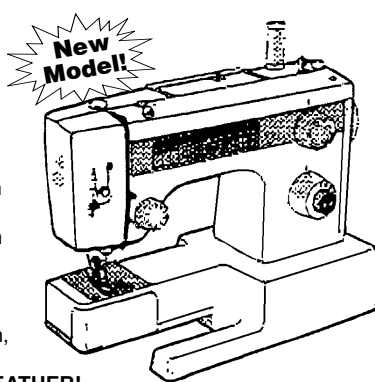
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his problems on his own."

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It is Mitchell whom I ask about fear of death among the military personnel. He tells me of the first time troops he was serving faced combat. "I was with the Marines on a ship off the coast of Yugoslavia near the town of Split," he says. "It was just after the first Bush

left office and Clinton came in. Our guys were getting ready to go ashore, open the road to Sarajevo, and do a search-and-rescue mission. There was a total calm among both the sailors and Marines onboard. The Marines don't get fixated on death. Most of them seem to feel they're immortal. Their self-confidence is their best weapon. Some of the men, though, did go to confession before operations began that day." ■

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I sleep, I wake up, I sleep, I wake up...

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Still Depressed?

Are you still experiencing several of these symptoms?

- Sadness
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Symptoms you may experience include:

- Problems with sleep
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling tense or worried
- Irritability
- Feeling restless or on edge

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CONNIE'S STORY

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE READER AUGUST 13, 1987



For Cookie, Cha-Cha, Cindy, Mary, Carol, Jean, Nita, and pregnant Connie, the San Diego Zoological Society's first Asian elephant mother-to-be, it was just another elephant day at the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Soon after sunrise, the keepers vigorously dusted off the cows with janitors' brooms and scrubbed grey, corrugated skins to blue-black. They manicured the huge nails and slicked each long tail with Vaseline. Throughout the day, Mary, Cookie, and Cha-Cha gave rides to park visitors. At 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., before rapt audiences in the Elephant Amphitheater, Carol and Nita negotiated a logging routine, similar to that which their wild cousins execute as lumber camp workers in Asian jungles. The routine demonstrates an elephant's agility and intelligence (ranked between dolphin and pig), its capacity for precise movement, and its Herculean strength.

After the 3:30 p.m. show, park visitors were invited to assemble at a fence between the amphitheater and elephant yard to dole out apples to the cows gathered there. The cows chirruped. Their trunks furled and unfurled across the fence. From the visitors' uplifted hands, they deftly picked the apples with their trunks, while park animal trainer Jean Hromadka (pronounced "Row-madka") answered questions.

"How can you tell an Asian elephant from an African?"

Noting that there are two species of elephant—the African *Loxodonta africana* and the *Elephas maximus*—and that the elephants they were feeding were Asian, Hromadka pointed out the park's African elephants in the distance. The two species can be distinguished by ear size and shape:

an African's ears are larger and roughly the shape of the African continent. The Asian's ear describes the outline of the Indian subcontinent. Male and female Africans have tusks. Female Asians, and a large percentage of males in some populations, do not have tusks, only nubby outgrowths. The African elephant's head is relatively flat, while the Asian's has two humps. The African elephant's trunk has two fingers at its tip. The Asian elephant's trunk has one finger.

Extremely sensitive, with 40,000 nerve endings, the trunk's dexterity is such that an elephant can pick up a dime. Hromadka explained that when the park's Asian elephant barn was designed, light fixtures were planned in a manner that would keep the elephants from unscrewing the light bulbs.

"Wow," said several visitors, among whom even older faces showed childlike delight at learning new facts about the exotic animals.

"Why do elephants toss dust on themselves?"

"To protect their delicate skin from sun and insects."

"How long is an elephant's trunk?"

"Six to eight feet."

"What is a trunk?" asked a young boy.

Pushing sun-streaked bangs off her forehead, Hromadka explained that the trunk is both nose and upper lip, that paired nostrils run through its length.

Cookie and Carol twined trunks and thrust the trunk ends into one another's pink mouths. Calling attention to

RESEARCH STUDIES

DO YOU HAVE DEPRESSION THAT KEEPS RETURNING?

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- Diagnosis of chronic primary insomnia for at least 3 months

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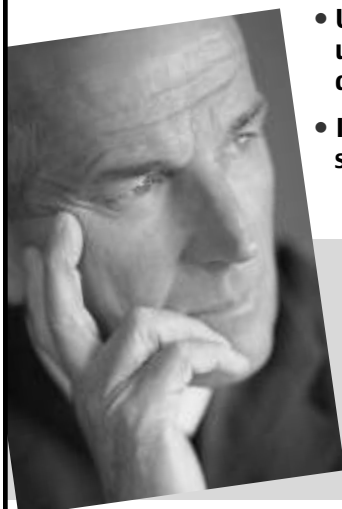


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this behavior, Hromadka said, "Elephants are always touching and caressing one another with their trunks. They are very social, very affectionate, extraordinarily sensitive and intuitive."

When an elephant places a trunk in another elephant's mouth, the elephant gathers information. "It's as if you asked a friend, 'What's your stress level today?' and 'What did you have for lunch?,' said the animal trainer.

Someone wondered aloud how many months an elephant's pregnancy lasts. Amid sighs prompted by Hromadka's answer — "Twenty-two!" — a freckle-faced girl piped up, "When will Con-

nie's baby be born?"

"By the end of July, we hope."

After more queries, the last visitors drifted away, and the elephants' workday ended. A pale light — milky, hazy, and tinged with the failing sun's old gold — hung between the hills that ring the San Pasqual Valley.

Hromadka ordered the cows to tail up, and each cow grabbed the tail of the elephant in front of her with her trunk. Walking in front of the cows, Hromadka, at five feet, seven inches, appeared Liliputian; the park's cows range from seven to nine feet in height and weigh from 5000 to 9000 pounds. In a line, the

cows followed the trainer into the park's two-and-a-half-acre Asian elephant yard.

Cha-Cha lazily tossed hay stems onto her back. Nina spewed dust from her trunk onto her back. Ranchipur, the bull, penned alone in his nearby enclosure, trumpeted.

Elephant training supervisor Alan Rookcroft, Jean Hromadka, and I sat on the edge of the deep concrete moat that surrounds the elephant yard. Whenever the elephants are out of the barn, one person from the six-member park Asian elephant staff remains with the herd. "Someone is always available to them if they need something or if there's an argument. Caring

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About the Study:

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for elephants in captivity," Roocroft smiled wryly, "is labor intensive."

Six feet tall, a chock of sun-bleached brown hair above startling azure eyes, and dressed in the park khaki uniform, thirty-nine-year-old Roocroft has a movie star's good looks. He has worked with elephants for almost two-thirds of his life. His passion for these animals, whose progenitors roamed Earth millions of years ago, led him from his home in England (where he quit school at fourteen and shortly after became a keeper in the Manchester Zoo) to Sri Lanka and the zoo in Hamburg, Germany, where he worked for ten years. Since 1983 Roocroft

has been at the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

Hromadka began her own career with elephants after graduation from high school. One of the few women elephant trainers in the United States, she joined the park staff in 1984 and is national president of the American Association of Zookeepers.

Listening to Roocroft and Hromadka, one learns that to care for elephants takes more than the college degrees in zoology and biology that they do not have. An elephant presents a many-tonned demand for physical care. Hromadka talks — ruefully — of her year at Cincinnati Zoo, how in below-zero tempera-

tures, she hauled wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow load of urine-soaked hay from the stalls.

The job requires muscle and more than muscle. Roocroft and Hromadka spoke of the need for dedication, compassion, and, added Roocroft, "the willingness to put up with the monotony, day after day, of hauling hay, shoveling shit, scrubbing out the barn, and scrubbing down the animals."

In captivity the elephant is entirely dependent on its caretakers. It also can — and does — kill those caretakers. More keepers are injured or killed by elephants than by any other animal in zoos and

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Qualified participants receive up to \$2,350 for time and travel.

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circuses. Yet even with the hard work and danger, Hromadka vowed she would be an elephant keeper even if she were not paid. Roocroft agreed that even if he didn't have a family to feed, he would work for beer money. (The pay isn't great anyway. Hromadka, with thirteen years' experience, recently received a raise to ten dollars an hour. Roocroft, one of the highest paid zoo elephant supervisors, earns approximately \$30,000 a year.)

Cha-Cha and Mary ambled toward us. "Prut-prut-prut-chirrup-chirrup," the elephants made a low, suppressed sound with their lips. Cha-Cha stretched out her trunk toward Roocroft. Moist pink skin lines the interior of the trunk, which is ringed at its aperture with black hairs. The fingerlike projection wriggled at the end of the trunk, and her cool, wet trunk tip brushed my hand. She put

her trunk in my palm, and her breath, exhaled out her trunk, was hot. The black sensory hairs at her trunk's tip brushed my arm and tickled.

Twelve-year-old Connie, her delivery date then just four to six weeks away, looked little different from other cows in the herd. At birth an elephant calf may weight more than 200 pounds, yet Connie didn't bulge. Her ankles were swollen, as are those of many a mammal mother nearing her delivery date, and she trod slowly. As we watched, she went laboriously down on her back legs and then turned to one side and lay down in the dusty yard. Nineteen-year-old Carol quickly joined Connie and stood over her, shading her from the sun.

Carol had become protective of Connie in the last months: "If Connie starts to roar," said Roocroft, "Carol is right there."

In 1974, Asian elephants were declared endangered, and since then, only nine have legally entered the U.S. Today there are 365 Asian elephants in the United States, in zoos, parks, circuses, and with private owners. (An Asian elephant sold within the United States may cost as much as \$45,000.) Of these 365, only thirty-two are bulls. In order to replenish zoo and circus herds, captive breeding has become necessary.

Portland's Washington Park Zoo, whose twenty-five-year-old breeding program is the oldest in the United States, has produced twenty-four live births and nineteen survivors, several of whom are now grandmothers in the Portland herd. Other U.S. institutions currently breeding Asian elephants in captivity include the Miami Metro-Zoo with three live births, the Bronx Zoo, the Houston Zoo,

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Tulsa Zoo, Tampa's Bush Gardens, and Florida's Circus World. In 1984 the San Diego Wild Animal Park opened a \$360,000 state-of-the-art breeding facility: a barn for ten cows that included a maternity stall; a separate barn for a resident bull; a keeper's apartment adjacent to the maternity stall, where keepers and veterinarians can conduct twenty-four-hour-a-day surveillance of expectant and new mothers and have quick access for specialized care.

Connie is their first pregnant Asian elephant. But because of her youth, she was not slated to be bred first. The program began with Carol and with then-thirty-year-old Cookie. For three months, keepers collected blood and urine samples from the two cows. (Long before the breeding program began, the cows were taught to defecate before shows. When urine samples began to be taken, the cows were easily trained to urinate into a bucket. The command used, said Hromadka, is "Pissy, pissy.") Sample analyses led park veterinarians to recommend Carol for the first elephant mother, and her keepers then took daily blood and urine samples to pinpoint when she would ovulate.

In the wild, breeding takes care of itself. Had the park's Asian cows stayed in Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Vietnam, or Burma, and had their lives been without catastrophe, they would have been born into a family of six or seven elephants. The female calf would have remained a part of that unit for her lifetime of sixty, even seventy years.

Elephants form matriarchal family units, and among the females, a pecking order exists. The lead elephant, or matriarch, is usually the herd's oldest and knows where and in what seasons to find food. By virtue of this knowledge, she is herd leader and social arbiter. When a bull calf reaches puberty, he leaves the group to join a bachelor herd or to live alone. Males will sometimes be a mile away, close enough to the cows to know — by smell — when a cow is in estrus. Only when a cow is standing heat is the mature bull allowed to enter the matriarchal herd.

In most mammals, vagina and urethra open separately into a shallow vestibule. The female elephant's vagina and

urethra open into a urinogenital canal, three feet long. This canal opens at the vulva in front of the hind legs. Normally, the elephant's vulva faces forward, but during copulation, it shifts downward and to the rear.

An elephant's penis in erection is proportionate in length to the vaginal canal. When the bull runs, chasing a cow, if his penis is erect, it will stick straight out, swing like a pendulum, and bounce off his back legs. Yet even with

its great length, the penis does not reach the cervix. For spermatozoa to enter the uterus, large ejaculate volume is required. An elephant produces more than a quart.

Artificial insemination — "A.I." — is made difficult in

part by the vaginal canal's length. Roocroft explained, "A.I. is too invasive. To do an A.I., you have to spread an elephant's legs with chains. You don't know what effect that has on them, having them spread-legged. I'm a great

believer in not doing what you don't have to. What if you end up with an elephant that has gone haywire for a reason you've created?"

In late 1984, both Cookie and Carol were introduced to the 11,000-pound

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Ranchipur in the bull's separate yard. "It seemed," said Hromadka, "That Carol and Ranchi had the better thing going, so we kept them together for over six months. Their relationship seemed to develop, but then it went the other way. They got bored with each other. Days passed, and they ignored each other. Then some days, Ranchi would pursue her.

They would spar. Carol would become frightened, and the more fear she showed, the more Ranchi grew to dislike her. Still, he began to try to mount her. But by then, Carol was adamant. She refused him and ultimately became afraid of him.

As winter of 1984 blossomed into spring of 1985, and Ranchipur and Carol

cooled toward one another, the daily notes on breeding activity that headed the top of each page in the keepers' diary became increasingly pessimistic. Ranchi was reported, two days in a row, as "very nervous."

March 2, 1985: "Carol and Ranchi — everything but."

March 3: "Ranchi — v. relaxed but minimal contact."

March 4: "Same."

March 5: "No problems. No breeding."

March 8: "Ranchi attempted several mountings."

March 10: "Ranchi continues to mount with no penetration."

By April 23: "Ranchi — Breeding — ha."

trollably — down his back legs. From his temporal glands, situated on the side of the head between eye and ear, the watery "temporal flow," smelling strongly of "elephant," began.

Recent studies indicate that musth occurs once, sometimes twice yearly in adult male Asian elephants, at a time when the male hormone testosterone reaches high levels. Musth is not ticked off cyclically but seems instead to be related to the elephant's nutritional health status. Only a male in a nutritionally high state will enter musth.

Unlike cows, who have sixteen-week estrus cycles, bulls are not "seasonal," and musth does not parallel the cow's cycle. Males come into musth irrespective of the cows' estrus cycles. In the depths of

musth, the male cannot breed. Coming in and going out of musth, he can breed but is unlikely to do so.

Bull herds also maintain a pecking order. The oldest, largest bulls acquire first access to those cows ready for breeding. Veterinarian Michael Schmitt of Portland's Woodland Park Zoo suggests that musth is a "dominance determinant." Bulls, says Schmitt, are so hidebound in their dominance hierarchy that without the insane, aggressive fury brought on by musth, the oldest, biggest bulls might remain a herd's only breeders. When a younger male meets an older male to whom he has been submissive for perhaps twenty-five years, the younger knows that old male is boss. But in musth, that younger bull may "go off his head with male hormones," challenge that dominant bull, knock him down, and so earn first access to breeding cows.

All through June and July of 1985, the keepers' notes read "No breeding" and "Breeding — none, but R chased Carol aggressively for fifteen minutes, bit her tail, causing mild abrasions."

Then, on August 27, a keeper wrote: "Ranchi introduced into cow yard."

Hromadka said that by then, the keepers had given up on Carol and decided to place Ranchi in the main yard and let the herd take it from there. The elephants, it was concluded, needed time to develop relationships. "Ranchi had never really spent much time in the cows' yard. So the first few weeks, we would let

In May, Ranchi went into musth, that period when adult male Asian elephants become moody, quixotic, aggressive, and potentially dangerous to herd and keepers. (During musth, says Roocroft, a bull is "no longer earthbound.") Ranchi's eyes grew bright and glassy, and his gaze faraway. He began to urinate — uncon-

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the girls out and then release Ranchi into the yard. The cows would scream and roar. As he began to spend more time with them, cows who felt comfortable with him would hang out with him. Some of the cows even began to follow him around.

"He was really good in the yard. Just a few times we had problems. Really, the only time the situation with Ranchi and the cows got bad was at the end of his musth period. He wasn't quite ready. But he was, as Alan [Roocroft] phrased it, *hot* [dangerous]. And the cows knew it. Ranchi came out in the yard, and the cows took one look at him and went the other way. It was like they were announcing, 'This guy's bad news!' He chased them hard that day, so vigorously we feared a cow would end up in the moat. So we put him back in his enclosure."

During September, his musth passed, Ranchipur was put again into the cow yard. He and Carol continued to avoid one another. "No breeding" filled the keepers' diary pages through mid-September. Then when they had begun to despair, young Connie began to show interest in Ranchipur. "She became a shameless little flirt," said Hromadka. "She'd hang around Ranchi and scream. She'd turn her rear end to him and back right up into his face and squeal and chirp. Ranchi would sniff her. But other than that, he'd never pay much attention to her."

In the last days of September, Ranchi rather abruptly started to court Connie. "They spent a lot of time touching each other. It was all very gentle and very nice.

"Then Ranchi just *turned*. He went after her. He chased her for three days back and forth around the yard. Suddenly, Connie seemed terrified. But he pursued her anyway, relentlessly. You knew to stay out of his way. He'd run right by you. He'd be bearing down on Connie, whipping around the corner.

"On September 29, late in the afternoon, Ranchi and Connie were at the end of the cow yard. Connie was facing downhill. Ranchi came up behind her and mounted. It was as if someone had shot Connie with a paralyzing gun. She stood absolutely still. He mounted her three times in a row. The next day, again, he was in and out of her several times.

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Ranchi didn't have his technique down."

In the wild, young bulls, in play or out of sexual frustration, will mount other males. That play teaches them to stand up and mount. Ranchipur's first days in the cows' yard were his first expe-

riences as an adult male with females. "He had to *learn* to stand and mount," said Hromadka.

In big letters, Alan Roocroft wrote in the keepers' diary for September 29, 1985, "Ranchi introduced into cow yard, a full copulation on

Connie, semen sample collected 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m.... Connie brought in with Ranchi at 4 p.m., allowed to eat till 7 p.m., then we released into yard again. At 9:45 p.m., Ranchi mounted Connie again. Full copulation.... 10:45 p.m. — separated them." On Sep-

tember 30, Roocroft wrote, "Ranchi and Connie stayed close throughout the day but both appeared tired, no attempted mounts." October 1, "Full copulation on Connie, 11:45 p.m."

"We began immediately, then," said Roocroft, "to take

Connie's blood. We monitored samples for five months, until we knew, for sure, that she was pregnant."

Hromadka stood, brushed off from her khaki shirt strands of hay dropped on her by the cows. With two other keepers, she had to go

ready stalls for the night.

Roocroft invited me to walk with him in the yard among the elephant herds. In zoos outside Asia, the captive herd is entirely artificial, its members all from different family units, different herds, even different countries. "You

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We stood near Carol and Cha-Cha, who were plucking the last few stems of hay off the ground and placing them in their mouths. I stroked Cha-Cha's flank. The skin, which at a distance appeared rough and harsh, felt smooth under my hand and shuddered, as if my fingers might be troubling insects.

We strolled between the big grey cows. Their stomachs rumbled. Inhalation and exhalation made enormous bellows of the rib cages. I asked Roocroft if he believed it important that elephants remained in family units. He looked at me indignantly. "It's got to be important. It's getting right to the root of the whole thing, isn't it? It's getting right down to where these animals come from. Why do they keep gnus and zebras together? They don't keep

them in little pens, do they? They're herd animals. Elephants have a far greater capacity of intelligence, far superior instinct. It's got to be just as important to them as it is to be a zebra or giraffe or group of apes.... You can put a gazelle in a ramshackle old barn and get away with it," said Roocroft, bitterness tinged in his voice. "An elephant will walk right through a wooden wall."

Many zoo collections, which in the case of elephants may number one solitary creature, are made up entirely of misfits, problem animals, "throwouts," said Roocroft, "animals nobody wants, animals who have been through many different hands. But if that's all you can get, that's all you can get."

Telling me to stay close behind him, he walked rapidly about the yard, from one elephant to another. "Connie," he said, as we approached her, "she's a children's zoo fugitive [San Diego children's zoo], an animal that's been taught how to hurt people, you know, 'Let the cute little elephant chase you. Isn't it fun?"

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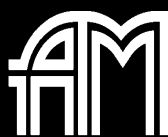
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"Mary came from Baton Rouge. Another outcast.

"Cindy, she's a real nice elephant. There's no doubt about that. Just screwed up. (Cindy had worked in a Nevada "entertainment complex" and lived in a shed with a billy goat for company before she was transferred to Tacoma's Defiance Zoo. There she lived alone for seventeen years.)

"Cha-Cha came from Denver Zoo. She's sixteen now.

"Jean came here as a baby. She's been here all her life.

"Nita is forty. She came from the circus. She was given to us by a circus family. She's a good animal. Her character is good. Wouldn't hurt a fly, this one."

Cindy clucked and chirruped. Roocroft patted her upper shoulder.

Time had come to take the elephants into the barn for the night. Roocroft and I went into his office, the wall of which adjoins and affords a view, through thick glass windows, into the cows' stalls. A television monitor glimmered on the desk. On its screen, we watched Hromadka lead Connie into the maternity stall, twice the size of the other stalls and protected by bars. While Connie rustled through a heap of hay, sweet feed, apples, and carrots, Hromadka affixed chains around Connie's ankles. (The chains are looped on alternating legs and do permit some movement. Chains are switched nightly, to avoid abrasions.)

"We are doing more observation since Connie became pregnant," said Roocroft. "With the help of the video camera above Connie's stall, I can monitor her nighttime activity." Each morning Roocroft replays videotape of the previous night. He checks the tape for changes in Connie's sleeping and eating habits. "Here," he said, showing a segment of tape, "she went down and at one

o'clock and didn't get up until four. Three hours is a long time for an elephant. The average is about forty-five minutes."

As Connie's pregnancy had progressed, Roocroft came to see himself even less than before in the role of trainer. "Training elephants was a big deal, and it still is. You can train elephants to do this, that, and the other. But it's not a need in my life anymore. Building a relationship with the individual elephant has become more important. Nutrition. Health care. The things that are going to keep them here longer."

He eventually altered her performance routines. "We don't do any off-the-ground movements now — no headstands, no hind-leg walks. It came to me one day, really, as if someone wrote it on the wall. I was out in the yard fifteen minutes before a show started, and Ranchipur was mating Connie, and I'm thinking, 'I can't put Connie in the show now. She can't do hind-leg walks."

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know what would happen. Maybe some people don't care if the fetus drops out or mothers rupture themselves." Roocroft was not sure hind-leg walks *would* harm a pregnant elephant, but he felt better not to continue them. "The consequences," he said, "are potentially too great."

We walked out of his office into the barn. "Let's go down the line," he said. We stopped in front of Connie's stall where a sign on the wall read MATERNITY WARD. "Come around here," said Roocroft, motioning me to stand by him, next to Connie's right foreleg. He took a nipple between a thumb and finger and squeezed liquid into my open palm.

"It's milk," I said, awed. Roocroft smiled, patted Connie's flank resoundingly, and said, "She might even give birth tonight."

We stood at the far end of the barn and looked down through the stalls. With their trunks, the cows lifted up hay from the stacks arranged in front of them. They pushed the stems into their mouths and chewed. The sound of

chewing filled the barn.

"The other night I was here by myself until late," said Roocroft. "I looked up from my desk, through the observation panel. It was as if someone had given a command—and they all started to make their beds. First, Mary went down, then Cindy. Then Chacha, then Nita. Then, everyone was down, sleeping. It was the biggest thrill to see them—without any command—do that."

Hromadka joined us. Sweat streaked her bangs, the back of her khaki shirt, her arms. Sweat dripped off her nose and button pearl earrings. "I always warn women who want to work as elephant keepers, 'This isn't a glamour job. You can't have long fingernails, and your back is going to hurt at night."

She and I sat down on a ledge opposite the herd. Roocroft, ever restless, stood.

I asked why the cows were chained. "If they weren't on chains," said Roocroft, "they would urinate in their own food. They'd fight. They would intimidate each other overnight."

"To be on chains a certain number of hours every night," said Hromadka, "is a necessary part of a captive elephant's existence, if only to reinforce their awareness that they are under control." She added that chains, once an elephant becomes accustomed to them, offer a sense of security. "It's like being tucked in at night. The chains become their security blankets."

"Once they leave the wild and come here," said Hromadka, "their lives are changed. It's not like they can screw off and migrate. They're here for good. Some keepers will argue against chains. They feel that it is too much an interference with natural behavior. I think people who use that argument are fooling themselves."


Roocroft agreed. "If you are going to admit that you have these animals in an artificial environment, you might as well go the whole hog and keep them artificially. Some people romanticize. In the Chester Zoo [where Roocroft worked early in his career], elephants were not chained at night. They were together, male and female, African and






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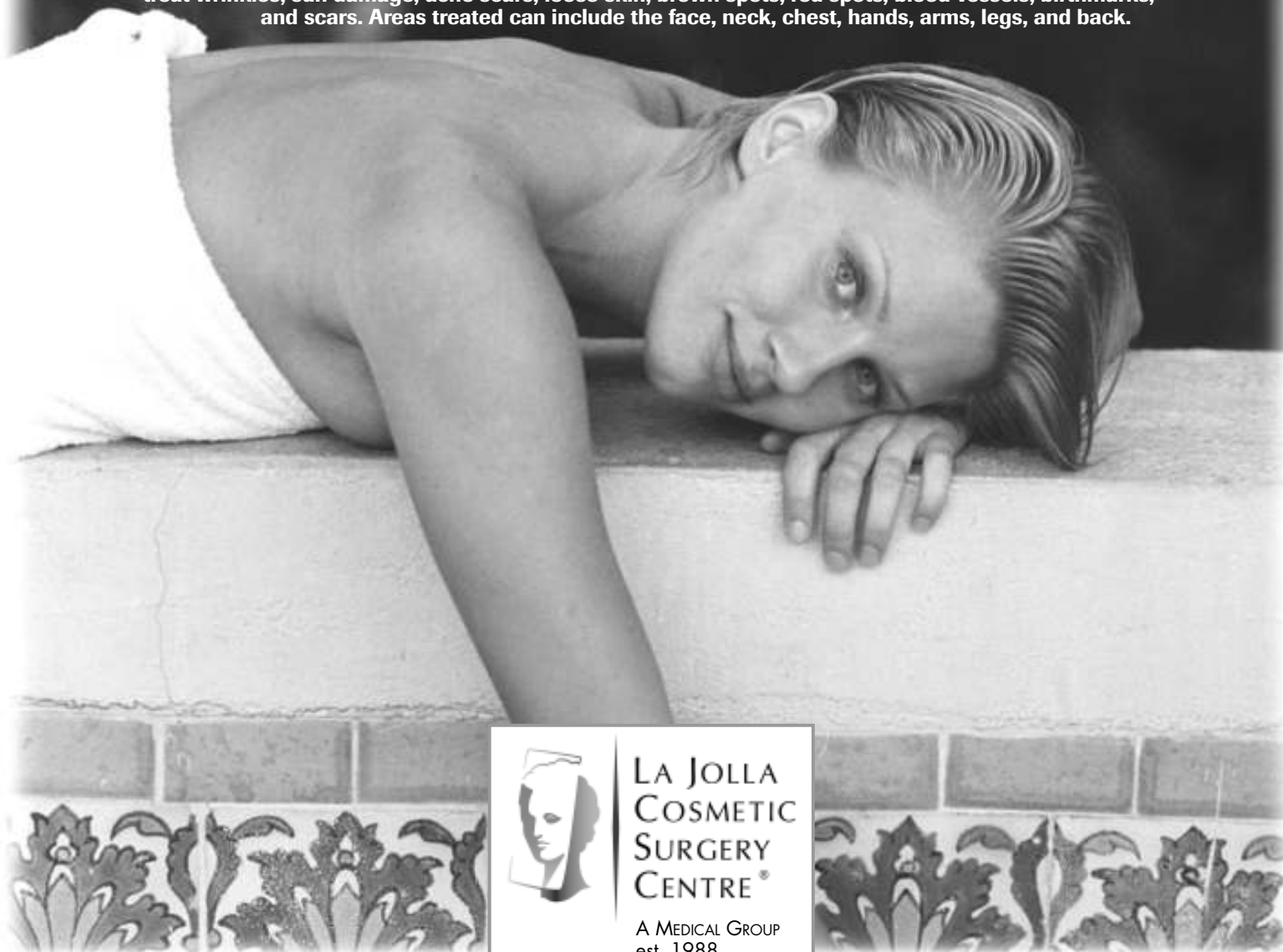
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Asian, all the time. The elephant supervisor there was a great zoo-without-bars fanatic. Not chaining worked to a certain extent. But we didn't have any control over the elephants, and that didn't seem to bother him. And it didn't bother me at the time, because I knew no better."

While Roocroft was at Chester Zoo, the Asian elephant Sheba had the first hybrid baby. Her mate was Bubbles Jumbelina, an African bull. Had Chester Zoo's elephants been chained at night, this most likely would not have happened. "The Wildlife Species Survival Plan people, they throw up when they hear things like that. That's about the lowest you can get, to let an Asian and African breed."

Another use to which chains are put is herd management. Within the herd, each elephant's needs have to be cared for, however high or low in the matriarchal system that elephant is. It is necessary to keep the cows in the barn in an order in which they feel comfortable.

Roocroft and I walked down the row in front of the

stalls, and he explained the barn order. "Jean cannot go next to Mary. Cha-Cha cannot go next to Cookie. Carol cannot go next to anyone. These two — Jean and Cha-Cha — are adolescents, they are feeling their oats. The ones that don't give a shit — like Cookie and Carol — are twenty-one and thirty-one-year-olds.

"Out in the yard, Jean had begun to hit Nita. Her aggressive behavior is not a matter of *fault*, nor does it indicate she is a bad animal. But Jean has such a strong personality that she doesn't think anything of stepping on Nita. The only time she stops is when Nita kicks shit out of her. I have to let Jean bop on Nita until Nita says, to me, 'Whoa!' because Nita is not really paying any attention to Jean. Jean doesn't pose any kind of threat to Nita's position as matriarch.

"The first time Nita turned on Jean, I knew it was time to act. I gave Nita the advantage. I put Jean in the same stall overnight with Nita, but I put Jean up against the barn wall, between the wall

and Nita, and let Nita play ping-pong with her all night."

Jean, he continued, also harried Mary, an animal who is particularly timid and unaggressive. "Mary needs to come up more in the herd. Jean doesn't need to come up any more. She's too far up as it is."

Neither Jean's and Mary's difficulties had yet reached a stage at which Roocroft believed Jean could be chained in a position that allowed physical advantage to Mary. "I've got to wait until Mary comes unglued and knocks Jean over and hurts her. Only then can I put them together and let Mary work Jean out.

"In the wild, they do this [establish a natural pecking order] themselves. They would be sisters. Here, they are all together, many of them near in age to one another." And the use of chains, said Roocroft, helps keepers adjust the elephants' relationships.

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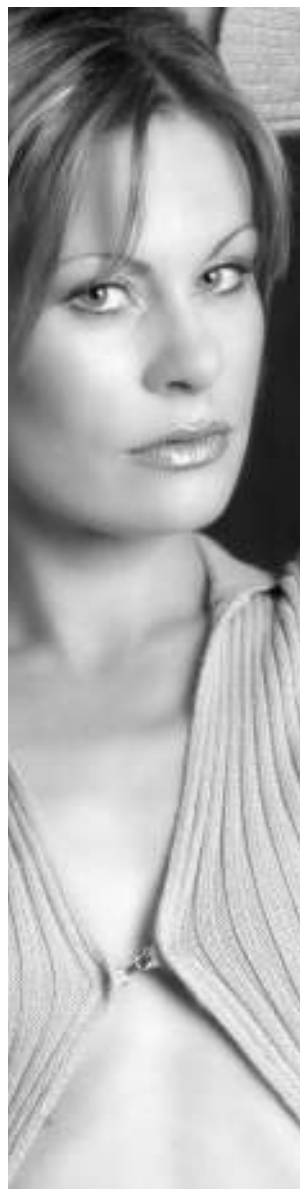
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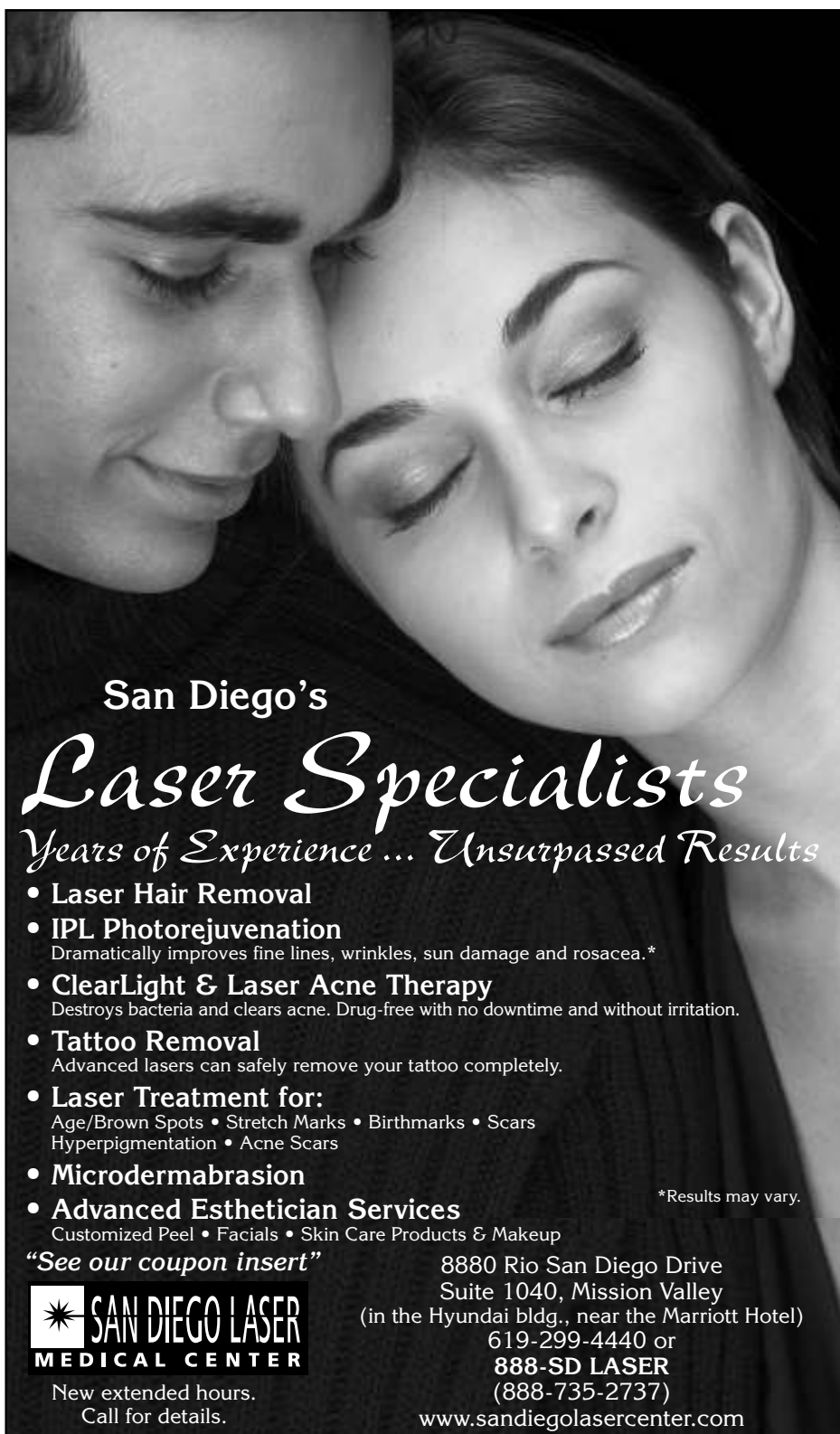
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fodder," said Roocroft. "There will be a tree, perhaps, for shade. Most often they will choose a spot next to water. But it depends where they are when she's ready to give birth. They'll choose a hairpin bend in the river, so they can defend it or hear anything that comes through the water. They know to do that. It's not just coincidence that they're there, at that bend in the river.

"The mother and the auntie may circle the area, stamping down grass until they have flattened an area the size of a circus ring. That becomes the 'maternity ward.

The auntie does not, however, act as a midwife. "No one helps there," said Roocroft. "In the wild, all the auntie does is to lengthen the odds of the baby living. It's only tigers, tigers and man, that endanger a calf in the wild. And the tiger, it will be a tiger who is pushed beyond a certain limit. The tiger will approach the elephant only when there's nothing else available. It's usually the auntie the tiger tries first to stampede. The tiger will jump on the auntie's back, then attack the mother. Nine times out of ten, the tiger doesn't get the baby."

All at once abashed, Roocroft interrupted himself. "But who knows what goes on in the jungle? I don't."

Noting that Carol had become protective of Connie as Connie's pregnancy progressed, Roocroft felt that perhaps Carol's instinct was driving her to assume the auntie role. "We tried it. I had Carol

in next to Connie here in the barn at night. But it backfired. I found marks on Connie's back the next morning. Tusk marks. That was it. I separated them. I didn't want see those marks on her back. I wanted to see something more. I wanted to see a bond develop." Roocroft had come to believe, he said, that because in captivity, Carol had never been part of a herd with a pregnant mother, her occasional protectiveness toward Connie was "as far as she can take the relationship."

In the wild, relationships such as those between a mother and auntie evolve. "You'd see more of a unity than we have here. The aunties and other cows would have had babies before and would know what was happening."

Back in the office, Roocroft put on a videotape, in black-and-white, of the Tokyo Zoo's Asian elephant cow giving birth. This particular elephant was giving birth for the first time. She stood in her stall. From time to time, her face contorted. She lifted a back leg, lifted her tail. "She's having contractions," Hromadka explained. A great flow of water gushed from the elephant's vulva. As we watched, the water — amniotic fluid that protects the unborn calf — flooded the floor. "Here," said Hromadka, "we will put down lots of hay."

The cow's forehead rose, her brow wrinkled. A contraction passed across her flanks, rippling the skin. This

contraction propelled the calf, wrapped in its fetal membrane, out through the vaginal canal and onto the stall floor.

Hromadka and Roocroft gazed intently at the small screen as the cow began to kick at her calf. Hromadka mentioned that at one zoo where a birth had taken place, although the keeper knew mothers kick a newborn to get it to stand, the mother's violence so terrified him that he jumped in and grabbed the baby.

Still encased under the membranous hood, the calf struggled weakly with its limbs. Using her trunk and forefoot, the Tokyo mother began to peel away the membrane until it was removed. She nudged the calf. After several tries, it stood up on its own for a few seconds, then tumbled, then stood.

"The birth makes such a mess," said Hromadka, "on the floor — the amniotic fluid, the placenta — that keepers wear boots to assist a birth."

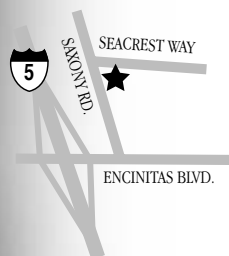
We watched as the calf, its trunk no more than a snout, searched for its mother's teat. Once the teat was located, the calf stood, wobbling, between its mother's forelegs and began to suckle. In a room outside the stall, Japanese keepers smiled, bowed to one another, and shook hands.

Once a calf is born into a captive situation, said Roocroft, "anything can happen. Sometimes the mother will kill her baby. A new mother doesn't know what a baby is.

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Or the auntie may want to take over the baby. Say, the auntie goes in and starts to push Connie around. That's the last thing you want. And some of the cows' dispositions may just flip overnight. But we won't know until the baby actually hits the ground and the cows come into contact with the baby and define their role with him or her.

"Introducing the baby to the herd will be a slow, careful process. Nita, the matriarch, will get first crack, then Carol, then these two, Jean and Cha-Cha, and then Cookie, then Cindy.

"They will have their own little world around the calf. The real test will be the behavior of the herd with the baby, not with Connie. Because of her youth, Connie has got no status in the herd. She's of no consequence as far as the pecking order."

Roocroft, who wants eventually to have twenty cows and two bulls at the park, said, "We've got to get on the bloody road here. Jean and Cha-Cha are next."

A little more than two weeks ago, on Monday, July 27,

Connie appeared to be in labor. She lifted her tail and her back leg. She began to stretch and squat. Alan Roocroft and several of the Asian elephant staff stayed with her in the barn overnight, as they had since mid-July. But Connie did not give birth that night or the next. She continued to show signs of labor, stretching and squatting, but still no calf appeared. With each day, she became more weary. Six days later, on Sunday, August 2, at 3:51 p.m., having carried her baby for 672 days, Connie delivered a female calf.

The calf, which emerged trunk and legs first, rather than the normal position of rear end first, was stillborn. She was quite large, weighing 333 pounds (on record, the largest Asian elephant calf born in captivity weighed 370 pounds). After Connie had expelled the calf, said Roocroft, "she just stood there looking at it. She stepped back. Her stepping back wasn't out of any submissive behavior toward us. She seemed not to be interested in it. She allowed us to touch it, and we tried to revive it for about ten minutes,

taking water out of the lungs and pumping on the heart."

What happened? "It's doubtful we'll ever really have a final answer," said Wild Animal Park veterinarian Jim Oosterhuis. "Any time you have a first-time mother in any species, you have the risk of a problem." Oosterhuis surmised that the calf had become incorrectly positioned in the uterus and was not able, as it grew larger, to get into proper alignment. Autopsy reports indicate that the calf was alive up to six hours before birth.

"Connie will be 'cycling' again in three months," said Roocroft. "The bull, Ranchipur, is in musth at the moment. As soon as he comes out, more cows will be introduced to him. Jean is possibly pregnant. In five months, we'll know."

On July 27, from a list of twelve names given him earlier, Charles Schroeder, the retired Zoological Society director, chose two for the calf: Omar, should it be a male, and Nandi for a newborn female. "So she did have a name," said Roocroft. ■

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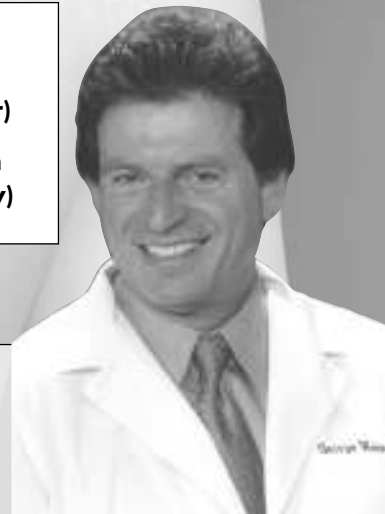
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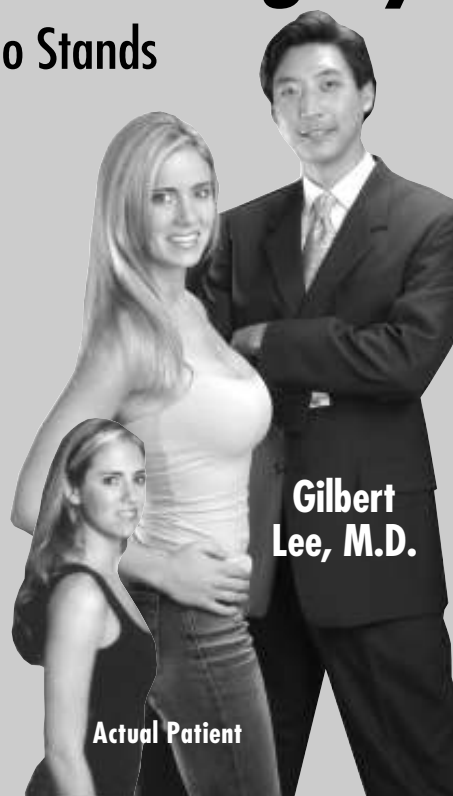
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A little-known fact: Jackson Browne was once a member of the Velvet Underground.

Not really. But not far off. I have a correspondent in Tokyo, a magazine editor, who tells me that the current crop of young people in Japan is sometimes called the "Reissued-CD Generation." This makes me very uncomfortable. Perhaps because of my own experience as a teenager in the 1960s, I am quite attached to the idea of young people creating and listening to rock music for and by their peers and contemporaries. And in San Diego anyway, this is happening in a wonderfully hearty and healthy fashion. You know this if you tried to shove your way into the "benefit for free records" held recently on the UCSD campus featuring Aminor Forest, Staccato Reads, and Three Mile Pilot, or any number of equivalent shows at the Casbah or SOMA or Bodie's. Young ears know what speaks to them, which is something (an immediacy, a kind of telepathy, a constant reinvention of language) I've always liked about rock and roll.

But this is anyway an essay by a non-teenager about a reissued CD, kind of obscure,

joyful to listen to in its own right, and also a fascinating locus of semi-famous or -legendary figures from the rock world in 1967: the first solo album by Nico, called *Chelsea Girl*. It spoke to me then (even though Nico was five, or maybe ten, years older than I was) to some extent, but I always thought (influenced by the point of view of fellow Velvets fans, probably) that it had been spoiled by the strings the producer added onto it. A few years ago I pulled it out, wanting to hear one or two of these songs again, and discovered how wrong I'd been.

The strings are a delight. The album is marvelous — such great songs, such seemingly different dispositions pulled together into such a consistent, unique, articulate world view by the power of the performance, the strength of the artist's personality. A secret classic. A triumph.

One woman and all those men, and it seems as though every commentator I've read has missed the point, which is that the woman is totally in charge. She dominates them all, as she should, because it's her album. The men may think, and the commentators seem to



Nico

believe that what entrances them is her beauty and her cool, romantic air of mystery. But in fact the beauty and the air are themselves the result of what really entrances, which is her self-confident sense of what she's doing: her artistic vision.

She takes, for example, Jackson Browne's "These Days," and the song is his no longer — in fact, when he finally recorded it, six years later, I was disappointed — he failed to capture the extraordinary magic that she imbued the song with. Perhaps the song had gotten old for him. But Nico's perfect recording of it never will.

Clinton Heylin, in his essential pre-punk history *From the Velvets to the Voidoids*, says, "The first Nico solo album, recorded between

the first two Velvets albums, could easily have been an alternative Velvet Underground and Nico." (V.U.'s first album, prominent on the "greatest discs of all time" lists of both critics and musicians in the '80s and '90s; Nico was forced out or quit the band before the second album.) Heylin cites the five (of ten) songs written by members of the Velvets (Lou Reed, John Cale, Sterling Morrison), and the musical accompaniment they provide, notes that two of the songs had been previously recorded (unissued) by the V.U. and another evolved from a standard improvisation piece from their live shows, and concludes that *Chelsea Girl* could as well be called *Nico and the Velvet Underground*. I concur — it's closer to being part of the essential Velvet oeuvre than any other non-Velvet record,

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including those made by Reed or Cale, especially because these are the only available recordings of all five of these songs, and they are arguably prime examples of the Velvets' skewed genius — confounding examples, because ultimately they are under the direction not of Lou or John, but of Nico, the odd girl out.

I was really pissed off at the way Oliver Stone portrayed Nico in his movie *The Doors*. Stone, wouldn'tcha know, turns her into a pathetic bimbo. Easy enough to do with a heroin user and a woman with a definite penchant for attractive and visible males (she bore actor Alain Delon's son before she even met any of these rock and rollers) — but the Oliver Stones of this world and their male rock-critic equivalents, all nominally feminists, never give Hendrix or Lennon or JFK the same treatment. Women as angels or whores, same old story. But I digress: Jackson Browne.

Jackson Browne was 18, a kid from Orange County visiting New York City, drawn to the Dom on St. Marks Place because his hero Tim Buck-

ley (also from Orange County) was playing there, doing a set of his own and also backing resident chanteuse Nico (she played in the downstairs bar when she and the Velvets weren't playing the big room upstairs or some out-of-town engagement). And, well, to make a long story short, young Jackson ended up accompanying Nico on guitar at the Dom for several months (Tim Hardin, Lou Reed, John Cale, Sterling Morrison, and Rambling Jack Elliott had also had the same job, as had a tape-recording of Reed and Cale, but none for more than a day or two at a time) and living with her in her apartment on West 81st and Columbus.

He also wrote three of the ten songs on *Chelsea Girl* and played guitar behind her on most of the songs. So you see, if *Chelsea Girl* is almost a great lost Velvet Underground album (and it is, it is), Jackson Browne is almost a great lost Velvet member, even if Jonathan Richman would have been more appreciative of the honor.

But the music. It starts memorably, beautifully, unfor-

gettably, as a great single or album must, and what it starts with is 15 seconds of solo guitar strumming by Jackson Browne. This sets the mood, a mood of great confidence, quietude, and grace. The guitar all but disappears at the 15th second, as the voice and then the strings come in, and guitar is then felt rather than heard throughout most of the album, but it's always there, with a matter-of-factness that matches Nico's vocal presence, and a subtle warmth (and sweetness, even) that seems to contradict it. And then the first words: "Now that it's time..."

Chelsea Girl was apparently recorded, probably rather quickly, in the spring of 1967, with Nico and Jackson performing together live in the studio (one voice, one guitar, sometimes acoustic, sometimes a very clean-sounding electric) presumably in a fashion similar to what they'd been doing night after night in Stanley's Bar, downstairs at the Dom (in the still-Polish heart of the very hip and soon-to-be-discovered East Village). Tom Wilson was the producer,

Gary Kellgren the engineer (the same team that worked on the Velvet Underground's *White Light/White Heat*; Wilson also produced most of the first two LPs by the Mothers and three Bob Dylan albums — that's him laughing on *Bringing It All Back Home* — plus "Girl from the North Country" and "Like a Rolling Stone" and the "electric" hit version of Simon & Garfunkel's "Sounds of Silence"). Wilson hired Larry Fallon to write string and flute arrangements and add them to all but two of the ten tracks. The impression one gets from what little has been written about the making of this record is that Nico was not present for the recording of the added accompaniment, and in at least one interview she states that she was not happy with the results.

They make me happy, however. (Hey, if you as a fan deferred to John Lennon's or Bob Dylan's or Philip K. Dick's conversational judgments of their finished work, you'd have to let go of quite a few of your favorite songs and novels.)

And I can't help but think that Nico must have intended something almost exactly like this for these songs, these performances. There are even some vamps in some of the songs that sound as if their only purpose could be to leave space for such additions. Perhaps what she means is that the strings and flute did not ultimately sound as she'd imagined them (usually the case, especially with a first album). And perhaps in saying this she was influenced by her inevitable disappointment when the record sank with neither popular nor critical success, not launching her on an imagined (and much-deserved) career as smart pop EuroAmerican rock chanteuse after all.

It should have been. The brightness and relevance of this album today suggest that she was ahead of her time, or more precisely, outside of time. She not only sings these remarkably durable songs in a manner that is both wholly her own and true to the very essence of the songs' own nature, she also gathered them herself, with no help from

any A&R man, in each case from one of her admirers. (To Reed and Cale and Browne add Dylan and Hardin, with many others waiting in the wings... It is reported in Bockris and Malanga's *Up-Tight: The Velvet Underground Story*, for instance, that "Leonard Cohen attended her every performance [in spring '67] and later made use of some of her techniques on his own recordings.")

Rock chanteuse. As serious and excellent as Nico's later work was, it would have been wonderful to have also had her continue to perform and record cutting-edge work by other songwriters in a European "presentation of the collective emotional news" context, but with her marvelous Anglo-American 1960s "now generation" energy and sensibilities and musical inventiveness.

The first of these songs is simply a masterpiece, still largely undiscovered (there must be another recording, but I'm not aware of one), "The Fairest of the Seasons," written by Gregory Copeland and Jackson Browne. What is

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most obviously impressive here is the words (not their narrative but their evocative quality, beauty of language); but the melody and the guitar playing and the string arrangements and the mix and Nico's superlative vocal performance are equally strong despite their invisibility. They soothe and penetrate. They sink in. And most important they pay off, words and music and vocal all paying off at the end like the end of a particularly powerful short story, when the last words of the song finally arrive at the title phrase and give the entire narrative (young male—or female perhaps—shying and bolting as a sexual friendship moves into love) a deeper and broader significance, as the uncertain one makes a decision: "But do I stay or do I go?/ And it is finally I decide/ That I'd be leaving in the fairest of the seasons." Wow. I looked it up in *Familiar Quotations*, but Bartlett seems inclined to give Mr. Copeland free claim to his fine choice of words.

Greg Copeland is the lyricist, I'm sure, even though the great bridging line here

("Yes and the morning has me looking in your eyes and seeing mine") sounds very much like the Jackson Browne who wrote the classic couplet "You never knew what I saw in you, I don't know what you saw in me/ Maybe the picture of somebody you were hoping I might be" ("Late for the Sky," 1974). I feel certain Copeland's the word-writer, because that's what he was famous for, on the grapevine in 1966 and 1967; he wrote great ornate inspired song verses that Steve Noonan or Pamela Pollard, or in this case Jackson Browne, would put music to, just as Larry Beckett wrote words that Tim Buckley added music to in that same brief Orange County songwriter renaissance. And then Greg seemingly vanished without a trace, except that of his considerable influence (wow, now I see what it's possible to do in a song!) on his contemporaries.

Invisibility. The mystery about Nico's voice is how extraordinarily present she is despite her apparent absence (she may seem cool and aloof, but in fact she's engaged and

intimate in every phrase and almost every word of these songs, fiercely and successfully conveying the meaning and feeling of things). She not only gives of herself generously, in a manner that opens some receptive quality in the listener, but she also somehow leaves a tremendous amount of space for song and songwriter, so that I hear her voice but I also hear the songwriter's (male, ten years less experienced) voice in her singing of the song, as though I'm hearing him sing it. It's very striking. She has in a sense a single trick, a lack of affect that's a transparent mask allowing great subtleties of emotional content, as Dylan's trick of a fake voice (the Okie accent) somehow gave him access to his great true voice.

Second song, "These Days," is by Jackson Browne alone, another classic, and the two opening songs and performances blend into each other emotionally and stylistically and in narrative so that it's easy to confuse them with each other (the next three songs interweave with each other in a similar fashion, as

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do the odd pairing of "Somewhere There's a Feather" and "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams" later in the album). Both "These Days" and "Fairest" are songs about time, I suddenly notice, and then I realize the same can be said, slightly less directly, about every song on the album, songs about time creating a mood of hypnotic timelessness, as if Dylan was uncannily aware of Nico's needs and powers in 1964 when he wrote, reportedly for and about her, the song he contributed to this record: "But if I can save you any time/ Come on, give it to me, I'll keep it with mine." She thanked him. Indeed, there's some evidence that at that moment she got religion. She determined to become a time-keeping shaman herself.

"These Days" has another wonderful guitar intro, and this time the instrument stays audible throughout the song; this is the guitar/violin tune on which the guitar is most distinct, and so it allows the folk-or-rock- (i.e., guitar-) oriented listener the best opportunity to get a fix on how the two types of accompaniment are

being balanced or played off against each other. (The first song, appropriately, just tosses you into this musical environment and requires that you accept it.) The strings, whatever they are (probably a violin or two, a viola, and a cello), come in two general forms: long and flowing sounds (legato), that syrupy or moody stuff that makes us rock and rollers reach for our ear plugs (especially in 1967, when we were in a more uncertain struggle to maintain our territory, our rebellion), and short, crisp, rhythmic bursts of sound (staccato).

Both staccato and legato are used liberally in the *Chelsea Girl* arrangements, but the staccato stuff seems to be the meat of the matter, the place where information is most directly communicated. In "These Days" a light legato (remember, we're also hearing all that rhythmic and melodic information from the guitar player) accompanies and flavors the first few lines of each verse (until the repeated "these days" section — clever to put the chorus in the middle of the verse!), breaking sharply

into staccato alongside the next couplet, the second line of which also manages to be the first line of the verse's last couplet, which stands out because there are no strings behind it, leg. or stac. How these three lines become two pairs of rhyming lines works like this: "These days I seem to think a lot/About the things that I forgot to do/And all the times I had the...chance to." The second ending of the middle line soars free ("to do..."), breaking the staccato effect, and then the pause near the end of the last line makes the meter somehow work out in magical fashion.

Notice the way "things I forgot to do" in "These Days" resonates with "Do I really have a hand in my forgetting?" in "Fairest of the Seasons." I love the way "forgetting" in that song (end of first verse) rhymes with "undernetting" (end of second verse). The third verse stands alone, and fourth and fifth verses again rhyme last words (a strong rhyme because no word *within* the verse rhymes with these verse-ends), "reason," and "seasons." "Fairest" is also more complex in the

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structure of its string accompaniments: first lines are backed by a syrupy or dreamy (take your choice) legato, which drops out to emphasize the "I want to know" part (again a chorus in the middle of the verse), followed by a staccato string interpolation before the second part of the same line. As the verse continues a slower staccato string part comes in, kind of a cross between legato and staccato because the bowing is longer and gentler but it's still in bursts. This gives way, at the end of second verse and fourth verse, to a very pronounced staccato string part emphasizing the bridge ("Yes and the morning..."). The lovely way the bass notes of the acoustic guitar are brought forward during "I want to know" is also quite moving; the mix is used very consciously and tastefully here (and the acoustic guitar has been miked particularly well, the sound is tactile and alive).

I'm saying I like the way all these elements of song and performance reinforce each other. It works. And always, I believe, it works because Nico's vocal allows and encourages and maybe even requires it to. She creates the space. The arranger provides color and texture (and the guitar player rhythm and melody) in accordance with the musical needs of the song as determined and communicated by their mistress's voice.

Now we come to the Velvet-penned songs. "Little Sister" is either the first song Lou Reed and John Cale wrote together or the first on which Cale requested and received credit. Lou did the words; John did the music or much of the music. Clinton Heylin says it was previously recorded by the Velvets at the sessions for their first album; Cale speaks (probably erroneously) of writing it specifically for Nico's album. It is different from the later "Little Sister" song that is included in Reed's book of lyrics.

There's not much to the song except a poignant melody, but the arrangement and vocal performance give it a thrilling beauty. It's at this moment that the album reaches for greatness, by daring to move into another emotional realm after so successfully creating the reality of the first two songs, all innocence and promise and delighted cries at the discovery of a world of pain and sex and self-doubt. There was already an undercurrent —

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for me, Nico singing "Please don't confront me with my failures/ I had not forgotten them" imbues "These Days" with a maturity that can only make us smile at what the 17-year-old author of the song must have been thinking of when he wrote this. The two voices: hers that sings to us, and his that speaks from his text, contrast and harmonize, deepening our felt awareness of what it is to be human and to learn from loss and hope and love. But still: the reality so skillfully and touchingly created in these first two performances is the reality of singer-songwriter land, in the 1970s sense of the term, a world that can be powerfully attractive but ultimately becomes stifling precisely because all this romantic self-image and self-involvement is only a starting place, and its practitioners always sound trapped within it, stuck as it were in the world of these first two songs. When they refuse to stay stuck — one thinks of Joni Mitchell — their fans often lament and do their best to pull them back to familiar territory.

Nico (and Tom Wilson or whoever it was who devised this brilliantly intuitive sequence) does succeed in unselfconsciously uniting California (Browne) and New York (the Velvets), nascent singer-songwriterdom and nascent new wave, not as musical styles particularly (her strength is that she sings and presents the whole album relentlessly in her own style, outside of time, but all the more tuned in to the real forces at large in 1967 because of that) but as perspectives, values, world views. Metaphorically (and actually) this muse sleeps with Lou Reed *and* with Jackson Browne and does not consider either one to be cooler or closer to the truth. Rather, she is gathering and sharing the truth that she finds through them, which is to say, that in their art which is true to the truth she's already found (and continues to find) for herself.

The narratives of "Fairest" and "These Days" are ambiguous but involving; they speak of (and evoke) emotional situations and in doing so engage our minds. "Little Sister" on the other hand is entirely

atmospheric. It contains almost no information for the mind but is a glorious gentle (subtle) open-ended pulse of feelings. I like its sonic texture. The melody lifts and relaxes me. I like the sound of the singer's voice. People talk about how they were attracted to the Beatles by their accents, which could sound like cheap suburban exoticism, as Nico's appeal could be dismissed by the scornful as cheap urban exoticism. But, listening to her sing the words "little bird," it occurs to me that there is something not cheap but substantial going on in both these instances. We are breaking the hold that spoken language, familiar spoken language, has on us. The accent of the outsider, the other, allows us to hear for the first time that all words have our tribe's accent on them, constantly reinforcing for us a set of limited messages about the nature of what's real. Nico's accent and affectless (in terms of what we're used to; actually it's filled with message and information) voice awaken me. I think I was attracted to this 28 years ago when the album came out.

But I wasn't ready to hear it (that glorious gentle penetrating door-opening "little bird") yet. This is not the Velvets' sound, nor their well-known subject matter, but it is somehow their landscape. Which may have been their most enduring gift.

The three songs "Little Sister," "Winter Song," and "It Was a Pleasure Then" form a unit largely because of an element in their sound. They also share similar provocatively vague word images, but what really weaves them together is this John Cale-ish approach to what music can be, something not just experimental but temperamental, a kind of low rainy note, something Welsh probably and also very lower Manhattan. "Winter Song" is by Cale alone, so both the first two songs are his composed music (a rarity in the Velvet oeuvre), and "It Was a Pleasure" is a jam, Reed on electric guitar, Cale on electric viola, and Nico on voice. (The songwriting is credited to all three of them.) "Little Sister" features a keyboard, the only one on the album, almost certainly Cale, playing either a

Chamberlain or some other kind of mid-'60s electric or electronic organ. A pumping, moaning sound. There's also a repetitive electric guitar track all through, which could be Lou or Sterling, I suppose, but which could just as well be Jackson playing the song the way Nico (or Reed or Cale) taught him to, and probably is. No flourish anywhere to give it Lou's fingerprint; the playing is admirably straight, and still very expressive. There are also strings, and, starting at the halfway point, a flute. These serve to sweeten and give texture to the marvelous pulse created by keyboard and voice and guitar.

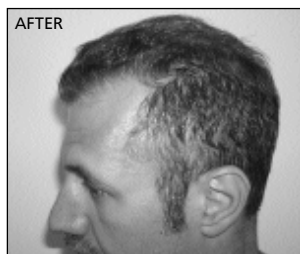
"Winter Song" is baffling in Cale's seeming absence (he could be the guitar player, although that's not something he was known to do at this time, or he could be playing a viola part that's been covered — indeed, replaced — by the orchestrated strings, but more likely he's just not on this track, though the sound of his music certainly is). Mark Fallon seems to me to deserve a tremendous amount of credit for these arrangements that

work so well with both the Brownean aesthetic and the Calean and create such an odd consistency between the two (is this because they are both subsumed within a Nicovian world view?). Guitar here sounds like keyboard. Flute jumps in from the beginning, and the strings are all over the place, bold, dominant, fiery. Lyrics are at the same time excellent and noncommittal, as if we can hear the songwriter explaining that they're really prose, not a "song," can feel him and Nico engaged in some earnest (but charming) intellectual experiment.

We also hear Cale (in his lyrics to "Winter Song") clearly and understandably under Lou's Reed's influence. But he comes out with something very much his own (their own, it really is Nico's too, and the start of a long collaboration) anyway. New directions. New musical language. No great achievements, song to song, but the whole is so much larger than the sum of the parts. These three songs together transport us, with Nico as guide, into a deliciously strange and somehow necessary dream

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world, alien and familiar both at once, childish dark romanticisms on the one hand but at the same time filled with a dignity and originality and taste of mystery that seem essential to our psychic survival.

"It Was a Pleasure Then" reportedly evolved from a Velvets performance piece called "Melody Laughter," in which Nico warbled, Lou improvised wildly on guitar, and Cale would wander from instrument to instrument while Moe fatalistically attempted to keep the beat. On this album it has words, high school avant-gardeisms in the Reed manner (any of the three could have written them), "Until the stars fell through the cloudy trees onto the grass," and no drums — there's no drums or bass guitar anywhere on *Chelsea Girl*, no pretense that this is a rock and roll album. Lou Reed, in an interview 20 years later, says of the album, "[I wish] they'd just have allowed Cale to arrange it and let me do some more stuff on it. Everything on it — those strings, that flute — should have defeated it. But with the lyrics, Nico's voice, it somehow managed to survive. We still got 'It Was a Pleasure Then' on, they couldn't stop us. We'd been doing a song like that in our beloved show; it didn't really have a title. Just all of us following the drone. And there it sits in the middle of that album."

Reed's "us" ("they couldn't stop us") seems more than a little presumptuous, or anyway can be taken as evidence that he did think this was a Velvet Underground album, or should have been. It doesn't seem to have occurred to him that Nico had a vision of her own (as strong-minded as he knew her to be, or maybe he dismissed that as just dumb female stubbornness). But listening to the album today, someone clearly had a very strong vision, intuitive or conscious or both at once. That someone could have been the producer, Tom Wilson, although Wilson's style with Dylan and the Mothers and the Velvets had consistently been to get out of the way and let genius wail. Occam's razor, which requires choosing the simplest of available explanations, points to Nico as the more likely source of the fine aesthetic consciousness that holds this record together.

That consciousness not only makes room for "It Was a Pleasure Then," it insists on

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it. Nico decisively rejects the limits of the conventional song form even as she celebrates and honors that form. She wishes her characters (the people in her songs) to be free to wander in an environment not restricted by space or time or structure. There's no geography in these songs, no California, no New York (unless you count the insider reference in the title of "Chelsea Girls"), no Europe or America, no hint of a sense of exile nor sense of belonging, only long corridors and neutral spaces of the imagination, where men and women stroll and meet and prepare to part again. "Winter Song" is enough like "It Was a Pleasure" and at the same time enough like "Little Sister" or "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams" (real songs; they have choruses, for example) to anchor "Pleasure" to the album, it fits, it flows, it doesn't stop our listening (unlike "Mind Garden" by the Byrds or the Velvets' great but difficult "Murder Mystery"), but still it serves as this mysterious break in the continuity, so that we feel that the picture painted by the album as a whole has some kind of infinity in the middle even though we're sure of its beginning and end.

Lou's guitar (must be Lou, could only be Lou) on "It Was a Pleasure Then" takes us on a journey unrestricted by the time conventions of Western music (punctuated erratically and brilliantly by John Cale's percussive viola), but never does it upstage or even conflict with Nico's voice, the unfailing omnipresent almost unnoticeable (because it's always there and so elegantly indefinite) droning heart of song and album.

The first two songs wear daylight colors (the narratives may be bittersweet but the melodies sparkle); the next three are night denizens, stories like shadows, recollections of dreams. Sixth song, "Chelsea Girls," written by Lou Reed and Sterling Morrison, returns us to the light, I think, but it's not daylight. Nighttime interior shots, well lit so you don't miss any of the grotesqueries. This is a song Reed would write many more times, notably as "Walk on the Wild Side" — a travelogue through a decadent world, specifically Andy Warhol's "Factory" in New York in the mid-1960s. Wow, kids, look at the freaks! Reed never recorded this version. In *Between Thought and Expression, the Selected Lyrics of Lou Reed*, he writes, "Chelsea Girls"

was written for the Warhol movie of the same name. Since it was written after the movie came out, it did not appear in it." Nico did appear in the movie, in fact received top billing. It wasn't her first film — back in 1958 Federico Fellini spotted her and gave her a part in *La Dolce Vita*.

But she wanted to sing. My significant other loves "Chelsea Girls," it's her favorite song on the album. My feelings about it are mixed. It has an immensely attractive melody, and there's something about the short little rhymed verses that makes them quite evocative even though they barely manage to say anything (triumph of form over content?). In a funny way it's the pop song of the album. It fits in well, spices the mix quite appropriately. The flute solo's terrific. But I miss the intimacy. It's the only song on the record that isn't in the first or second person. The complicated subjective story being whispered in my ear, and which I am somehow a part of in the other performances, is interrupted here. The singer has become a camera. It's a catchy, funny tune, and a neat trick to move the perspective outside for a moment, as though each verse of "Chelsea Girls" is

describing one of the intense emotional interactions taking place in the other songs. In those songs you and I are talking to each other in one of the various rooms in this hotel. In this song they're making movies of our misery, and we're watching them. I'm amused. But I want to turn off the TV now.

"I'll Keep It With Mine" is a transcendent song and performance. She sounds so happy, maybe because she's finally getting to record the song Dylan wrote for her (it took her three years). She sings it like she understands it, like she's solved the koan, like she accepts and identifies with every word. She sings it like she's him singing to her, and also like she's herself, passing on the riddle and the promise to the next supplicant. Me? I know I get in touch with something a little deeper and simpler every time I listen. Jackson's folky guitar (open tuning?) and Larry Fallon's perky strings sound crazed and delightful. The folk song of the album. The anthem.

The next two songs weave a unit again (in my impression of the album as listener), but in a most peculiar way. They bond because of their inadequacies, an early Jackson

Browne song that's a tad too clever and insubstantial (nicely compact, though), and an early Lou Reed song that's rather absurdly adolescent but with a great evocative title and chorus. The titles of the two songs sound similar, "Somewhere There's a Feather" and "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams," and indeed both are meant to be ironic, though you might miss the point with the former and you wish to miss it with the latter, since Lou's fake empathy is much more poetic and moving (indeed, in Nico's care it becomes real empathy) than his ranting in the verse about blood, gold, excrement, and entrails.

But in any case these songs, like the second-rate material left for Billie Holiday after the white stars picked out the "good" stuff, are transformed by the singer's voice and sense of self into powerful, intriguing explorations and restatements of the themes stirred up by the album. The arrangement of "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams," with its eerie pizzicato (plucked violin strings, advancing like insects in a cartoon horror movie), is particularly effective, bringing back the mood of "Winter Song" but with more than a hint of the campiness of "Chelsea Girls."

Nico vocalizes the pretensions of arty punks and the pretensions of sensitive songpoets with affection and sincerity and respect, bringing us back (through the nuance in her voice, the melodic and rhythmic resolution as she sings "Don't ask me to/ Explain to you/ There's nothing to remain but what we see") to the genuine hungers and fears and fearlessness underlying all this youthful posturing and affectation. Perceives the men within the boys, even if they don't realize it.

I also like the way "Wrap Your Troubles in Dreams" and "I'll Keep It with Mine" become linked as unconscious rewrites of Richard Fariqa and Pauline Marden's "Pack Up Your Sorrows" ("If somehow you could pack up your sorrows, give them all to me..."). This album is about both the possibility and impossibility of sharing our needs and griefs. The theme seems to allow no resolution, and yet it receives a tremendously moving one as Nico closes with Tim Hardin's otherwise unrecorded masterwork "Eulogy for Lenny Bruce." "Why?" she asks, she lets Tim ask through her, I can't remember when I've heard an American singer who could let songwriters speak through her with such immediacy, "Didn't you listen to the warning words of your friends/ While they told you so?" And answers, and this time perhaps more than any other moment on the album we feel her speaking for herself as well as the author, "I know you couldn't listen to people talk about/ What they didn't know."

It's a beautiful conclusion to an immensely complex, listenable, satisfying, and enduring recording. The guitar part is so perfect, so quintessentially Hardin, that I find

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myself wondering if he could be playing it, but considering how extraordinarily difficult it was to get him into a recording studio, let alone an MGM/Verve recording studio, in 1967, I have to believe that it's Jackson again, that he learned the part from Hardin, or from Hardin through Nico (but how, if she doesn't play guitar? maybe through the same telepathy by which she got Larry Fallon to arrange and conduct string parts and flute — on the rest of the album; "Eulogy" is just guitar and voice — that I think speak brilliantly all the nuances of her intention, even if she complained later, even if conceivably she never even met Fallon and it was all done just by listening to the messages encoded in the guitar track and in her voice).

Tom Wilson's dead. So's Andy Warhol, who first put Nico together with the Velvet Underground (neither was thrilled with the idea, but they performed together in Andy's light-sound-dance happening the Exploding Plastic Inevitable for almost a year and a half, and she sings four of the songs on the first Velvets album). And Nico's dead too, died in Ibiza in a bicycle accident in 1988, just short of age 50, though it was only after her death that we learned that she was (almost certainly) born in 1938 in Germany (as Christa Paffgen) rather than in Budapest in 1943. She wanted to be a singer and she was one, recording at least seven more albums and touring and performing to the end. Lester Bangs called her second album, *The Marble Index*, "the greatest piece of 'avant-garde classical' or 'serious' music of the last half of the 20th century so far." Scott Isler in *The Trouser Press Record Guide* calls it "one of the scariest records ever made."

Both *Chelsea Girl* and *The Marble Index* are currently available as CD reissues at budget prices — indeed, the CD of *Chelsea Girl* sounds much better, because of the balance between voice and guitar and strings, etc., than the original album. If your record store says it can't order them, go to a better record store.

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LETTERS

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and Frisco (har) a person who thinks lemon peel in espresso is a sign of cosmopolitanism we call a rube or a square. As my many queer friends agree, moderation and relevance are basic components of (good) taste. Taste hinges on a level of awareness deeper than digging A&E and the Fab Five or taking Mom's advice. To make new friends, drawing attention to yourself by any raucous means whatsoever is no substitute for an appealing personality.

Albert Bodinger
Downtown

Twelve Demands

Dear *Reader*, which we think is an oxymoron because the *Reader* is hardly readable.

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(9) Fire the cover artists and photographers. Hire people who have delicious

artistic taste with creative input for the public.

(10) Less ads, or at least all in the back. Ugh.

(11) Comics that aren't "Zippy" will now be included in the *Reader*. They will be fresh. They will be funny.

(12) Because we care, this consultation is a donation, but we should have charged you.

Fidel Castro
via e-mail

Harmon's Return

As a longtime fan of *Genetic Disorder* fanzine, it's great to see that Larry Harmon is writing for your music section again.

He's done more for this town's music scene — from putting up and feeding touring bands to taking a sock to the jaw to socking someone back — than 99.9 percent of the local bands that are written about in the

Reader's music section.

My only question is how did you get him back: Are you paying him in beer?

James Callaway
via e-mail

Saffron Junkie

I am a huge coupon junkie, but the best thing I love about your paper is "Ask Saffron." That is one great advice column. Hope some of San Diego smartens up by reading it. Thanks again.

Name Withheld
via e-mail

Pleasure Cluster

Many thanks to your astronomy expert, who keeps us apprised of upcoming heavenly events. I especially enjoyed the recent clustering of the new moon, Venus, Jupiter, and Spica.

Natalie Hutchins
via e-mail

Bad Fragments

I have to know: Is the

"T.G.I.F." column in the back section of the *Reader* put there so people will read it to each other and talk about how it is poorly written? This is a halfway serious question.

I'm new to San Diego, and I've read the *Reader* twice, both times I've read this column, or someone has read this column to me. I've questioned the editorial quality.

It is really badly written. Once more, it makes me not care to look at anything else in the publication.

Two words: Sentence fragment. Teach him what that means.

Matt
via e-mail

Gutless Sleaze

Just leafed through last week's offering from your weekly free journal. Although I have very few beefs about how business is run in this publication, I do have a very big beef to get off my chest.

I'm directing these remarks toward a certain segment of the readership. A segment that has a very big yellow streak running down its back and uses any excuse to maintain it. They even go so far as to drag out the lame argument of freedom of speech.

In the letters section, I have seen these yellow-bellied versions of *Homo scribendi* write some of the most vitriolic letters printed, then signed themselves "Name Withheld." What kind of hoary, gutless sleaze is *that*?

Frankly, some of the letters from these Cassandras contain language and concepts that would either get them nailed in a libel suit or have them spitting teeth after their intended target nails them in the mouth.

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Paintball World Series

Does it hurt? "Depends on where you get hit," says Ryan Greenspan, a member of Dynasty, a San Diego-based paintball team. "If I were to get shot in the arm or chest or body or back, it can feel like anything from someone flicking you with a finger to a light slap. But if I were to get shot in the inner thigh or under the arm, it definitely, definitely stings; it's more along the lines of a bee sting, and those stay around a lot longer. You can have bruises for a month."

Dynasty, the highest-ranked paintball team in the world, is one of 200 teams competing at Qualcomm Stadium this weekend in part four of the five-part National Paintball Professional League World Series.

"More and more we are seeing a lot of paintball fans," says Chuck Hendsch, president of the National Paintball Professional League. "Especially [for] Dynasty. They have a ton of fans, typically kids from 10 to 18 years old."

"It's kind of a different culture, similar to skating and BMX culture, but it's more techie. [The fan base is composed of] more computer-literate kids who are into gaming. It's like being in a video game when you play."

It was 1984 when, as a senior in high school, Hendsch first tried the sport. In those days players would have to change their CO₂ tank after 12 shots. "Today [the guns] hold 200 rounds, and they can shoot up to 22 balls per second in semiautomatic rapid-fire," says Hendsch. Tournament rules allow one

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In terms of expense, Hendsch compares paintball to golf. "If you go out and you rent all of the equipment, you might spend 25 to 30 bucks to play a round of golf. You can do the same thing in paintball." For \$200 you can buy a complete kit at Wal-Mart. Likening markers to golf clubs, Hendsch adds, "You can buy the standard club or the one that Tiger Woods uses."

Greenspan, who helped Dynasty win a record eight tournaments in a row in the European paintball circuit, says, "Blown-out knees are by far the worst injuries I have seen. This happens when you put strain on [the knee] by running and stopping to pivot and [the tendons in your knee] twist and tear." This happened to one of Dynasty's members. "When you get surgery for that, you're out for 8 to 12 months."

— Barbarella

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BAJA

Tijuana Fair continues through Sunday, September 18, with food, music, arts and crafts, entertainment at Parque Morelos. On main stage: Maricela on Thursday, September 15; Carlos Eduardo Rico on Friday, September 16; Invasores de Nuevo León on Saturday, September 17; and El Norteño Compayito on Sunday, September 18.

At Palenque, see Vicente Fernández, Thursday–Saturday, September 15–17. All concerts start at 11:30 p.m.

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

Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan in concert, Thursday, September 15, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona

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"SHYAMA — THE MYSTICAL INDIAN WOMAN"

Indian classical ballet by Shobana and company in Sherwood Auditorium on Friday, September 16.

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Río). Tickets: \$30, \$35, \$40 U.S. 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

Traditional Veracruz Son Music promised when Los Utrera takes

stage on Friday, September 16, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Take the Train to Tecate when Pacific Southwest Railway Museum Association hosts vintage train excursion, Saturday, September 17. Train departs Campo Depot at 10:30 a.m., returns to

Campo at 4:30 p.m. Fare: \$40 for adults, \$20 for those 3–12, free for kids under 3. Reservations: 619-465-7776 x5. (CAMPO, TECATE)

International Sport-Fishing Tournament, Saturday, September 17, 8 a.m., at Puerto Salina La Marina. \$60 U.S. Registration: 011-52-661-612-1253. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Mexicali Motocross Round #10, Saturday, September 17, 8 a.m. Details: 011-52-661-612-2525. (MEXICALI)

30K Race starts 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, at World Fitness (126 Carmen Serdán Street). \$9 U.S. 011-52-664-634-4435. (TIJUANA)

Powerade Bike Ride, Sunday, September 18, starting at 8 a.m. at Auditorio Municipal (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-621-7616. (TIJUANA)

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Matadors Eulalio "Zotoluco" López, José María Luévano, Fernando Ochoa meet up with bulls from Junco in Monumental Bullring by the Sea, Sunday, September 18, 4 p.m. 011-52-664-686-1510. (TIJUANA)

"Made in Tijuana," book read from and signed by author Javier Guerra, Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Macro Concert — see Lupillo Rivera, Banda Limón, Sergio Vega, Joel Elizalde, many others, Wednesday, September 21, 4 p.m., at Caliente Race Track. Free. 011-52-664-633-7300. (TIJUANA)

Gabino Palomares in concert, Wednesday, September 21, 8 p.m., at School of Arts, UABC. 011-52-665-654-2404. (TECATE)

OUTDOORS

San Diego's Coastal Sage-Scrub Vegetation is now at the very nadir of its growth cycle. Shades of gray

and yellow have replaced the bright greens that carpeted many of the still-wild coastal hillsides up until April or May of this year. Sometime within the next several weeks, the first substantial autumn rain will shatter the usual summer drought, and our "summer deciduous" vegetation could bounce back in a matter of days.

Fall Migrant Birds such as wood warblers can be seen at Cabrillo National Monument and its vicinity on Point Loma, Torrey Pines State Reserve, and other parks and open spaces near the San Diego coast. Cooper's or marsh hawks and even peregrine falcons may be seen following or pursuing these smaller birds.

Saturn and the Beehive star cluster lie only about one degree apart from each other late this week (September 15–18). The Beehive, a loose collection of stars in the constellation Cancer, is easily visible in binoculars, even in a light-polluted night sky. To see both, you'll need to be up early. Bright, creamy-colored Saturn lies about halfway up in the eastern sky during early dawn (5:30 to 6:00 a.m.). Look for a collection of pinpoint stars near Saturn in your binocular or small-telescope field of view.

Catch the Full Moon Rising Saturday, September 17, from the boat-launching area on Shelter Island and you'll witness a beautiful

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spectacle (weather permitting). As the sun drops behind Point Loma, the west-facing facets of several glass-walled buildings downtown will reflect a golden glow straight back toward Shelter Island. Afterward, during twilight, the moon will pop up directly behind the skyline.

This alignment occurs only at this time of the year (near the autumnal equinox) and also at the time of the full moon closest to vernal equinox (late March). If the moon appears a little larger than usual this time, it's no accident: full moon this particular month

coincides with lunar perigee — the moon's closest approach to Earth.

See Fall Migrants and year-round residents during Audubon Society outing to Old Mission Dam, Saturday, September 17, 8 a.m. to noon. Possible sightings: rock and canyon wrens, downy woodpeckers, and black and white warblers.

Meet in parking lot at Old Mission Dam in Mission Trails Regional Park. Hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. 619-280-7710. Free. (MISSION GORGE)

Volunteer Work Day at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, Sat-

urday, September 17, 9 a.m. to noon. Remove non-native plants, rake, sweep, accomplish all manner of tasks at this "preserve in the making." Free. Supplies, directions, required reservations: 619-682-7200. (VISTA)

"Ancient Inhabitants," naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads easy two-mile hike and talk about first inhabitants and development through centuries in Daley Ranch on Saturday, September 17. Meet at 9 a.m. in main parking lot (on La Honda Drive). 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Hike Into Hellhole Canyon — where rain-damaged trails are re-

paired and creek is still running — on Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m., at Hellhole Canyon Open-Space Preserve (19324 Santee Lane). 760-749-5320. Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

Twilight Nature Walk in cool of evening on Saturday, September 17, in Mission Trails Regional Park. Outing starts at 6:15 p.m. in Kumeyaay campground parking lot (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. Required reservations: 619-668-2748. (MISSION GORGE)

Enhance Disturbed Natural Areas, remove invasive vegetation, plant natives during habitat restoration in San Dieguito River Park, Saturday, September 17, 8 a.m. Free. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on September 17 at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

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Cleanup Along the Banks of Buena Vista Creek on Coastal Cleanup Day, Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to noon. Locations: 760-435-5807. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Work in Rice Canyon or Del Rey Canyon on Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to noon. Cut and haul invasive plants, remove litter. Bring a tarp if you have one, pruners and loppers, sturdy shoes, work clothes. Free. Directions: 619-656-8669. (CHULA VISTA)

Clean It Up! 21st annual California Coastal Cleanup Day is Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to noon,

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Clean Up Rose Creek during Coastal Cleanup Day, Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. to noon, starting at Mission Bay High School (2475 Grand Avenue). Registration: 619-291-0103 x3003 (or register onsite at 8:30 a.m.). Bring water, work gloves. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Canyon Favorites Hike, Sunday, September 18, 3 p.m. Hikers take moderately paced jaunt to Walden Pond, see waterfall, possibly wildlife. Meet at end of Park Village Drive with hiking boots, insect repellent, water. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

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Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 1 and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets: \$28-\$78 for adults, \$22-\$78 for children. 858-560-6741. (LA JOLLA)

"Shyama — The Mystical Indian Woman," Indian classical ballet by Shobana and company, Friday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla (700 Prospect Street). Tickets at door: \$20, \$30, \$40, benefiting Association for India's Development. 858-964-8092. (LA JOLLA)

The Circulators Square Dance Club offers beginners' class starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 16, in Recital Hall (2130 Pan-American Plaza). First class: free; thereafter, \$3. Classes are open to adults and children over ten (accompanied by an adult). 619-644-2336. Open enrollment continues through September 30. (BALBOA PARK)

Castle Scottische taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, September 16, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. Free. All ages, singles, partners. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

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West African Dance Workshop with live drumming led by Nikola Clay, Saturday, September 17, 3 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). \$25. 760-942-9927. (ENCINITAS)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instructors are Steve Maranto and Karin Norlin on September 18. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

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

San Diego Swing Club hosts West Coast swing dance party every Sunday, 3 to 7 p.m., at La Mesa Women's Club (5220 Wilson Avenue). Beginner's lesson: 3 to 4 p.m. \$7. 858-274-6422. (LA MESA)

"Celebrating the Equinox" is theme for Sufi dancing led by Toni Michael on Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). \$3. 619-692-3079. (HILLCREST)

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)

Israeli Folk Dancing is offered every Thursday at San Diego Jewish Academy (11860 Carmel Creek Road). Beginners: 7 p.m., inter-

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The climb to Calabasas Peak appeals to both exercise-minded folks and landscape photographers. The non-trivial gain and loss of 1000 feet of elevation makes a great workout, and the geologic formations you pass along the way are some of the most photogenic in the Santa Monica Mountains. An early or a late start is almost always preferred over a midday excursion. It's cooler then, and photographers will appreciate the three-dimensional effect of low-angle sunlight on the rock formations and the long shadows slanting across the shaggy mountainsides.

From Woodland Hills or Calabasas in the southwest corner of the San Fernando Valley, take Mulholland Highway southwest approximately five miles to Stunt Road on the left. Drive one mile on Stunt Road to a large turnout at mile marker 1.0. After parking in that turnout, which doubles as a trailhead,

cross the pavement and pick up the fire road that cuts across a hillside to the north. At 0.7 mile up that road, you reach a road junction in a saddle. You're

fire road, just beyond a couple of horseshoe curves, you reach the summit ridge just south of the Calabasas Peak. The road goes on to traverse the

CALABASAS PEAK

Climb to the summit of Calabasas Peak in the Santa Monica Mountains and enjoy far-ranging views of the San Fernando Valley.

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Hiking difficulty: Moderate

at the upper end of Red Rock Canyon Park — maybe worth a visit on your way back from the peak.

Stay left and continue north, wending your way past a fascinating collection of tilted sandstone slabs and fins. These formations (which are even better exhibited in Red Rock Canyon below) tell a geologic story of deposition by gentle currents and massive floods, and later faulting and folding of the resulting sedimentary rock layers. Plenty of recent weathering and erosion has put the final touches on the exposed sandstone.

At 1.6 miles up the

peak's east shoulder, so you leave it (and probably your bike, if you have one) and hop onto a fire break going up toward the peak itself. A low thicket of chaparral guards the rounded summit.

The foreground view features a good dose of newer and in-progress suburban developments spreading into the mountains from the direction of Highway 101 and the San Fernando Valley. On clear days, long views west toward unpopulated parts of the Santa Monica Mountains and east toward the San Gabriel Mountains are inspiring.

flick at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

Open Screening Night, Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Documentary director and producer Mark Day on hand to answer questions, show clips; short films, food, music, opportunity to "show your work and network with other local film/video makers." Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (GOLDEN HILL)

Scandinavian Film Series at San Diego Museum of Art commences with *The Emigrants*, starring Max Von Sydow and Liv Ullmann, Thursday, September 15. See *Pelle the Conqueror* on Thursday, September 22. 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 Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$8. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

The Irish-Cuban Documentary *Mission Against Terror* screens for Activist San Diego Film Series on Friday, September 16, 7 p.m., at Korova Coffee Bar and Art Gallery (4496 Park Boulevard). Discussion follows. Donation. 619-528-8383. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

iCine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival starts with *Un Soldado Mexicano*, Friday, September 16, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Free. In Spanish and English with English subtitles. Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (SAN MARCOS)

"Through Hell and High Water," documentary on "true love story between Nancy and Archie Kelly" screens Saturday, September 17, 2:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Nancy Kelly was fleeing Nazi occupation in northern Norway at end of World War II, rescued by British Navy. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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The "Surreal Comic Bon Bon" *Paris When It Sizzles*, starring William Holden, Noel Coward, Audrey Hepburn, wraps up season for Cinema Under the Stars, Thursday through Saturday, September 15–17, 8:30 p.m. Enjoy

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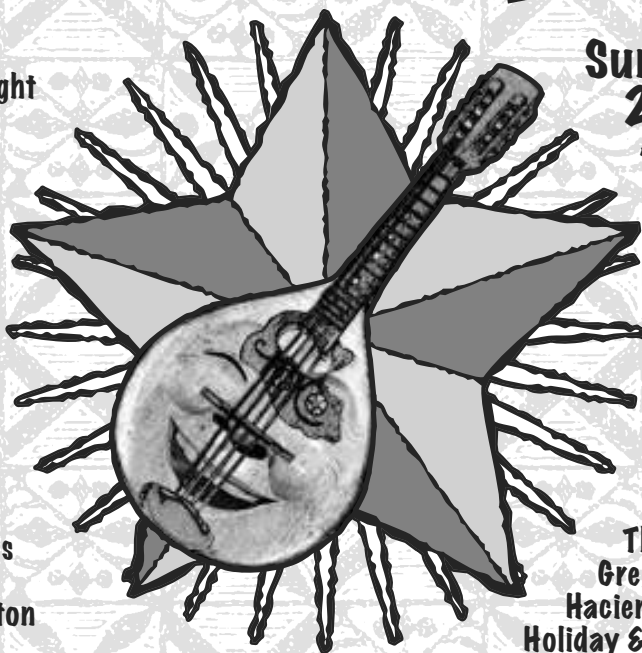
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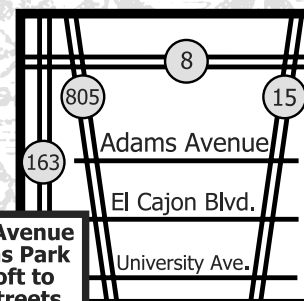


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The Cyber-Thriller *Cypher* screens for Film Forum on Monday, September 19, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

The 1969 Musical *Sweet Charity*, with Chita Rivera, screens Monday, September 19, 7 p.m., in Old Globe Theatre. Free. 619-23-GLOBE. (BALBOA PARK)

In Honor of Banned Books Week, *The Color Purple* screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series on Wednesday, September 21, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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

"09-11-01," a program of 11 short films by international filmmakers about effects of 9/11 for "Movies That Matter," Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: \$5. 619-531-8950. (EAST VILLAGE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, currently screening in the IMAX theater: *Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag*, *Rhythms of the World*, *Mystery of the Nile*. Fridays at the Fleet continues every Friday night, featuring two classic IMAX films. Ticket prices and showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Photojournalist Steve McCurry discusses his photography and work included in exhibition "Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" on Thursday, September 15, at 4 and 7 p.m., in Joan and Irwin Jacobs

Theater at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10 general. 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

"Dogs and Toddlers," learn tips to keep dogs and toddlers safe in one another's company during Happy Hour Lecture, Thursday, September 15, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). \$10. Reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

"Prisons: Inside the New America from Vernooikill Creek to Abu Ghraib" illuminated when poet, essayist David Matlin speaks and signs books on Friday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). 858-459-4650. Donations welcome. (HILLCREST)

"Two Years Since the Fires: Learning and Leadership" is subject for lecture by botany researcher Anne S. Fege when Sierra Club gathers on Friday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pearls of the World," Karen L. Sinizer presents "travelogue, biology lesson, visual tour" for Bead Society of San Diego County, Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m., at Mingei Museum. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

"Google to Keep Current" — learn to start your genealogy searches on Internet when Dick Travis speaks for Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego gathers, Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

Hands-On Parties, dishes to "make your next party a hit" taught by Jeff Rossman, owner and chef of Terra Restaurant, Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). \$60. Reservations: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

Memoir-Writing Workshop promised when prize-winning author Ross Talarico visits La Jolla Branch Library (7555 Draper Avenue) on Saturday, September 17, 1 p.m. He's author of *Spreading the Word: Poetry and the Survival of Community in America*. Free. Re-

quired reservations: 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Water-Wise Gardening and Compost Education taught by certified master composters, Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. Reservations: 760-436-7986 x216. (EL CAJON)

"Is Smart Growth Really Smart?" Get the skinny when urban planner Gary Rose Weber speaks, Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m., at New School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Japanese Garden Design seminars led by Ken Siers, Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Japanese Friendship Garden. Lectures, in-class exercises. \$50 for Saturday, both for \$90. Registration: 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)



"Zecharia Sitchin — An Overview of the Evidence" presented by Erik Poltorak for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) on Sunday, September 18, 6 p.m., at Sizzler (3755 Murphy Canyon Road). Free. 760-753-2456. (MISSION VILLAGE)

Heritage Scrapbooking Class led by historian/artist Helen Hal-may of the Congress of History, Sunday, September 18, 1 to 3 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Archival tech-

niques, rescue of old photographs, digital photography, more. Fee: \$10 at door. 619-469-7283. Classes continue October 1, 9, 16. (LEMON GROVE)



"Illuminating Your Life with Purpose" — workshop with meditation, movement, music, and art to illustrate power of creative process led by Nina Couturiaux, Sunday, September 18, 10 a.m., at Ginseng Yoga and Bodywork (85 Beech Street). \$20. 858-338-YOGA, 760-458-4285. (SOUTH PARK)

"Israel Divided? The Impact of Disengagement on Israeli Politics and the Israel Defense Forces" — symposium on Sunday, September 18, 2 to 5 p.m., at Congregation Beth Israel (2512 Third Avenue). Asher Arian on "The Separation from Gaza and the Future of Israeli Politics," "The Israel Defense Forces and the Withdrawal from Gaza" by Ranan Kuperman. Free. 858-457-3030. (DOWNTOWN)

Appalachian Rib-Style Melon Baskets created when Carol Lang leads class on Sunday, September 18, noon to 5 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art, School of Art (219 North Coast Highway). \$70. Registration: 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

"Slovenia and Croatia: A Tale of Two Countries" told when Donald M. Gragg, M.D., addresses North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council on Monday, September 19, 10:05 a.m., in second-floor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs

Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Six-Week Refresher and beginning genealogy course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Mondays, September 19–October 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Attend any or all sessions. Free. Reservations necessary for final two sessions: 760-757-0528. (CARLSBAD)

"California Native Plants for the Garden" illuminated when Bart O'Brien, director of horticulture at Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden, speaks for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"British Parish Records: Beyond the Basics" presented by genealogist Debby Horton when British Isles Genealogical Research Association gathers Wednesday, September 21, 12:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-465-0266. (HILLCREST)

"The History of Sexuality, the Journal, and the Field" is topic when Mathew Kuefler, editor of the



Journal of the History of Sexuality, addresses San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, September 21. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. 760-942-8181, 619-224-5664. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Three Professional Indexers explain secrets of their craft for SD/Professional Editors Network, Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., in Clairemont Community Room (4731 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (ENCINITAS)

"Republican Maxims" — discussion and debate, Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Living



Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Rock-Climbing Basics" dispensed on Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"Thirst for Independence: The San Diego Water Story," Dan Walker leads class (Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.) and field trip (Saturday, September 24), for San Diego Natural History Museum. \$69 fee includes field trip transportation. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"World War I in the Air, the Aircraft, the Men, the Myths, and the Truth" presented by Peter Fedders, Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Aerospace Museum. \$15. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

"Summer in the City," seminar hosted by Centex Homes, Thursday, September 22, 6 p.m., at 930 Market. Interior design and cooking experts examine how to best utilize cupboard space, decorating with kitchen supplies. Free. RSVP: 619-237-7359. (DOWNTOWN)

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AcousticMusicSanDiego hosts concert by Andy M. Stewart and Gerry O'Beirne, Thursday, September 15, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). Tickets: \$18, \$22. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"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)

Author Len Merson signs and leads seminar on his book, *The Instant Productivity Toolkit: 21 Simple Ways to Get More Out of Your Job, Yourself, and Your Life Immediately*, Friday, September 16, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

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)

From Peebles, Scotland, folksinger Eric Bogle performs for San Diego Folk Heritage on Friday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$18. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

A Salute to the Beatles planned when Offbeats perform for Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street), Friday, September 16, 5 p.m. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"An Evening of Real Fake Science," self-described "fake scientist" Ron Schultz reads from and discusses his monograph *Introducing the Social String Theory* (featured in current issue of the *Journal of Irreproducible Results*), Saturday, September 17, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue; 858-456-1800). Free. (LA JOLLA)

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Floral Demonstration by Mitsuko Takeya, Saturday, September 17, 2 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Mid-Month Cabaret and Blacklight Show, Saturday, September 17, 8 p.m., at Center for Amusing Arts (2438 Commercial Street). Blacklight effects by Iain Gunn, sword swallower/sideshow artist Murrugan, Eddie Haskell and his singing saw, music by Carnival Barkers. \$10. 619-231-1950. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

"A Day of Music" promised on Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Danky's Sports Bar and Grill (5806 Van Allen Way).

Fundraiser for Surfrider Foundation boasts 11 bands in 11 hours (among them: Fish and the Sea-weeds, Blue Largo, Fabulous Woodies, Private Domain), playing a variety of kinds of music. Admission is free. 760-809-9510. (CARLSBAD)

Real Deal plays jazz and blues, Saturday, September 17, 1 p.m., at Rancho Peñasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Road). Free. 858-538-8159. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Smooth Jazz Festival, Saturday, September 17, at Embarcadero Marina Park North; gates open at 11 a.m. Performers include Andre Delano, Steve Cole, Craig Chaquico, Lalah Hathaway, Marcus Miller, Angie Stone. Tickets: \$40-\$140. 562-424-0013. (DOWNTOWN)

Hula Dancers will be on hand when Emel Kay signs *KeAloha the Keeper*, Saturday, September 17, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (159 Fletcher Parkway). Free. 619-593-5119. (EL CAJON)

Accounts of Famous and Infamous People, places, and events in San Diego's past conveyed by Jack Innis in *San Diego Legends*, which he'll sign and discuss, Saturday, September 17, 1 p.m., at Rudolph Schiller's Bookstore (2754 Calhoun Street). Free. 619-293-7095. (OLD TOWN)

North County Funnies starring Bobby Tessel and featured comic Lorrie Cohen, Pearl Street Players, Saturday, September 17, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$18 at door. 760-960-0105. (CARLSBAD)

"The Psychology of Liberty," Wes Bertrand discusses his new book when Humanist Fellowship meets on Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159. (DOWNTOWN)

A Plethora of Midwestern Mystery Authors — William Kent Krueger (*Mercy Falls*), Libby Fischer Hellmann (*Shot to Die For*), and Carol Brookins (*The Case of the Greedy Lawyers*) — sign and discuss their books on Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

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Beth Henley's *Crimes of the Heart* read when Carlsbad Playreaders present rehearsed reading, Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$5. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

"Stories in Song" — soprano Pamela Arnold and Beverly McGahey (accompanist) present tunes by Cole Porter, Gershwin, favorite opera arias, Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). 619-223-6394 x13. Donation: \$5. (POINT LOMA)

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

The Fercos Brothers present "Las Vegas-style magic and illusion show," September 21-25, at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Performances begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with 2:30 matinee on Thursday, 4 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$25. Tickets: 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

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)

Author Wayne Theodore discusses and signs *Wayne: An Abused Child's Story of Courage, Survival, and Hope*, Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Grossmont Center (5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870). Free. (LA MESA)

A Poker Exhibition immediately follows the signing of *Annie Duke: How I Raised, Folded, Bluffed, Flirted, Cursed, and Won Millions at the World Series of Poker*, Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Register for qualifying tournament at 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Anthropologist and "Initiated Shaman" Barbara Tedlock discusses her latest book, *The Woman in the Shaman's Body: Reclaiming the Feminine in Religion and Medicine*, Thursday, September 22, noon, in room 3601 at MiraCosta College (One Barnard Drive). 760-795-6899. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Tedlock will also discuss and sign her work at 7 p.m. on 22nd at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Free. 858-755-3735. (DEL MAR)

SPORTS

Teams from All Over the World compete in NPPL Super 7

World Series Professional Paintball Tournament, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday, September 16-18, at Qualcomm Stadium. Trade show, concert. Admission: free; parking \$10 on Saturday and Sunday. 714-536-9050. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Thunderboat Regatta runs September 16-18 on Mission Bay. Competition in a variety of categories, sunup to sundown, Friday through Sunday. Viewing is free

around bay, with some ticketed areas. 619-225-9160. (MISSION BAY)

San Diego Padres host Washington Nationals in Petco Park, September 16-18, at 7:05 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 1:05 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads visit Colorado for games against Rockies, September 19-22, at 5:35 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 12:05 p.m. on Thursday.

Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

Semper Fit, Camp Pendleton Heartbreak Ridge Half-Marathon, Saturday, September 17, 7:30 a.m., in Las Pulgas area on base. All gravel out and back, off-road course over rolling hills. 760-725-6836. Civilians welcome. (OCEANSIDE)

Classic Longboard Surfing Contest hosted by Old Mission Beach Athletic Club to raise funds for "wheelchairs for the beach,"


Saturday, September 17, north of Crystal Pier. Registration: 8 a.m. "Boards must be 1969 or older and nine feet or longer, no leashes." 619-913-1663. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Navigate with Map and Compass during National Orienteering Weekend hosted by San Diego Orienteering Club, September 17 and 18. Four courses offered on Saturday, starting in front of Reuben H. Fleet Science Center; three courses on Sunday, on Mount Laguna (I-8 and Sunrise High-

way). Both days: starts from 10 a.m. to noon. Instruction for newcomers. \$5. Map reservations: 760-213-6256. (BALBOA PARK, MOUNT LAGUNA)

Does a "25-Mile Ride That Feels Like 40" appeal? Head out for bicycle ride with Knickerbikers on Saturday, September 17, starting at 9 a.m. at Ross (corner of I-5 and Lomas Santa Fe). Tour Rancho Santa Fe, Del Mar; bring money for lunch at Fidel's. 760-754-1443. (SOLANA BEACH)

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The 14th Annual San Diego Heart Walk is Saturday, September 17, with registration at 6:30 a.m., in Balboa Park. Donation. 619-497-5711. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Full Moon Kayak Paddle on Mission Bay hosted by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Saturday, September 17, starting near Dana Landing at 7:45 p.m. \$55 fee includes guided tour, equipment. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (MISSION BAY)

San Diego Chargers are in Denver for football against the Broncos, Sunday, September 18, 1:15 p.m. Tickets for future home games: \$41-\$84, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

UTC to Escondido Express Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, September 18. Fifty-mile ride with steep grade, brisk pace starts at 8:30 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for snack stop at Java Depot. 858-452-6237. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Walk for PKD (polycystic kidney disease) is Sunday, September 18, on Spanish Landing. Walk starts at 9 a.m., following registration at 8 a.m. 760-804-9523. (DOWNTOWN)

Spreckels Cup Competition, Sunday, September 18, 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)

Racing Without Brakes! Tuesday night bicycle racing continues through September 27 at San Diego Velodrome, 6:20 to 8:30 p.m. Free for spectators. Find velodrome at 2221 Morley Field Drive. 760-703-6280. (BALBOA PARK)

Outdoor Fitness in San Diego Parks, one-hour cross-training workouts led by personal trainer, appropriate for most fitness levels. Classes take place at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Morley Field (at Texas Street) and on Saturdays at 9 a.m. on Sixth Avenue (between Balboa Drive and Quince Street). Fee: \$30 per class, \$180 for nine sessions. 619-301-3901. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Senior Olympics continue 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

"Wavecrest Woodie Weekend," described as "the largest of all woodie meets," starts with "Rods and Woodies on 101" on Thursday, September 15, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., between D and I Streets on Highway 101.

Wavecrest woodie show with 250-300 vehicles expected, 8 a.m.

OUT & ABOUT

ETHNIC TREASURES

Collector's Club Auction at San Diego Museum of Man, Saturday, September 17.

(SEE SPECIAL)



to 3 p.m. on Saturday, in Moonlight Beach parking lot (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Food, entertainment.

Woodie cruise on Highway 101 on Sunday. Wavecrest surfboard auction on 18th, poolside at Best Western Inn and Suites (85 Encinitas Boulevard). Preview at 11 a.m., auction noon to 3 p.m.

Free admission to all events. 619-993-8401. (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.

Admission: \$75. 858-836-0133. (SHELTER ISLAND)

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Celebrate Mexican Independence Day on Friday, September 16, 3 to 5 p.m., at Logan Heights Library (811 South 28th Street). Outdoor fiesta with traditional Mexican songs performed by La Rondalla, El Ballet Folklórico Tapatio. Free. 619-533-3968. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

The 16th Annual Fall Home/Garden Show at Del Mar Fairgrounds, with over 425 exhibits covering wide variety of home-improvement and decorating subjects. Hours: noon to 7 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$12 gen-

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Mata Ortiz Pottery Show, Friday-Sunday, September 16-18, at new location for Bazaar del Mundo Shops (4133 Taylor Street at Juan). More than a dozen artists from Chihuahua, Mexico, will be on hand; demonstrations. Free admission. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

California Women's Show, September 16-18, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Celebrity speakers, fashion shows, stage presentations, health "check-up zone," vendor booths and exhibits, more. \$10 general. 858-586-1202. (DOWNTOWN)

Blaise Pascal's Pensées discussed when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers, Saturday, September 17, 2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

22nd Annual California Indian Days Celebration, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Cultural presentations, musical performances, crafts and food booths, demonstrations, storytelling. Free. 619-281-5964. (BALBOA PARK)

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.

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Autumn Art Festival, September 17 and 18, at Spanish Village Art Center. Art, entertainment, demonstrations, dancing. Artists of center's 37 studios, guilds, and associations showcased. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. 619-239-0137. Free admission. (BALBOA PARK)

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"Barrio Logan — Youth Voices — Community Stories Project" for teens gets underway Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m., at Barrio Logan College Institute (1807 Main Street). Arcela Nuñez will discuss documenting, preserving local stories; participants learn about oral history gathering. Barrio Logan community members invited to arrive with old family photos, have their stories documented. Free. Registration: 619-230-1938 x101. (BARRIO LOGAN)

San Diego Bromeliad Society, Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Textiles, Folk Art, Pottery, wall hangings, baskets — all on offer during 11th annual Collector's Club Auction, Saturday, September 17, at San Diego Museum of Man. Auction preview at 1 p.m., bidding at 2 p.m. Admission: \$5, includes catalog and bidding number. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Community Drum Circle, Saturday, September 17, 1 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Bring your own hand percussion, or borrow a va-

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(SEE IN PERSON)



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Fools for Flyball, Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Oceanside Harbor Days on Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,

with regatta, fishing derby, static displays, demonstrations, Nail and Sail competition, live music, arts and crafts, food, more. 760-722-1534. Free admission. (OCEANSIDE)

Modernism Weekend hosted by SOHO (Save Our Heritage Organisation) is Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18. Saturday: exhibition of "The Hampton Collection: Modernism

in San Diego Postwar Art," 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (continuing through Sunday), \$5. Lectures on three topics (\$25 per talk). Historic home tour on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., includes three Lloyd Ruocco homes, two other notable homes in Mount Helix area. \$30.

Lectures offered at modernism weekend headquarters: 2110 El Cajon Boulevard (a 1950s modern

now home to Skateboard.com). Advance registration: 619-297-7511. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

First Moon Fest Faire celebrating Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, September 17 and 18, in parking lot at Kearny Mesa Bowl (7585 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Live entertainment, mooncake- and watermelon-eating contests, feng shui seminar, food for sale, lighting of "giant custom-made lanterns from China." Admission: free. 760-481-4690. (KEARNY MESA)

Hundreds of Orchids available at annual orchid auction hosted by Palomar Orchid Society, Saturday, September 17, at Carlsbad Women's Club (3320 Monroe Street). Preview at 11 a.m., auction at noon. Admission is free. 760-295-7228, 760-720-9424. (CARLSBAD)

Pagan Pride Day! Celebrate autumn harvest on Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Redwood Circle (on west side of Balboa Park, behind lawn-bowling green). Drumming, workshops, children's activities, rituals, discussions. Admission: donation for Red Cross. 760-473-6640. (BALBOA PARK)

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Serra Mesa Community Fair, Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Sandrock and Greyling. Rides, food, vendors, live music. Free admission. 858-565-2473. (SERRA MESA)

Tea Tasting with Michael Figins, exploring characteristics and elements of teas, on Saturday, September 17, 2 to 4 p.m., at Caffè Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

"What's Up Girard 2005: Celebrating Contemporary Design" — this walking tour of eight of La Jolla's "premier showrooms" is Saturday, September 17, 1 to 8 p.m. Free. Locations: 858-551-0873. (LA JOLLA)


Yoga under the Harvest Moon promised Saturday, September 17, 8 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Class led by instructors from Rancho San Diego Yoga. No previous yoga experience necessary; bring mat and blanket, wear clothing that doesn't bind. Registration at 7:45 p.m. \$10 for class, \$1 for mat rental. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

House of Austria hosts lawn program at International Cottages with dance, music, and cultural costumes, Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Sea Chantey Festival, Sunday, September 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on board *Star of India*. Performers include Gilman Carver, Westlin Weavers, Jackstraws, others. Ship-

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and spin myself a purse in which to sleep away the cold; though when the sun kisses the earth again, I know I won't be there. Instead, out of my chrysalis will break, like robbers from a tomb, a swarm of parasitic flies, leaving my wasted husk behind.

Sir, you with the red snippers in your hand, hovering over me, casting your shadow, I greet you, whether you come as an angel of death or of mercy. But tell me, before you choose to slice me in two: Who can understand the ways of the Great Worm in the Sky?

— Stanley Kunitz

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board activity demonstrations; visitors may help set sails of *Star*. Included in museum admission. Find the ship berthed at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). 619-234-9153 x101. (DOWNTOWN)

Stamp-Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, September 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Best Environmental Practices Showcase, Monday, September 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive). Test drive alternative-fuel vehicles, energy and water conservation information,

(free) shade-tree signup, more. \$5. 619-397-6062. (CHULA VISTA)

Heart of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk, a self-guided tour of 20 restaurants is Tuesday, September 20, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. 858-273-3303. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Texas Hold 'em for a Cure, benefit tournament, Tuesday, September 20, 7 p.m., at Days Inn Hotel Circle (543 Hotel Circle South). Buy-in fee: \$30, for Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. Registration: 619-297-8800. (MISSION VALLEY)

Taste of Downtown, cuisines of world on offer during self-guided walking tour, Wednesday, September 21, 5 to 9 p.m. Participants may use shuttle busses or

walk to 40 participating eateries ranging from Gaslamp Quarter to Little Italy. \$25. 619-233-5008. (DOWNTOWN)

Creativity/Humor Workout and enjoy a "program of playful exercises" to "give your creative talents a workout" led by Jacquie Lowell, Wednesday, September 21, 7:35 p.m., Radiance Studio (1618 West Lewis Street). 858-581-0050. \$20. (MISSION HILLS)

The 1944 Warsaw Uprising of Polish Home Army documented in photography exhibition continuing through Friday, September 30, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Documentary photographs, maps, text. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

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Reading

Leave Me Alone, I'm Reading: Finding and Losing Myself in Books



By Maureen Corrigan
Random House, 2005; \$24.95; 201 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

For the past 16 years, Maureen Corrigan has reviewed books for NPR's *Fresh Air*. Now she talks about the books and authors that have influenced her life, from the female adventure novels of Charlotte Brontë and Anna Quindlen, to the gumshoe-detective novel, the martyr narratives of her Catholic girlhood. Corrigan assembles a rich literary feast, delighting readers and fans of the Brontës, P.D. James, Kingsley Amis, Bobbie Ann Mason, Louisa May Alcott, Philip Roth, Maxine Hong Kingston, and more.

As Corrigan explores the unpredictable magic of reading and how

books have helped her to understand her life, we experience with her the growing pains in school as books drew her simultaneously closer to and farther away from her parents, the mixed messages of Catholicism, and the journey from working-class Queens to the Ivy League, and, finally, the complications and satisfactions of marriage and motherhood. Corrigan reflects upon how our lives are both enriched and confused by the stories we love — and how the books we invite into our lives help us to become the people we are.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Corrigan, the book reviewer for NPR's *Fresh Air* and mystery columnist for the *Washington Post*..., is obsessed with reading books. Her compulsion is a bit far reaching, however: she offers books

as the reason why she delayed getting married and why she adopted her daughter in China. She intersperses lengthy descriptions and analyses of her favorite books, like *Jane Eyre*, *Lucky Jim* and *Karen* (Marie Killilea's memoir of her daughter), with stories from her own life. At times, the book reads like a feminist diatribe against the injustices female authors (and graduate students) have endured and the stereotypical portrayal of female characters. In its favor, the book allows readers to re-experience some perennial favorites, such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Maltese Falcon*. Corrigan does speak to the ability of books to provide escape and solace, and for the creation of characters we can relate to, but these few gems are buried deep in text so thick and analytical that the reader is often left gasping for air.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Born in 1955 in Long Island City, New York, Ms. Corrigan grew up in Queens, close to the 59th Street Bridge. "It was a great place to grow up," said Ms. Corrigan. "because I had the skyline of Manhattan spread out before me. Basically, I lived there throughout my childhood and young adulthood until I went off to graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania."

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

A plethora of books similar to that by Ms. Corrigan have been published in the past five years — books that celebrate books their authors have read. I asked Ms. Corrigan if she would explain the focus of *her* book.

She laughed. "Your question makes me think of that anecdote I tell in this book's intro-

duction about one of the awful academic job interviews I went on at Columbia University, and Steven Marcus asking me if I had 'any methodology in my dissertation.'

"Yes, the methodology for my book was me finally sitting down a year after I had the contract from Random House. In that year I'd become a mother, so hence the delay. I was overwhelmed.

"One thing that was freeing for me, not to sound too therapeutic about this, but one thing that got me going was to think about 'What if I could write a book just about books that, for some reason or other, I loved, or liked, or that had stayed in my mind?'

"Reviewing books as I have for 16 years for *Fresh Air* and teaching for 16 years at George-

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"We've got these tales, whether it's *Jane Eyre* or a novel by Sue Grafton, that's giving us a female spin on a story about endurance and danger."

"Jean Lowe: Library" continues through Sunday, November 13, in William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The Encinitas artist is "clever, conceptual twist on an actual library, in which Lowe's mix of reality and fantasy challenges the viewer's expectations." 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

FOR KIDS

"Mother Holly" performed by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, September 18, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. *Funny Fables* and *Modern Myths* presented by comic ventriloquist, September 21-25.

Performances Wednesday-Friday, 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)

Explore Air when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, September 17, noon to 3 p.m. Participants "make a free science experiment" to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

A Progressive Youth Soccer Group meets second, third, and fourth Saturday each month, 10 a.m. to noon, at Civic and Recreational Center at 212 West Park Avenue. Learn to play soccer or teach. Free. 619-296-4125. (SAN YSIDRO)

Hear "When an Elephant Goes to School" during story time, Tuesday, September 20, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real). Craft. 760-943-6400. Free. (ENCINITAS)

"Madeline Loves Animals" presented and signed by author John Bemelmans Marciano, Thursday, September 22, 4 p.m., at Warwicks Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

MUSEUMS

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

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates,

collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the

museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

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Reading

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town, a certain amount of the literature I deal with is out of obligation. In this book I felt that burden was lifted. I don't have to talk about 'x, y, and z' if I don't want to. I can talk about Susan Isaacs and not be apologetic about liking Susan Isaacs. I don't have to prove that I'm smart, that awful lingering burden that I think anybody who's been to grad school still is plagued by. So that was one of the things. And another was a focus on women. That focus was a surprise to me. Because in grad school, my area of interest had been the great Victorian sages. Those were the people I read, and even in teaching, most of the books that I teach are books written by men. It sur-

prised me that so much of what I was talking about was literature that either was written by women or that had something to say to women.

"The hard-boiled detective fiction classics I loved, Chandler and Hammett and all those tough guys. But what also excites me about those stories is the vision of work that I talk about, that idea that you're calling your own shots, you're autonomous, you've got a sense of mission in the world. I love to think about those utopian work novels. I think that that's one of its attractions that the genre holds.

"What I began to notice too is the female extreme adventure story. That carried through in terms of a theme throughout the book — that there's this body of literature that preaches a stiff upper lip, whether it's the Catholic

martyr stories, the hard-boiled detective stories, or the female extreme adventure stories. For whatever reason, probably a lot to do with my background, I seem to gravitate toward stories of this kind.

"I'm not saying that they're all of equal value. I'm not in that school of critics or theorists. But we've got these tales, whether it's *Jane Eyre* or a novel by Sue Grafton, that's giving us a female spin on a story about endurance and danger, whether it's psychological danger or physical danger. These stories are telling us something about women's lives that we don't usually recognize."

"You also seem to read with an eye toward the theological questions within a novel."

"Maybe that's the meshing in my life of the Catholic back-

ground with the immersion in and love of literature — that idea that there was a Big Plan, that someone is watching you and paying attention to you.

"As I write in the book, I think, for the most part, all this reading in my life has been glorious and life-expanding activity, but it also reinforces a passivity, an almost mystical passivity that I have. When you read enough stories in which the hero or heroine intervenes at the 11th hour to save someone from a dreadful life, you start to believe that surely must be going to happen to you at some point.

"So, I think one thing that distinguishes my book from some of the other books about reading is that I acknowledge that reading is not a risk-free activity: it changes your life. It's not always a change you welcome. It sepa-

rates you, in my case, from the people I grew up with. And sometimes it gives you screwy ideas. For me, certainly in my 20s, the ideas about love and romance that I had were shaped by great novels that I read and weren't necessarily helpful. I was still passive and trapped in that 19th-century romantic heroine mode."

We talked about Ms. Corrigan's *Fresh Air* job. "The great thing about *Fresh Air* is that I always feel I'm talking to an audience of educated non-specialists who are probably going to be interested in what I say, even if I'm not giving a book a rave. There aren't that many outlets that I can think of, especially these days, where I can talk for four minutes and say, 'It's not the book you want it to be.'"

"What attracted me to your book was the title, *Leave Me*

Alone, I'm Reading."

"That's a variance of all the things I would say to my mother, who's not a reader. She's a wonderful mother, and she always was, but does not get it, why people read. She really would come up to me and feel my head for bumps and claim that I was going to get bumps on my skull from reading too much. Can you imagine these days where all we hear about is how parents should encourage their children and this middle-class worry about kids not reading enough?"

"Books often spoil a reader for people."

"And," laughed Ms. Corrigan, "it can also spoil you for the books' authors. Sometimes I've met authors who I've adored and I think, 'I'd much rather read them than meet them.' Their 'best self' is in the book. And

the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

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

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John

"L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

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

The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Extension showcases "Cloisonné: A Perfect Fusion," with over 35 pieces of animal forms and

domestic objects. Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otoy Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

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

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Ro-

mantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

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

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

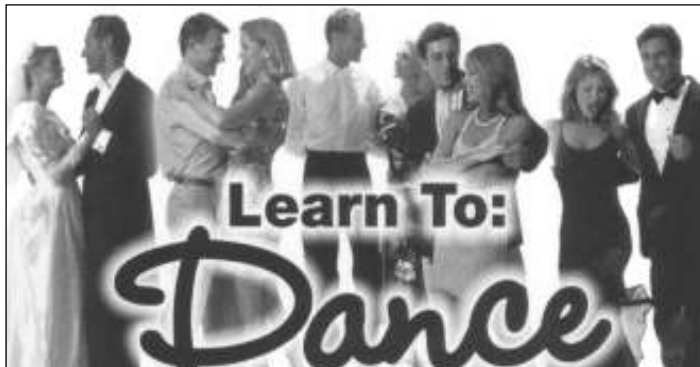
Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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

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

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents of Lemon Grove" details first 30 years of Lemon Grove's existence as a product of "second gold rush" (rise of citrus industry). Photos of original homes (many still standing), artifacts, documents, and furnishings show late-Victorian world of transplanted Midwestern farmers and orchardists.

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Leader of the Flock
Bishop Cordileone Says Mass for, Leads Pro-Lifers in Procession
BY ANNE KROGH
Bishop Salvatore Cordileone celebrated a special Mass on Saturday, July 16, for the unborn and those who pray, witness, and provide sidewalk counseling at abortion clinics. The Mass was held at Most Precious Blood Church in Chula Vista and was concelebrated by Father Frank Maguire, the pastor. At approximately 100, the attendance significantly exceeded organizers' expectations. In his homily, Bishop Cordileone thanked those who pray and counsel at abortion facilities, saying, "I now wish to take this occasion to thank you for all that you do to save lives. Be at that next day, all of you, for all of you do it."

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maybe it's also the venue in which I'm meeting them; usually it's some professional thing, and you don't really get to know people that way. But, oftentimes I'd just rather meet them on the page.

"I think of that Holden

Caulfield fantasy where he always wants when he reads a good book to call up the author and have a drink with him. I don't really want to do that. I want to stay with the book. I don't particularly want to meet the author, although sometimes there have been lovely experiences with authors. But I kind of do feel like sometimes people pour their best selves into the book, and that's what I want to stay with.

"I don't even like audio books that much. Random House has sold the rights for an audio version of the book, but I don't want somebody else's voice intervening or interpreting for me. I just want that voice in my head, as you say, that 'intimate experience.'"

"Why do you think people love memoirs so much now?"

"One reason is because the

memoir, as it's always been, is considered a more accessible form. You don't know what you're getting when you open up a new novel. You don't know if you're going to be able to follow it. Is it going to be one of these post-modern things? What is it going to be?

"Memoir, you can reasonably expect, is going to follow the curve of someone's life. You can get that. I think there's also a contract with a memoir, implicit or explicit, that somebody is going to try to tell the truth. We like that as readers. We want authenticity. And there is that sense, certainly with the best memoirs, that you're sitting down with the author, and they're leaning over and they're saying, 'Let me tell you about this.' If the book is good enough you're just mesmerized.

"I teach a course on women's memoirs at Georgetown. My students are all hip these days, and they're all, like, 'Who cares if it's true or not? We know nothing's true.' And that's how they come into the course. And then we get to Lillian Hellman's *Scoundrel Time*, which I love.

"We read it, and I give them all this outside criticism, outside sources. I say, 'It seems as though she lied, here, here, and here.' They're devastated. So for all of that hipness, and the theoretical sophistication and postmodern assumption that nobody can tell the truth in memoir, I think we still expect that.

"So we try to play around with all those ideas. We start with Ben Franklin, because it's a course on American women's memoirs. And just kind of considering how

he set the template for the American life, rising out of nowhere and becoming somebody. I love Franklin. He is interesting for the students because they're just plodding through his list of accomplishments. Then when you start complicating the book for them, it gets to be fun."

"What do you read in your off hours?"

"American history. I like to read about the American Revolution when I can squeeze it in.

"At the most recent BEA [Book Exposition of America], I was a last-minute substitute at the big luncheon where Michael Cunningham and Doris Kearns Goodwin were. It was such a thrill to meet Doris Kearns Goodwin. I've re-read her Eleanor and Franklin book, *No Ordinary Time*, at least twice.

"I said something to her

like, 'I'd been to all these historical exhibitions as a child, and I tell my own daughter, who's now almost seven, "Franklin Roosevelt was one of our greatest presidents, maybe our greatest."'

"So here my daughter is, seven years old, shouting to her friends and telling them about Roosevelt. The sense that she conveys in that book and that I grew up with, that some people are worthy of being looked up to, has dissipated over the years. Those terms, 'great men' or 'great women,' my students are very cynical about. But some people do deserve that title. I certainly grew up sensing that about Roosevelt and other figures in American history and I haven't lost that sense."

— Judith Moore

Treganzas: Art Across Time" juxtaposes large wall murals of Kumeyaay life in late Stone Age in Lemon Grove with art of local Treganza family, whose creations in brass, copper, iron, and wood between 1896 and 1936 show their mixed Cornish, Spanish, and Mexican Indian heritage.

Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

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

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception" (closing Sunday, June 4, 2006) "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "Skyscapes," and "Try-Science!" "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, the museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

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

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natu-

ral environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May, 2006.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Man, in celebration of its 90th anniversary, "Passage to Panama: Past to Present" and "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" continue through April 2006. "Being Kuna" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life, narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molos*, colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. "Passage" documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethno-

graphic materials, cultural items, photographs.

"Cuando Hablan los Santos: Contemporary Santero Traditions from Northern New Mexico" continues through Monday, September 26. Exhibit documents the past, present, and future of this tradition. Highlights include a San Ysidro by José Benito Ortego, painted images by José Rafael Aragón, contemporary section with work by 13 of New Mexico's *santeros* (saint makers), pieces by 22 children and grandchildren of featured *santeros*.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold,

how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

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Solingen Germany Choir in concert with Germania Choir of local German American Societies, Friday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., at German American Societies Clubhouse (1017 South Mollison Avenue). \$5. Concert follows rouladen dinner at 6 p.m. (\$12). 619-442-6637. (EL CAJON)

San Diego County Recorder Society convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, September 16. Beginner instruction at 6:30 p.m., guest conductor Janet Beazley leads group 7:30 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 619-334-1993. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

"An Evening of Austrian Music" promised when Camila Arnold (soprano), Mickey Goulian (violin), Erin Breene (cello), Electra Reed (oboe), Fontaine Laing (piano), Ryan Beard (horn) perform original compositions by Werner Eugen Lardy, Gerhard Track, Robert Firstenthal. Concert starts at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito (1036 Solana Drive). Donation: \$15. 858-755-7353. (SOLANA BEACH)

Piano Concert Atop Mt. Helix by Jon Schmidt, Saturday, September 17, 7 p.m., at Mt. Helix Amphitheater (10105 Vivera Drive). Tickets: \$12-\$24. 619-588-4901. (LA MESA)

"Czardas," Camarada opens 11th season of chamber music concerts on Sunday, September 18, 6 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). "Gilded age of empire" evoked in pieces "from the magical Vienna woods to the mighty Russian steppes." \$25 general. 619-231-3702. (LA JOLLA)

Traditional Favorites by Bach and Beethoven and new works by a living composer on tap when classical pianist Scott Pratt performs for Summer/Fall Concert Series, Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Donation: \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Pleasure of Your Company chamber music series opens with Encore Trio, Sunday, September 18, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Program includes Tchaikovsky's "Trio in A Minor (In Memory of a Great Artist)." Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

"A Musical Feast — Delicacies from Handel to Barber" promised when soprano Mariko Kanamitsu and pianist Miho Gary play for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, September 18, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Harmony Ringers, Guest Organist Jackson Borges present concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Three Singing Harpists — Kathy Kavanaugh, Kathleen Hartshorne, Kevin Kennedy — play music in a variety of genres, Sunday, September 18, 3 p.m., at

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church (609 Pier View Way). Offering. 760-473-7254. (OCEANSIDE)

"Stories in Song" — soprano Pamela Arnold and Beverly McGahey (accompanist) present tunes by Cole Porter, Gershwin, favorite opera arias, Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., at All Souls' Episcopal Church (1475 Catalina Boulevard, at Chatsworth). 619-223-6394 x13. Donation: \$5. (POINT LOMA)

Reinecke's "Trio for Oboe, Horn, and Piano" and "Nocturno" by Strauss on tap when Cynthia McGregor (French horn), Susan Barrett (oboe), and Stefani Walens (piano) perform for mini-concert at noon on Monday, September 19, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"Summerland" — music by William Grant Still, arranged by Karen Elaine Bakunin, on tap when Fall Chamber Concert Series commences on Monday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Quartets by Turina, Dvořák, Fauré on program when Striano Piano Quartet performs Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

"Irwin's Conspiracy" — modern electronics, Theramin, "fresh beats and visual intrigue" all promised during Concert Hour series on Thursday, September 22, 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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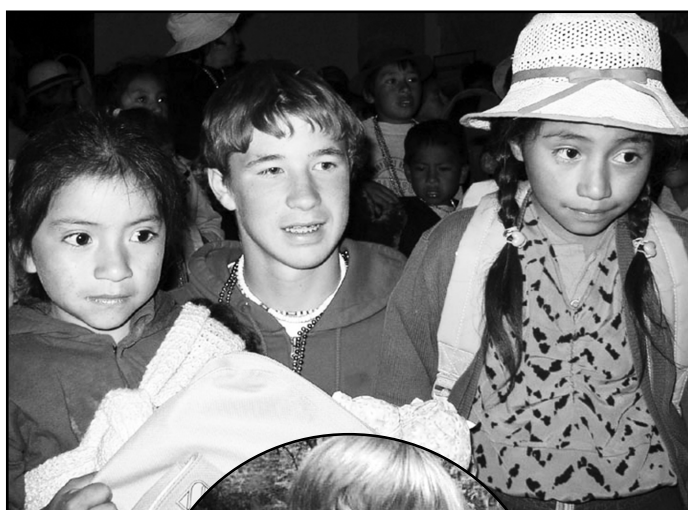


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On December 18, 2004, Kurt and his father joined the Engage Now outreach expedition to Puca Cruz. There they helped to build a four-room school for this impoverished community. On Christmas morning, Kurt presented the grateful students with their new packs, school supplies, and hopes for a brighter future.

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GALLERIES

"Fluid Perceptions," an exhibit of recent mixed-media paintings by Allison Palmer, is on view through Saturday, October 29, at Artisan Collection (3852 Fourth Avenue, suite A). Concurrently, see "Hot Glass" by Jon Evans. Meet artists during reception, Friday, September 16, 5 p.m. 619-294-7089. (HILLCREST)

"Quilts and Boxes" by Grace Matthews are on view through September at BorrelliSpace Gallery (second floor, 4411 Park Boulevard). Reception for artist is Friday, September 16, 6 p.m. The artist "honors the importance of family, community, beauty, and fun in her painted quilts and Day of the Dead boxes." 619-549-6196. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Me, My Mind, My Town" by Jeff Brosbe and "Relics/Remnants" by Effi Karakaidos are on view through Sunday, October 9, at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Concurrently: "Outstanding Vi-

sual Artists" of region juried by Ramon de Salvo. Reception for artists is Friday, September 16, 6 p.m. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

"Brainwaves" by Jan Van Munster opens with reception on Saturday, September 17, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Drury Lane, between Kline and Silverado). Through Saturday, October 22. 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

"Arte de la Frontera" with paintings "capturing border life" by Gregg Stone and Ramon Carrillo, opens with reception on Saturday, September 17, 5 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 Cesar Chávez Parkway). Continues through Friday, October 14. 619-232-1699. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"Too Jewish — Not Jewish Enough" — 23 artists answer question "Is Jewish subject matter limited to Jewish identity?" in exhibit opening with reception on Sunday, September 18, noon, in Gotthelf Art at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Through Tuesday, November 8. 858-362-1342. (LA JOLLA)

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 "Ningyō: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyō* embody the customs,

tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 29, 2006.

"Kazuo Kadonaga — Elemental Materials in Contemporary Art," on exhibit through Sunday, October 2, showcases sculptures fashioned from glass, wood, paper, and bamboo. Kadonaga's art makes visible "the hidden life of seemingly inanimate matter."

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, 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, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," opening on Tuesday, September 20, includes a blown-glass chandelier, *macchias*, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19, 2006.

"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, WritersBlok 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 WritersBlok's artists in lobby and Fayman Galleries, augmenting their banner project on museum's Jacobs Building construction fence on Kettner Boulevard.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," opening on Sunday, September 18, and continuing through December. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is on view from 18th through Sunday, September 3, 2006. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, "Graham Flint: American Panoramas at 1000 Megapixels" showcases the physicist and photographer's project bringing "together the cutting edges of photographic optics, film technology, and digital processing, creating landscape photographs which contain an unprecedented detail and resolution." Through Sunday, September 18.

"Snapshot: From Box Brownies to Camera Phones," also closing on September 18, examines the way family photographs taken by amateur photographers over the past 100 years contribute to the history of photography. Exhibit includes historic snapshots from

1920s–1960s, along with "live feed" of camera phone images.

"Steve McCurry: Photographs of Asia" highlights history and faces of places the artist has visited as *National Geographic* photographer. McCurry is most famous for *Afghan Girl*, the portrait of a refugee that appeared on magazine's cover in 1985. View the images through Sunday, September 25.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Borderless Dreams," with work by Laura Alvarez, Ruben Ochoa, and Perry Vasquez, continues through Sunday, October 30. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Farsites: Urban Crisis and Domestic Symptoms in Recent Contemporary Art" — binational show boasts diverse collection of

work by nearly 50 artists. Collaborative exhibition with Centro Cultural de Tijuana (CECUT) and in-Site features painting, sculpture, photography, video addressing "moments of crisis and fissure affecting everyday urban and domestic spaces." Through Sunday, November 13.

Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal," opening on Saturday, September 17. Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful co-existence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2, 2006.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Continues through June 2006.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

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Rocked Hard After three years in operation, Margarita Rocks in Oceanside closed its doors on August 31. "The place was definitely

their full liquor license to the state Alcohol Beverage Control Board. It was relinquished under the department's Rule 42, which means it becomes inactive and is held by the ABC for up to one year while the owners either sell, transfer, or reactivate it at a new location (with the ABC's

Spooky Girls Wanted Livejournal.com user "Mzkitten" posted on her blog recently: "I was wondering if anyone lives in the San Diego area who would like to go-go dance with an up-and-coming psycho-billy band...at the Zombie Lounge [Sept. 3]. The pay is \$100 for a couple hours, and free drinks.... I was looking for spooky-type girls, not just the normal-type gal. It's my boyfriend's

of the songs are about my girlfriends — well, my ex-girlfriend, anyway. I noticed these women getting on the dance floor and getting into the music, and I thought, 'Man, that is hot.' This is perfect music for dancing women.... I was going to build some cages out of bamboo, but that wouldn't work on the tiny stage at the Zombie Lounge."

Mzkitten, in a cat outfit, hosted the show and danced around. She posted on her blog about an after-show party: "There was a little fight — that was not fun." She wouldn't give details about the fight.

Upchurch says, "This is the first gig [with] go-go dancers. But there will be more. Our dancers will be at our September 30 gig at Blind Melons.... They will always have pony tails and school girl outfits."

— Michael Hemmingson

Live...on the Air When Live play House of Blues on September 19, their contract requests the band dressing

room have a "spotlessly clean and sanitized bathroom" with "soft toilet tissue, odorless air freshener [and]



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toilet seat covers." In addition, "Promoter is required to supply one personal size oxygen system...supplied with full tanks, new face masks and water filter system." The band's hospitality room ("living room type atmosphere") should have wall-to-wall carpeting ("freshly cleaned and deodorized") and a large color TV ("with cable hookup, please").

— Jay Allen Sanford

Devil in the Details "10 Years without Dick," a November 11 Casbah tribute to the late Dan McLain (a.k.a. Country Dick

Montana), will feature a reunion of Montana's pioneering punk band, the Penetrators.

Montana died during a Beat Farmers gig in Whistler, British Columbia, on November 8, 1995. At the end of the set's third song (his second behind the drum kit), "Girl I Almost Married," Montana slumped over. Guitarist Jerry Raney began to play Hank



PENETRATOR DAN MCLAIN

Williams's "Setting the Woods on Fire," but all Montana managed to do was hit a cymbal, look at bassist Rolle Love, and then lie

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mismanaged," says Kathy Baker, redevelopment manager for the City of Oceanside. Before the closure, she says the police were preparing to ask the city council for a 90-day suspension of the bar's dance permit; problems had generated 43 crime reports, 20 arrests, and 142 calls for police assistance.

"The place was off the chart," says Oceanside police lieutenant Tom Jones.

Club owners took the unusual step of surrendering

approval). A liquor license of this type is estimated to be worth \$60,000 to \$70,000.

A call to the proprietors (who own the Margarita Rocks in Pacific Beach) was not returned. The Oceanside Margarita Rocks was known for its Wednesday-night dance event promoted by radio station Channel 9-3-3. The club brought in 500 to 600 people who paid \$10 (over 21) or \$15 (under 21) to get in.

— Ken Leighton



FRIEND OF MZKITTEN

band, The Knucklebusters [who will be playing]."

Knucklebuster singer Ed Upchurch says, "Our new CD just came out, and the Zombie Lounge has been playing it in rotation. Most

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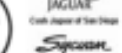
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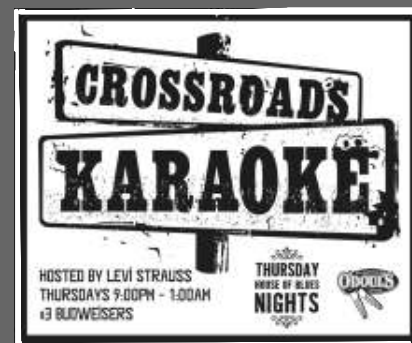
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slowly across his kit.

Road manager Tom Ames rushed out from the wings and lowered Montana to the stage as bandmembers kicked the drums out of the way. He was breathing but unable to move or speak. When paramedics arrived ten minutes later, the 40-year-old was dead.

Montana's cause of death was ruled an acute aneurysm. He had cysts on his kidneys, and it has since been revealed by road manager Ames that Montana knew he had a blood clot in his leg but hadn't gone to a doctor for treatment. On the day of the gig, a Whistler, B.C., paper described Montana as "a man who already has one foot in the grave."

A version of the Beat Farmers — without Dick, now "the Farmers" — released a new album, *Loaded*, on September 2. (The band uses half of the old Beat Farmers logo designed by Montana.) They appear tomorrow, September 16, at the Belly Up Tavern.

— Jay Allen Sanford

DJs to Rule World

"They killed it all," says Loss of Control singer Jason Lee about the elimination of live music at the Vista Entertainment Center. "The general manager stood up for us, then they said to him, 'Okay, you're gone too.'" Lee's band had a gig at the venue — which includes a bowling alley, sports bar, and laser-tag arena — for three years.

"Our last show was August 20. They figured it was cheaper to pay one guy [a DJ] instead of four [band members].... The place was always packed. I used to dance on the tables. There is now no place to go in Vista unless you want to go to Smitty's and sing karaoke."



LEE CARES FOR VISTA

Loss of Control played the downstairs bar, which hosted live bands on weekends. Locals Purple Haze and Slingshot and tribute bands the Iron Maidens and Pain Killer (covering Judas Priest) performed there. An upstairs room was often rented out for young bands to play for all ages. Lee, 35, says the loss of all-age shows will hurt Vista.

"There's no place for kids to go. No wonder why you hear about so much crime and gangs in Vista."

— Ken Leighton

"Rock Star," a music page of band interviews, concert reviews, and full-color photos of local and national bands, has been published every Thursday since November by the Copley Press. The page can be found in *Today's Local News*, which includes sports, features, and neighborhood coverage. Published every

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day except Monday, the paper is delivered free to homes in Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, Carlsbad, and Oceanside. Media insiders say the *U-T* picked only the few North County cities in which its circulation is topped by the *North County Times*, a daily.

"We deliver to every home that doesn't subscribe to the *Union-Tribune*," says



VORHIS APPRECIATES INK

reporter Christina Chomut of *Today's Local News*.

The *North County Times* has responded to *Today's Local News* by running ads that show unopened copies of the paper on a lawn. The

ads say that anyone who doesn't want the papers should call the publication and complain.

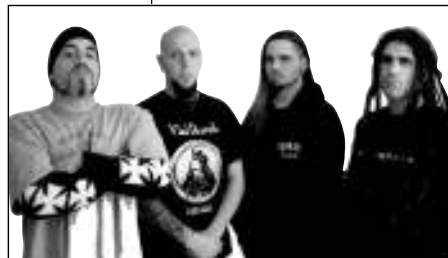
"I'm a teacher, and I heard from two dozen parents who said they saw the article on us," says Tom Vorhis, high school teacher and front man of the Fabulous Rudies, a ska band.

Says Chomut, "The [weekly] *Coast News* used to have in-depth entertainment coverage, but I think it went by the wayside." Regarding the *North County Times*, Chomut says, "I would like to see more local music coverage [there]."

— Ken Leighton

Megaproblems Dave Mustaine's Gigantour — with Megadeth, Dream Theater, and others — had big booking problems. Several venues, including SDSU's Open Air Amphitheatre, couldn't accommodate the show's second stage, and promised bands (such as Symphony X, Dry Kill Logic) couldn't play. Mustaine posted on his

website, "We're working on the problems," but the snafu was never explained. Besides



DRY KILL LOGIC SUMS UP PROBLEMS

San Diego, fans in San Antonio, Cincinnati, and Boston missed out on a second stage. *Billboard's* attendance figures indicate that promoters sold 2228 seats of 4598 available for the tour's San Diego stop.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Punch in the Clock

Twenty-two years ago today (9/15/83), Elvis Costello and the Attractions played an experimental "amphitheater seating" show at the Sports Arena with two thirds of the venue blocked off. The bands (Aztec Camera opened) were set up in the rear of the venue and played to what would normally be the worst seats in the house. About a third of the 3500 seats were filled, despite the success of

Costello's most commercial effort up to that time (*Punch the Clock*). Security guards let in people without tickets, but the exodus of patrons outnumbered those coming



COSTELLO'S EXPERIMENT FELL FLAT

in, and the Attractions finished their (mostly inaudible) set for fewer than a thousand fans. "Amphitheater seating" at the Sports Arena died soon after.

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I saw a report the other day in which a news correspondent was walking amid the debris on the Saint Charles Avenue streetcar line (not far from my condo). She came upon four residents sitting on lawn chairs, sipping whiskey sodas. When she asked why they hadn't evacuated, they said, "This is where we live. It's a great city, and these are our homes. Why would we leave?" When she asked them what they were doing there, they answered, "It's cocktail hour!" Though I know they were being stupid — it's not a safe place to live right now — I had to admire the strength of the sentiment. You can't stop New Orleanians from loving their city or from having a good time.

Everyone knows what New Orleans is known for — was known for, before Katrina: Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, Bourbon Street, booze, debauchery.... All that was there if you were looking for it, but the part of New Orleans that was a party destination for the rest of the country existed because it was alongside a close-knit local culture in which food and drink and music were paramount values; where the places you ate and drank said more about you than what you did for a living. You could live on nickels, live well on dimes, get drunk on ten dollars, and eat like a gourmet on minimum wage if you knew the right places — and I knew lots of people who did.

The first chapter of my life as an evacuee is taking place in Destin, Florida, a beachside resort

where food and drink are never far away either. Thing is, there's an element of Disneyworld to many of the establishments around here, a sheen of quality control and forced smiles that says "profit motive." Few of these places would be missed if they left, and most people would know they were gone due to the ensuing frenzied scramble for the real estate.

In New Orleans, the bars and restaurants are real pillars of the community — even the ones the tourists know about — they're the genuine article, unapologetic if they're a little rough around the edges, haughty if they're not. But what does it matter? That's part of the experience, and you're there for the food, aren't you? A couple of months ago, an old restaurant called Uglesich's closed its doors forever when the owners retired without heirs. It was a city-wide event with a jazz funeral and great lamentations. I can name three people who I saw cry for the loss of an institution that carried with it some of the best fried soft-shell crab po-boys known to man.

I don't know how things are going in the evacuee-heavy towns of Baton Rouge and Houston, but in Destin there's never much lack of a nightlife. They're winding down the summer season, but what with the recent Labor Day weekend and some beautiful weather, the party here is still going on. It's an odd feeling to try to have fun in a situation like this, and an odd feeling to be surrounded by people who are oblivious to, or at least can't understand, the situation you're in. How can you go out to party when you're not sure if all of your former drinking buddies made it out of the city alive?

I went out for drinks to a few of the local joints on Thursday night with a second cousin of mine (who ended up here after the storm as well) and some evacuee acquaintances. We started out at Hammerheads, a restaurant/bar on the bay where someone's friend had found a part-time job. We had some beers and margaritas and started talk-



Bourbon Street, New Orleans

ing — catching up with the ones we knew, introducing and getting to know the ones we didn't. So odd to be drinking beer with people we don't know, each of us with our own friends and social circles now scattered around the country, wishing we were back home doing our usual Thursday-night things.

On a typical Thursday night, I might have stopped off at the Circle Bar on the way home from work to have a drink with some friends. It's a little dive of a place, converted from an apartment on Lee Circle (where downtown meets the Garden District) and caters to the cheap-beer and indie-rock scene. The tattooed bartender — lead singer of a few local bands — usually has a fierce game of dominoes going. If there's no local troubadour crooning in the red lights up against the fireplace, you can take your Dixie outside in the thick humid nighttime heat that makes you thankful for a cold beer and watch the moon rise from behind the skyscrapers and the statue of Robert E. Lee. For the New Orleans bands that play there each night and the low-key hipster contingent that loves them, the Circle Bar is a refuge and a home...at least until it gets late enough to move on to Mimi's or Molly's at the Market or Snake and Jake's or The Saint.

Hammerheads, by comparison, looks like a

movie set of a beachside cantina, with fake deep-sea fishing memorabilia and the kind of intentionally worn decor that must have cost a fortune. The theme thing attracts tourists like chum in the water. We're not tourists this time, not really, but the beer is reasonably priced, so we stay for another round. Everyone in my group is friendly, and as always happens among New Orleanians, we know more about each other than we thought at first; connections are made.

Greater New Orleans may have had a population of over a million, but my friends and I always said it was just 500 people and mirrors; either they know your mom'n'em (family) or they went to Jesuit (High School) with your brother or you live right down the street from their Parran (grandfather) in Lakeview (currently underwater). Or something. It's a big small town.

There's nothing else to talk about, no context except Katrina: our own stories, those we've heard from friends, the rumors, the news, the scandals; and what our plans are for the future, where we're going, how soon we'll go back to town, if ever. I know better, but from here, I can't see a point where New Orleanians will ever talk about anything else.

We move on to the next bar, called the Blue-Point, which looks like an upscale chain restaurant



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with a vaguely nautical theme, but has a fairly nice bar area and \$2.50 pints. There's a frat-boy-looking guy with an amped acoustic guitar on one side of the bar. He plays a mix of Dave Matthews and Jack Johnson and the obligatory Jimmy Buffett tunes. Though it fits the atmosphere, it grates the nerves.

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After a round or two of Abita Turbodog at the Blue-Point, the tone of conversations starts to pick up and people wax pleasantly nostalgic about their former lives and sound more hopeful than not about the future. That there's opportunity for us in this disaster seems to be the general feeling; time to get out of town and make a go of things in better economies, to make it elsewhere and then, eventually, come back and make New Orleans a better place than it was. Some of us think we'll be gone for years; some of us plan to return as soon as they let us back in. Not one of us expects to stay gone. New Orleans has always drawn people back, and that doesn't seem likely to change, especially now that the city needs us. New Orleans has always been a city that is comfortable with its ghosts, a place where every street corner has a historical and personal significance, and when we get back, well, it'll just have more. ■

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The O'Jays: Palomar Starlight
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Los Lobos /523/ and **Southside
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FRIDAY

Pepper: House of Blues, Friday,
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Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Nine Inch Nails /116/ and the
Queens of the Stone Age: Cox
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SATURDAY

Luis Miguel: Coors Amphitheatre,
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Rodney Crowell: Viejas Casino
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MONDAY

Live: House of Blues, Monday,
September 19, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
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TUESDAY

Maceo Parker /687/: House of
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Tony Bennett: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Tuesday,
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WEDNESDAY

John Scofield /686/: Belly Up
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Jim Brickman /862/: Humphrey's
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UPCOMING CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER

The Pat Metheny Trio /656/:
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Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m.,
2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter
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The Fabulous Thunderbirds /477/:
4th & B, Friday, September 23, 345 B
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The Aaron Neville Quintet: Belly
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The Foo Fighters and **Weezer:** Cox Arena, Tuesday, September 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Molotov [476]: House of Blues, Tuesday, September 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

Keane: House of Blues, Thursday, September 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Tha Alcoholics: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, September 29, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 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.

Little Joe y la Familia [981]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, September 30, 5469 Casino

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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.

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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.

Yerba Buena: House of Blues, Saturday, October 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Soulive [646]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Green Day [268]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

On paper, the **Waco Brothers** look like a gimmick band, and it's a pretty cool gimmick: An alt-country-Americana act made up of British expatriates (and one Yankee) with punk-rock attitude and left-wing politics. But in concert, and occasionally on record, they're much more than that.

When **Jon Langford** formed the band ten years ago, he planned to have them play just for fun around Chicago, where he now lives. But Langford apparently can't do anything poorly, even when he tries. Best known as the guiding force behind the long-running U.K. punk act the Mekons, he's also a great visual artist, record producer, and mentor to the roster of artists affiliated

with the Bloodshot Records label.

And so this would-be joke band surprised everyone by turning out to be pretty great. While the band clearly respects the music they play, they don't come across as straitjacketed by tradition like many of their peers. And the band members' beer-fueled good humor makes the politics go down easy. The anthemic "Plenty Tough, Union Made" could make a Republican lobbyist want to go out and join the United Auto Workers.

For my taste, the latest Waco Brothers album *Freedom and Weep* is the band's strongest since the one-two punch of their 1995 debut *To the Last Dead Cowboy* and 1997 follow-up *Cowboy in Flames*. Despite tackling some mood-killing subject matter, every song on the new CD is a keeper. Even



WACO BROTHERS

the rather heavy-handed "Rest of the World" — which predicts, among other, more dreadful results of the 2004 elections, "celebrities moving to France because they can" — succeeds on the basis of great guitar work and a stirring chorus.

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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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Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: Brick by Brick, Friday, October 7, 1130 Buenos Avenue, San Diego. 619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497.

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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.

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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.

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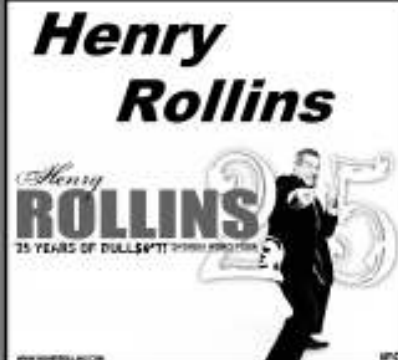
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619-303-8176.

Dar Williams [813]: House of Blues,
Thursday, October 13, 1055 Fifth
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Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts
by the Bay, Thursday, October 13,
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Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or
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Mark Wills: Viejas Casino
DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday,
October 14, 5000 Willows Road,
Alpine. 619-445-5400 or
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Daniela Mercury: Humphrey's
Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October
14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island
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Aimee Mann [446]: Belly Up
Tavern, Saturday, October 15, 143
South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.
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Fat Joe: House of Blues, Sunday,
October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or
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Bay, Sunday, October 16, 7:30 p.m.,
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Dwight Yoakam: House of Blues,
Tuesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth
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**Gwen Stefani and Black Eyed
Peas [504]:** Cox Arena, Thursday,
October 20, SDSU campus, College
Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Medeski, Martin, and Wood:
House of Blues, Thursday, October
20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp.
619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Country Joe McDonald: Acoustic
Music San Diego, Friday, October 21,
4650 Mansfield Street, Normal
Heights. 619-303-8176.

Linda Perry: Belly Up Tavern,
Friday, October 21, 143 South Cedros
Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140
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Brooks & Dunn: Coors
Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 23,
2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula
Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Sheryl Crow: Copley Symphony
Hall, Monday, October 24, 1245
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October 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue,
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Gov't Mule and moe: House of
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Jason Mraz [824]: Soma,
Wednesday, October 26, 3350 Sports
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Sunday, October 30, 1055 Fifth
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The Rolling Stones /529/: Petco Park, Friday, November 11, 100 Park Boulevard. 619-795-5401 or 619-220-8497.

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Eric Burdon & the New Animals /578/: Belly Up Tavern, Tuesday, November 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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James Brown: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Liz Phair: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Eagles: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 16, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Poncho Sanchez /685/: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

Rob Thomas: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, November 17, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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The Acacia Strain: Epicentre

Acceptance: Soma

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Airport 81: The Casbah

Anavryn: The Jumping Turtle

and His Trusty Goat: The Casbah

April Sixth: Soma

Art Fag: Kadan's

Augustana: Soma

Awaiting Samsara: Dreamstreet

A Beautiful Noise: The Kensington Club

Bed Light for Blue Eyes: Soma

The Big Provider: 'Canes

bill: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

Bleed the Dream: Soma

Blizzard: Tiki House

The Bloodshot Revue: The Casbah

Busride: Brick By Brick

Butane: Blind Melons

Cape May: Winstons

Cartel: Soma

Caustic Up roar: Squid Joe's

The Confession: Soma

d.fRost [389]: Blind Melons

DKT/MC5: The Casbah

The Downtown Money Wasters: 'Canes

Elvis in Chains: The Jumping Turtle

Etched in Red: The Blvd. (San Marcos)

Europe Underwater: Epicentre

The Exit Theory: The Jumping Turtle

Fail for Fun: Dreamstreet

False Image: The Jumping Turtle

A Fascination with Heights: The Kensington Club

The Filipino Fist: The Casbah

Foil: The Jumping Turtle

From Satellite: Soma

The Gizzard: Brick By Brick

The Go Project: Epicentre

Gosling: House of Blues

Grand Buffet: The Casbah

H Gage: Dreamstreet, The Jumping Turtle

The Heartaches: The Casbah

Hornswaggled: Longshot Saloon

Hot Like a Robot [146]: The Kensington Club

How's My Driving?: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)

The Human Killers: Brick By Brick

I Matador: Dreamstreet

In Reverent Fear: Dreamstreet

Inciting Riot: Brick By Brick

J-4: Dreamstreet

Kandy Whales: The Casbah

The Kneehighs: The Casbah

Live: House of Blues

Long Live Logos: The Jumping Turtle

Los Able Minded Poets: 'Canes

Marches of May: The Jumping Turtle

Message in Blood: The Jumping Turtle

Middle Finger: Brick By Brick

Naked Lunch [337]: Squid Joe's

Nervous Fire: The Jumping Turtle

Next Morning: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), The Jumping Turtle

The Ninja Academy: Blind Melons

Noisegod: Brick By Brick

Not Since Reagan: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

On Broken Wings: Epicentre

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Plump: Winstons

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The Sound of Cancer: The Jumping Turtle

The Starline Theorie [231]: The Kensington Club

Still Remains: Epicentre

The Story of Blue: 'Canes

Stutterfly: Soma

Tailgunner: The Kensington Club

10 Seconds to Go: The Jumping Turtle

Tritium: Dreamstreet

2 Far Gone: Brick By Brick

U.S.E.: The Casbah

The Waco Brothers: The Casbah

War & Cinema: Epicentre

White Buffalo: Belly Up Tavern

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Adelaide: Winstons

Alien Ant Farm: Soma

Aura: Brick By Brick

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

Bottomline [597]: Woody's Sports Bar

Brain Buckit [563]: Brick By Brick

Buckley's Ghost [435]: The Jumping Turtle

The Buzzbombs: Blind Melons

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The Emerson Band: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Essentials: Squid Joe's
Will Faerber & Friends: Surf N'Saddle
The Farmers: Belly Up Tavern
First Wave Hello [487]: The Kensington Club
The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina
Girl Trouble: Boar Cross'n
Half Empty: Squid Joe's
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort
Hijos de la Malinche: Brick By Brick
The Hillstreet Stranglers [469]: Squid Joe's
Gary Hoey [531]: 'Canes
The Homeless Sexuals: Chasers Cocktails
I Like Girls: Winstons
I-94: Brick By Brick
Inciting Riots [516]: Chasers Cocktails
The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge
Paul Johnson: Danky's

Sharon Jones & the Dapkins: The Casbah
Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: The Casbah, House of Blues
Laguna: Carvers
Little World & Friends: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Los Lobos [523]: Humphrey's
Loud Residence: Squid Joe's
The Love Handles: Fannie's Nightclub
Matcli: University of San Diego
The Mice [440]: Brick By Brick
Misty & the Mobys: Danky's
Mock Rock Robot: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Myron & the Kyniptionz [488]: 'Canes
Night Shift: Pal Joey's

The Old Highway 80 Band: El Rancho Grande Bar & Grill
The Panty Peelers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Pink Floyd: Winstons
David Poe: The Casbah
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
The Radiators: Belly Up Tavern
Tim Raldo: Chasers Cocktails
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The Stiletto's: Island Sports & Spirits

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Strip Down Hollywood: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

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Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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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

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos /667/: Onyx

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Chini, Camberos & Co.: Harrah's

Barry Allen Cohen: Rock Bottom (La Jolla)

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

Fuerte: The Calypso Cafe

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Jazzilla: Turquoise Cafe

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Jaeryoung Lee: The Westgate Hotel

The Bradley Leighton Band: Game Time Tavern

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Luna Llena: The Calypso Cafe

The Coral MacFarland-Thuet Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

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Jimmy Lewis: Winstons
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Mike McGill: Cornerstone Cafe
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Gerry O'Beirne /839/: Acoustic Music San Diego
Tommy Price: Island Sports & Spirits, McP's Irish Pub and Grill

The Derren Reser Band: Borders Books & Music (El Cajon)
Kelli Rudick: Lestat's Coffeehouse
Suzanne Shea: Trisler's Wine Bar
Andy M. Stewart: Acoustic Music San Diego
Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Cafe
Anna Troy: Cornerstone Cafe
Marina V.: Borders Books & Music (Mission Valley)
Gene Warren: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Nathan Welden: Trisler's Wine Bar

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

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The Bayou Brothers /948/: Patrick's II
Thom Beebe & Gun Metal Blues: Blind Melons
The Blue Aces: Redfields Lounge & Bistro
Blue Heat: The Kraken
Blue Rockit /955/: JP's Pub
The Blues Brokers: The Kraken
The Charles Burton Blues Band /931/: The Kraken
The Corvelles: Humphrey's
Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters /932/: Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Hancock Cafe, Chateau Orleans, Turquoise Cafe
Family Style: Patrick's II
Free Martin: The Blvd. (San Marcos)
Fuzzy & the Bluesmen /912/: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille
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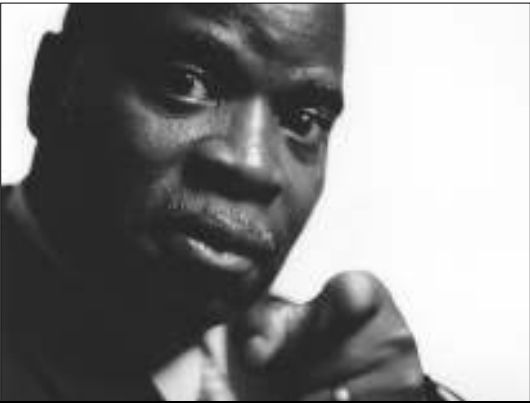
BY DAVE GOOD

If **Maceo Parker** had not been in Tokyo for the past few weeks, I would have asked him if jazz was originally meant for dancing, about the state of funk today, about the apparent direction the world is headed. Via his sax persona, Maceo seems a trustworthy old soul; Ani DiFranco calls him a Buddha with a saxophone. Listening to Parker's horn is like having a one-sided conversation with an old friend. It's a galvanized visit minus the contemplative burden that more straight-ahead jazz imposes. Parker talks with his sax, chatters away without a seeming care. It's a musical antidepressant, an antidote to dark days. The gift of a Sly Stone best-of collection that same week firmed my belief that the world would be a better place if we all funk'd together.

There are still a few old-schoolers mak-

ing funk; Maceo Parker is one of them. Recently off of Prince's Musicology Tour, Parker also toured with Ray Charles (Parker's read of "Georgia on My Mind" was said to be the centerpiece of the Prince shows) and James Brown. Under Brown's lengthy tutelage, Parker went from baritone to tenor sax and finally settled on alto, the horn he blows to this day. Currently touring with an airtight horn section and a rubber-armed drummer, Parker blows percussive — he actually slaps the keys on his horn like a funk bassist popping strings.

But the Parker I know fronted the P-Funk Allstars under psychedelic funkster George Clinton. In the '70s and '80s, Parker served Clinton as an ultra-hip counterpoint to Clinton's costumed derangement. Parker introduced by name each of the outlandish players as they climbed onstage and joined in on their respective instruments, finally introducing himself in the midst of all that



MACEO PARKER

orchestrated funk untidiness by repeating over and over, "My name is MA-CE-O." It was an astonishing act even before the silver spaceship descended and Clinton stepped out wearing a woman's long blond wig and smoking a king-size spliff.

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Kjell Holmes /994/: Edelweiss Restaurant
Ted Hughart: Dizzy's

Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Turquoise Cafe
Chris James & Blue Four: Patrick's II
Kalama Blue: Winstons
Candye Kane /939/: The Calypso Cafe
The Bill Magee Blues Band /947/: Patrick's II
Jeff Moore: The Calypso Cafe
Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors /910/: The Kraken
The Rockin' Blues Hounds: Tiki House
Salvation Army: House of Blues

S.D. Blue: The Aero Club
Dean Smith: The Calypso Cafe
The Soul Persuaders /945/: Humphrey's
The Swingin' Kings /916/: Coyote Bar and Grill
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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. 619-299-2032.

Club NV: Wednesdays, reggae/dancehall, reggaeton, and hip-hop/R&B with DJs Winston-T and Regg-J. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue, College Area. 619-582-6730.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, 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 Walkkrawler, 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.

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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.

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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.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, Bounce Rock Skate, roller skating jams, crunk, and fun with DJs @Large and Onesix. Fridays, Choice Fridays, deep house music with Dustin Brown. Saturdays, soulful house with Mark Alan. Sundays, drum 'n' bass with Calculon. Tuesdays, groove Tuesdays, groovy house with Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Hump Wednesdays, house music with Frankie. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-

hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

Spatuland: First and third Saturday of the month, electro DJs, tribal dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro, and gothic. 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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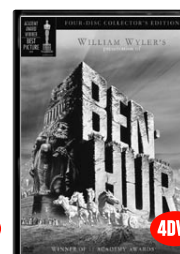
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The Blvd., 925 West San Marcos Boulevard, San Marcos. 760-510-0004. Friday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Free Martin*, blues, 9 p.m., *Diamond Lane*, *Rise the Wake*, *Etched in Red*, and *Difficult Henry*, rock/alternative. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, *DJ Free Style Kyle*, underground hip-hop/house.

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., *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues.

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The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Luna Lena*, jazz. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Fuerte*, salsa. Sunday, *Candye Kane*, blues. Monday, *Richard Samuels*, piano. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *Tres Sapos*.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Hank Show*, *Hank Williams Sr.* tribute band, country.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock. 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/blues/reggae, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Roy Good's Showcase*, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Swingin' Kings*, swing blues, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *the Jerry McCann Band*, reggae, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Wednesday, call club for information.

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Garrison School, 333 Garrison Street, Oceanside. 760-757-8270. Friday, 7 p.m., *the Luna Lena Latin Dance Band*.

Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Chini*, *Camberos & Co.*, Latin jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Beach Boys and *Howie Mandel* Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Superfreaks*, disco/dance. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Bandanna*, country/blues.

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Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Friday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, *Abigail's Attic*, alternative rock.

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, *Elvis in Chains*, *the Sound of Cancer*, and *Plague of Society*, Friday, *H Gage*, *Sator Square*, *Foil*, and *Buckley's Ghost*, Saturday, *Anavrynn*, *10 Seconds to Go*, *False Image*, *Radio Racer*, *Nervous Fire*, and *Marches of May*, Sunday, *Message in Blood*, *the Exit Theory*, *Next Morning*, and *Long Live Logos*, Monday, *DJ Mini Mee*, '80s and '90s Top 40.

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Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Saturday, *Hornswaggled*, alternative. Tuesday, *Phil Perrier*.

Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill, 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G7, Del Mar. 858-792-2226. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Valtones*, soul/groove.

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Album name: *JAC* (self-titled) (2005)

Artist: JAC

Label: self-released

Songs: 1) Can't Stop Lovin' You 2) Forsake You 3) Innocent 4) Save Me 5) What Up?

Price/where available: www.jaclive.com for \$7.99 (the site provides a link to cdbaby.com)

Names of band members: JAC (vocals), Mike Clairmont (bass), Jason Angello (drums), Ed Chung (guitars)

Extra info: JAC plays the Jumping Turtle (1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos) Sunday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. All ages until 10 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 4, at Porter's Pub on UCSD campus, noon until 1 p.m. All ages. Free.

Website: www.jaclive.com

Polished and soulful, singer/songwriter JAC has the kind of vocal capabilities that serve as a conduit to the self-consciousness. He and his three-piece band play driv-

ing rock and bittersweet ballads on their debut EP. The acoustic guitar riffs supplied in "Forsake You" are amazing when paired with JAC's inflections. At his best, he borders on a male version of

Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben Powell*, blues/jazz.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Bottomline*, classic rock.

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844.

Thursday, 9 p.m., *Cash'd Out*, Johnny Cash tribute, and *the Buzzbombs*, Friday, *Crash Carter* and *Wonka Bar*, rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., *dJRoSt* and *Butane*, alternative rock. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Reganomics*, rock. Monday, open-mike featuring *Tommy Edwards*, Tuesday, *Thom Beebe & Gun Metal Blues*, Wednesday, *Patient Zero* and *the Ninja Academy*, alternative.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, *the Big Provider*, *the Story of Blue*, and *the Downtown Money Wasters*, alternative/rock. Friday, *Stranger*, *Split Finger*, and *Shaka Buku*, reggae. Saturday, *Electrical Storm* and *the Curse*, rock. Sunday, *Trade Roots*, *Los Able Minded Poets*, and *Psydecar*, reggae. Tuesday, *Gary Hoey* and *Myron & the Kynptionz*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744.

Aretha Franklin in terms of vocal capacity.

Each of the five cuts is upbeat and emotive. A soulful groan opens the disc with the line, "I can't stop loving you." It's clear that JAC and his ensemble aim for an engaging aesthetic experience. The unbridled energy and soulful wailing in "Can't Stop Lovin' You" is repeated in "Innocent."

JAC also takes cues from hard rock. His intonation shifts from soulful to gruff — gruff in a Michael Bolton sense — to suit the apex of any power ballad. "Save Me" is one of the album's slower, more subtle songs. Though, this is not because of its words — "Heaven knows there is something burning deep in my heart / it has a need to be set free / if you will / won't you please, come inside / release me." The unambiguous lyricism makes the message more emphatic.

Among his influences,

Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Music is alternative/rock. Thursday, *J-4*, *H Gage*, *In Reverent Fear*, and *Rockstar*, Friday, *Awaiting Samsara*, *Fail for Fun*, *Tritium*, *I Matador*, and *the Black Letter Days*, Wednesday, *Metal Lounge*.

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.

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Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *Your Favorite Band* and *Roxy Monoxide*, Friday, *Jack the Original*, *Next Morning*, and *Jen Knight*, Wednesday, *Strip Down Hollywood*.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *DJ Reno*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.



JAC

JAC cites Bono, Chris Cornell, Janis Joplin, and the Reverend Al Green. Whereas the first four tracks are on the serious side, the EP ends with the laid-back closer "What Up?" In the pleasant departure, JAC puts a soulful spin on an unassuming funk rhythm.

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Call to Action

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Musical theater opened the '60s with Conrad Birdie (i.e., Elvis) joining the Army. No one protests in *Bye Bye Birdie* (1960), though legions of female fans on *The Ed Sullivan Show* rue his departure. Everyone's so scrubbed and innocent in Sweetapple, Ohio, that parents of screaming teens wonder, "What's the matter with kids today?"

By 1968, Broadway woke up to the world beyond the Great White Way. In Gerome Ragni and James Rado's rock musical *Hair*, Claude passes his Army physical. He's 1A. Next stop: Vietnam. His East Village "tribe" urges him to dodge the draft.

Conrad Birdie croons, "You Gotta Be Sincere" and "One Last Kiss." Claude sings, "Where Do I Go?" and "Eyes, Look Your Last."

Birdie and *Hair* bookend '60s musicals. And *Hair* turns *Birdie* inside-out. It's got nudity, even a group-strip/grope, sexual gymnastics from the *Kama Sutra*, a chorus of talking Levi's rear-ends, and — in Tom O'Horgan's original, kaleidoscopic staging — a cast encouraging staid audiences to join the "holy human orgy." *Birdie* sanctions the status quo; *Hair*'s a living recruitment poster for the counterculture.

Okay, seen in hindsight *Hair* was dated when it reached Broadway. It depicts the '60s' brief "to protest, or just be groovy?" flower phase. The times had a-changed by '68: RFK and Dr. King

were assassinated, and the radical right began its ongoing demolition of democracy.

But though it's of another era, and some characters come off as self-indulgent narcissists, *Hair* has something musicals have abandoned since: an eagerness to critique (compared to its shaggy, sprawly ancestor, *Rent*'s a pampered poodle). Thanks to an earnest, energized production by the Fritz Theatre, the original is with us in the spirit, and the flesh: a time capsule from a troubled time.

Most of the Fritz cast wasn't born when *Hair* premiered. They aren't the best actors around (more rage, please). But they can sing, some quite well. And all feel comfortable not just with the X-rated stuff, which one British pundit called "totally starters," but also with *Hair*'s anti-musical demands.

Other than Claude's dilemma, there's zip plot. And, as part of its egalitarian nature, each tribe member gets a star turn, often without warm-up. It's *A Chorus Line* before the fact: out of nowhere a woman named Crissy (Bethany Smith) climbs a scaffold and sings "Frank Mills," a prose poem about her love for a biker; Jeannie (Lisa Christensen) breaks into "Air," a tirade against environmental mayhem; and Sheila (Crissy Burns) protests protesters who neglect their friends in "Easy to Be Hard." Each shines.

It was probably fitting that Joel Rieke's mike phased out occasionally on opening night. *Hair*

REVIEW

JEFF SMITH



From 1979 film production of *Hair*

Hair, book and lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Rado, music by Galt MacDermot

The Fritz Theatre, Lyceum Space, 79 Horton Plaza, downtown

Directed by Duane Daniels; cast: Danielle Quispe, Ruben Mier, Erick Sundquist, Darrell Allbritton, Trevor Peringer, Joel Rieke, Darwin Johnson, Leti Carranza, Chrissy Burns, Lisa Christensen, Bethany Smith, Victoria Roze, Ashley Claire Montgomery, Marcus Cortez, Brian Hammond, Rineka Robinson, Matt Whiffin; scenic design, Daniels; lighting, Ginger Harris; costumes, Kat Stallons; sound, Robin Whitehead; musical direction, Jim Mooney and Hammond; choreography, Burns and Daniels

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isn't supposed to be too polished (a complaint self-proclaimed hippies leveled against the musical's Broadway restaging at the Biltmore Theater). Rieke and Reuben Mier give Claude and Berger the take-stage assurance of lead singers in a band. And led by Jim Mooney's authentic guitar licks, the Fritz's five-piece backup provides feisty support.

Today, we take exposed lighting instruments for granted. They disappear when the curtain rises. When *Hair* premiered, theaters made every effort to conceal them. To stress the original *Hair*'s frankness (and pay homage to Brecht), lighting designer Jules Fisher demanded the lamps, spots, and fresnels stand in plain sight. The Fritz's version takes Fisher's notion one bet-

ter. It's theatrically, and technically, frank. No deals behind closed doors. Even the stage manager's visible.

In a program note, director Duane Daniels wonders what's the matter with kids (and adults) today: "I consider *Hair* a call to action. I am specifically protesting what I perceive to be a *lack* of protesting" in this country. "*Hair* had to happen in 1968, and it has to happen now." To underscore the point, Daniels includes a slide show, rear stage left, from then and now. Among the cameos is Pat Robertson, a "Christian" calling for political assassination. WWJT? — what would Jesus think?

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"Inner beauty is tricky," complains self-centered Sally Mortimer in Paul Rudnick's comic caper *Valhalla*, "because you can't prove it."

Rudnick's one-liners are as rapid, and reliable, as New York taxis. Miss one, another'll be

along soon. He's been labeled the "gay Neil Simon," which is unfair to both: Rudnick's a lot funnier, and Simon's a much better craftsman.

Valhalla presents dual biographies: King Ludwig II of Bavaria (a.k.a. the "Mad King"), who preferred attending Wagnerian opera, and building Valhalla-like castles, to ruling his country; and James Avery, a pre-James Dean Texas rebel whose cause, like Ludwig's, is a quest for beauty — and an unrequited love of Henry Lee Stafford, whom he stalks for decades.

Valhalla moves in parallel scenes: what happens to Ludwig will happen, in some measure, to James. The pattern works, for a while, then becomes predictable; plus the chronologies require two scenes for each period, which intrudes on the pace. But though the play's parts, especially in the hilarious first act, are greater than the whole, Rudnick's gift for humor, and director Tim Irv-

ing's amazing skills and infectious spirit, the Diversionary production generates real, deep laughs, and lots of them.

The six-person cast, many in multiple roles, does some of the best ensemble work of 2005. Thanks to Irving's direction, they go over the top but always clear the bar at the same level. And how they make the split-second changes of Shulamit Nelson's excellent costumes (*Lohengrin* chic, 19th Century flamboyant, and an Alp-sized gown for Marie Antoinette) will remain as mysterious, to outsiders, as King Ludwig himself. ■

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As You Like It

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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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Hair

Reviewed this issue.
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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.

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of the show is comedy- but should be character-driven; emphasis on the latter would help bridge Busch’s leap from a whacko first act to near sobriety in the second. Lee Scaritt’s Marjorie’s appropriately (though often calculatedly) manic. As Frieda, Lee’s mother, Carlyn Ames needs to vary jackhammering deliveries. Rhys Green and Fred Harlow blend humor and character effectively. And, too long absent from local stages, Glynn Bedington’s terrific as the smiling, gentle — or is she a sinister, controlling Golem/monster? — Lee, the “terrorist of the heart” who infects the silver-striped, posh condo with the virus of liberation.
Worth a try.

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Valhalla

Reviewed this issue.
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Heat Wave

Contrary to rumor, Cinco de Mayo is not “Mexico’s July Fourth.” The real Mexican Independence Day is September 16, and in its honor, some genius cook invented a spectacular treat that mirrors the red, white, and green of the national flag. *Chiles en nogada* consist of mildly spicy green poblano peppers stuffed with meat, fruits, and nuts, topped with a ground-walnut cream sauce, and sprinkled with red pomegranate seeds. Can you find this dish in San Diego? Rarely, and not at the corner taqueria. At Chilango’s, though, *chiles en nogada* is one of many year-round specialties offering genuine flavors from mainland Mexico.

The cheerful little restaurant first catches your eye with the big green umbrellas that shade its sidewalk dining patio. The interior is a warm Aztec gold, decorated with colorful craft objects and hacienda-style straight-backed wooden chairs, which are remarkably comfortable. The ambient music is eclectic — one evening, it switched back and forth between cool vocal jazz and hot Latin love songs.

A glance at the menu tells you that you’ve come to the right place for genuine Mexico City cuisine, rather than “border Mex” compromises. There are no combo plates on the dinner menu — in Mexico, tortilla dishes are mainly eaten for lunch or snacks, seldom for supper. Chilango’s choices offer *platos* of seafood, meats, and chicken (plus a few elaborate enchiladas), each featuring its own unique sauce and accompaniments. At lunch, when tortilla wraps are appropriate, Chilango’s still veers from the ordinary with its choice of four fillings and six regional sauces — none the generic “*rojo*.”

Even the guacamole is honest — not a lazy line cook’s purée but traditional roughly mashed avocado with cilantro, onions, and tomatoes. The snowy topping of *panela* cheese may be superfluous, but it’s so mild and fluffy it doesn’t get in the way. An odd variation, “mango guacamole,” includes mango chunks, roasted *chile poblano* strips, and grilled onions with avocado. It’s refreshing but not to all tastes — my partner disliked it. Either way, alas, the dish comes with low-grade commercial tortilla chips creeping toward staleness. The accompanying ramekin of mouse-brown hot salsa is not the least mousy in taste, although its spice level changes from night to night. “Very *picante*,” warned the waitress at our first visit, setting it down with a gesture resembling an anti-vampire sign of the Cross. We could actually smell its heat. Next visit, it was easier to handle, although the tingle still



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clung to our tongues. Along with tomato, garlic, and chipotles (which are consistent from can to can), the sauce is based on roasted fresh jalapeños, which vary from one pepper to the next. Proceed with care before you slather.

A loose saffron-colored page in the center of the menu catalogues the evening’s specials, and that’s where we found *chiles en nogada*. It’s so regular a “special” that it’s listed on the website menu, and the chef-owners promise that they serve it nightly. The moist, luscious filling is made with lean ground sirloin mingled with chopped bananas, peaches, raisins, almonds, and...cherry liqueur! For the topping, ripe chopped strawberries substitute for the customary hard-to-find pomegranate seeds. The berries were a kick, although we wished they’d been hulled more carefully. The menu attributes the dish to Mexico City (because that’s where the owners are from), but food historians ascribe its invention to the gifted nuns at a convent in Puebla — the same convent that’s credited with creating spiced chocolate sauce for turkey (*mole poblano*). Whatever its origin, the dish is a natural for the season: On the Mexican mainland, pomegranates and young white walnuts are harvested in September. Chilango’s exu-

berant rendition is an unconventional recipe with authentic Independence Day spirit.

Most evenings, you’ll also find Oaxacan *camarones con espinaca* (shrimp with spinach) on the specials list. This simple dish features grilled tiger prawns of exceptional sweetness, robed in melted Chihuahua cheese and set atop a bed of lightly cooked baby spinach. Chihuahua cheese is a luxury in the mouth — softer and richer tasting than mozzarella or jack, but still mild. I wish that more local Mexican restaurants would use it in place of those yellow-and-white imitation-sawdust blends. The only flaw was that the spinach was carelessly drained that night, gradually exuding so much water that the plate came to resemble an algae-covered pond.

The servers know what they’re about. That scorching evening, I told the waitress, “I need a margarita now!” She answered, “You got it, Mama!” The margaritas are made with wine derived from agave cactus juice (the same plant that’s distilled into tequila), and thanks to lots of fresh-squeezed lime juice, the drink tastes both good and genuine. The cool thing about an icy wine margarita on a hot night is that if you gulp down the first one, you can order sec-

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Chilango’s Mexico City Grill

★★★ (Very Good)

142 University Avenue (near Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-8646, www.chilangosgrill.com

HOURS: Lunch 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday–Saturday, dinner nightly 5:00–9:00 p.m.

PRICES: Appetizers and soups, \$4–\$8; entrées, \$12–\$15. Lunches, \$6. Half-price specials on Mondays.

CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Authentic regional cuisine from mainland Mexico, with some rarely found dishes and creative twists. Mexican and European beers, wine Margaritas. Short but carefully chosen, affordable international wine list includes bottlings from Baja.

PICK HITS: *Ensalada yucateca* with pork (Yucatan salad), *Chiles en nogada* (stuffed chiles with walnut-cream sauce), *carne de cerdo en chile pasilla* (pork with chile pasilla sauce).

NEED TO KNOW: No “combo plates.” Street parking difficult but possible on side streets. Four vegetarian dinner entrées, lunches include vegetarian and vegan options. If sodium is a problem, food here is saltier than it tastes.

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onds (plus) without reeling when you leave.

A few nights later, the temperature was 90 degrees at 6 p.m. My partner and I were meeting up with Lynne and Fred, who arrived separately. We chose an outdoor table, since the interior has no *aire acondicionado*. Lynne soon joined us, having walked a few blocks from her home in Mission Hills (lucky gal). She’d eaten at Chilango’s once before and loved her date’s *chiles en nogada*: “When I heard what was in it, it sounded too crazy,” she remembered. “But at first bite, I was knocked out.” She hadn’t enjoyed her own dish as much. “I ordered the chicken in chipotle cream sauce. I like spicy food, but that was just too hot for me.” Fred now called from his car. He was caught in traffic and would be late — we should go ahead and order for him. Fred has spent a lot of time in Guadalajara and Guanajuato, so nothing on the menu would be out of his bounds.

He arrived in time to taste the last of the guacamole, moments before our *ensalada Yu-*



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cateca arrived. This main-course salad, which includes a choice of protein (grilled chicken, fish, or roast pork), was inspired by the tropical fruits of the Yucatan Peninsula, where a common street snack is a peeled orange (or a paper cone of pineapple chunks) coated with hot red chili powder. The salad is, of course, not nearly that fierce, although it did have a nip to it — just the right amount of spice for our posse. The cast of characters includes chunks of green apples, pineapple, tangerine, and orange over romaine lettuce tossed with raspberry vinaigrette. Buried in the mound was the shredded roast pork *enmolado*, meaning robed in *mole* sauce. The meat tasted as if it had been marinated in citrus juice, too. The salad would have been fine without it, but the pork was delicious and a brilliant match for the fruits and the fruity dressing.

Along with the stuffed chiles, the most popular dish at the restaurant is *carne de cerdo en Chile pasilla*. This fea-

tures the same shredded roast pork loin, here served with a rich, smooth red-brown sauce made with sun-dried *poblano* and *chilaca* chiles, tomato, garlic, onion, and a touch of cloves. (The menu gives ingredient lists for its dinner dishes.) “Mmm, Mexican barbecue sauce,” said my partner. This, too, had a perfect spiciness — warming, not burning.

The fish entrées are based on whichever popular species is in season — Alaskan halibut now, Chilean sea bass in winter. Halibut and shrimp are paired in *salsa jamaica*, the sauce made from anise-flavored hibiscus flowers (think Screaming Red Zinger tea). The fish, with a crisped surface, was only moderately overcooked and overwhelmed by the cerise-colored sweet-tart sauce. On the side was baby spinach, well drained this time. “I like the sauce, and these shrimps are sweet and not overcooked,” said Fred. “I can live without the fish.” I learned later that the owners are about to introduce

Atlantic salmon to the menu, to better withstand the power of the sauces. A good idea, since halibut is the wimp of the ocean.

Or perhaps it’s the chicken breast of the sea. All poultry dishes here are made with skinless, boneless chicken breast, which I consider “healthy” to the point of torment. But we were tempted by one of the evening’s specials, chicken in *mole poblano* sauce, that legendary invention of the foodie nuns of Puebla. Vast numbers of local restaurants make this dish with the bottled *mole* sauces you can buy at the supermarket. Here, it’s obviously cooked from scratch, with eccentric proportions of flavors, a strong clove note, and a garnish of sesame seeds. Unfortunately, the balance of flavors was upset by a faintly bitter, burned undertone, and rather a lot of sugar to counteract it. “This tastes like Hershey’s chocolate!” my partner insisted. I kept telling him I was sure it was made with Ibarra Mexican choco-

late, but no matter — at some point, it seems, the burner was set too high.

Most dishes come with rice and beans, and we liked both. The *arroz rojo* is dry but lively, with a dusting of semi-hot red chile powder, about the strength of hot Hungarian paprika. The deep-flavored beans are stewed-thick *frijoles* with a wealth of seasonings and caramelized onions, semi-mashed and containing just enough olive oil for good texture.

Clearly, the kitchen at Chilango’s is a little uneven from dish to dish, night to night, but this is a menu worth exploring to find your own favorites. I’d happily return for many more meals, because there’s one guarantee: No boring gringo-Mex grub here.

ABOUT THE CHEF-OWNERS

Two brothers from Mexico City, Victor and Carlos Bautista, own and run Chilango’s, now open four years. Victor runs the front of the house and occasionally cooks, while Carlos is the primary

chef. “My mom did the menu for us,” says Victor. “This is what you eat when you live in Mexico City. When we first got this place, it was a taco shop, and that wasn’t working for us. We decided to change the concept. We thought of our mom’s recipes, remembering all the times friends ate at our house and said how good it was, so we called Mom and asked her to help us. She helped us for about a year.

“My mom knows a lot of [regional] recipes. The reason we call our food ‘Mexico City cuisine’ is that the dishes are not necessarily from Mexico City, but a lot of people moved into Mexico City during the ’50s, looking for a better life — moving there from Oaxaca, Guerrero, the Yucatan Peninsula. So they all combined their gastronomic techniques. ‘Mexico City food’ comes from all over central and southern Mexico. We call the restaurant Chilango’s because that’s a Mexico City slang term that arose around that time. A *chi-*

lango is a ‘city person,’ the opposite of *campesinos*, the country people who were moving in.

“...I worked in restaurants for 11 years before we started this one, at Il Fornaio and the Four Seasons in Carlsbad. I cook a little here, but I was always in the front of the house,” says Victor. “My brother loves to cook, but he never worked in a restaurant before. He used to work at the hospital at UC Irvine. But he’s got a passion for food.”

The brothers hand-pick their vegetables from Rancho Fresco and the farmer’s market in Barrio Logan. They buy their seafood from a local wholesaler who accepts small orders, since they want it fresh and don’t have (or want) a walk-in freezer. “We don’t use any deep-fried items. We eat a lot of vegetables in Mexico City, and even though we live in the city, we eat a lot of seafood. The food we serve is very authentic, very homemade, true to central and southern Mexico cuisine.” ■

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"It's a very popular Korean dish. Good with Number 22 sauce."

Ever been to the 'No?' asks Mark. This is his splash. Taking his old tennis buddy Ed to lunch.

"The 'No?'" What kind of eats does he have in mind?

"Yeah, the 'No. Fres-No, man. Fresno. This town is full of us 'Noahs. We're infiltrating. And we're bringing our pizzas with us. The best in the world. Me-N-Ed's."

"You and me?"

"No. 'Me-N-Ed's.' Pizza chain from home. We all hang out there. Just think of it as the 'No embassy.'"

When we get up to Hillcrest, there's a Me-N-Ed's, all right. Except it's closed down. As in kaput.

"Guess 'Noahs' ark sank," I say.

"Okay, okay...still got to eat." Mark's regrouping. He restarts his old Volvo. "I've got it! Hole-in-the-wall. College. The most incredible California roll you ever had."

"Another 'No hangout?'"

"Not exactly."

Fifteen minutes later, we're up on Montezuma, at College near SDSU, pulling into a mini stripmall, right where the 11 and a bunch of other buses stop. Frat houses and a big Presbyterian church sit across the road. We park outside a little place with "Sushi To Go" painted in big red letters across its side. A more worn-out sign says, "Oshi's Kitchen. Japanese and Korean Food."

Inside, it's certainly tiny. "Bibimbap!" shouts a voice from behind these blue-and-white cotton curtains. A guy hands out a tray, and a customer

comes from the room next door and takes it. It has a big over-easy egg slapped on top of a pile of veggies, meat, and rice.

A list of tempura hangs on one wall, and a big plastic page filled with sun-faded color pix of different dishes sits below the counter.

"What's most filling?" I ask the two guys standing behind it. Jooheon and Peter. They look like students. The two take a moment to talk about it.

"We think the *Bibimbap*," says Jooheon. "It's a very popular Korean dish. Good with Number 22 sauce."

I check it out on the picture chart. It's that over-easy egg set on top of vegetables, marinated beef, and rice. "Really healthy," Jooheon says. "It has squash, cucumber, carrots, lettuce, bean sprouts, and seasoned beef. It's the most popular Korean dish." Goes for \$5.50.

Mark's looking at the *Bul Go Gi*. "Korean barbecued beef," he says. "Had it before. The combo includes a California sushi roll, too. See? Only \$6.50. This place is a bargain, I tell you."

I see the California roll on its own is \$4.25 for the ten-piece, and you can get a half-size six-piece for \$2.95.

"No no no," Mark says. "Look for Number 72. That's why we're here. Tempura California Roll. Tempura. That means dipped in batter, dunked in boiling oil. Deep fried, right? I've never seen this anywhere else."

"Not even in the 'No?'"

"Not even in the 'No. So we've gotta get that. Mandatory. It's awesome."

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It's \$5.33. I still order the *Bibimbap*, mainly because of its name, and Mark orders a plate of spicy chicken (\$5.25). He asks for an iced green tea (\$1.25), and I get a hot green tea (\$1.00), figuring that might make me feel more authentic. Plus, I do like unsweetened hot tea with Asian food.

So we go sit in the eating area, up a step and into a small room with paper screens and light wooden slats, Japanese style. We wait.

"*Bibimbap*!" Peter shouts from the kitchen. "Spicy chicken!" We go collect our trays. The plates are polystyrene, but Mark knows what to do. He goes to a pile of little green and red oblong dishes sitting in a pile on the kitchen counter. We take them up to our table and use them to divide the stuff out. I start off with the fried egg and veggies and marinated beef and rice. The beef tastes good, but the whole thing comes alive when I squirt some Number 22 sauce on it.

"That's *gochujang*," says Mark. "Soy-type hot sauce."

I'm impressed. The sauce is plummy and hot but not rocket-hot. But, wow, the spicy chicken is. Powerful taste. Peter says normally they'd have noodles with it, but they're out today. So we got rice. No problem. And my green tea comes in a beautiful decorated green mug.

Something about plotting the bits of food onto those long, squared-off plates with the curled-up corners makes it all seem so damned classy.

And hot. Whew. That spicy chicken really talks to you.

"You know why the Koreans love hot food?" Mark asks.

"Because they're Asian."

"Wrong. Because in the 1500s, the Portuguese brought the chile over from South America. The whole Asian hot thing is an import from the New World."

Mark's into this stuff. "Korean cooking is a combo of Japanese and Chinese. But more barbecued meats and less seafood than the Japanese, and they use less oil than the Chinese."

Right, right. But, truly, Number 72, when it comes, needs no talking up. The tempura California roll. It's a nice fat roll with the middle split into avocado and crab'n'cucumber, wrapped in seaweed with rice on the outside. And, oh yes. That rice is fried to a crisp skin. Wicked. Scrumptuosos.

"Tokyo, with Seoul," I say.

"And cholesterol," Mark says.

We are just finishing it up when we notice Jooheon locking the front door.

"It says you're open till 7:30 tonight," I point out.

"We're going to have to close down," says Peter. "Family emergency. Sorry."

Two minutes later we're back in the Volvo. "What is it with you?" I say to Mark. "One look and everybody closes."

"Yeah, but we got it, didn't we? Number 72. Won't find that baby anywhere else."

"Not even in the 'No?'"

"Not even in the 'No." ■

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Score Emperor

"People forget sometimes that it's a liquid in a bottle."

Wine critic Robert M. Parker Jr. may end up being best remembered, for good or ill, for popularizing the 100-point rating system for wines. This is unfortunate, says Elin McCoy, author of the recently published biography *The Emperor of Wine: The Rise of Robert M. Parker, Jr., and the Reign of American Taste*. A veteran wine writer, she tells me that she was "never a big fan of the 100-point system. But by the time I finished writing the book, I had concluded that it was a terrible thing for the wine world. It's completely stupid, and as far as I'm concerned, it has no virtue whatsoever. To me, it's taken over in a way I'm sure that Bob Parker couldn't have predicted. It's really counterproductive in terms of steering people toward wines that they'll actually like. You know, if a wine gets 85 points, it's as if it's not worth drinking or something. And how many rosés are up in the hallowed halls of the 95-pointers? Yet I've been drinking rosés all summer and enjoying it very much."

It's not that there aren't judgments to be made about wine quality, says McCoy. And it's not as if Parker invented the idea of scoring wines numerically — the Davis 20-point scale easily predated him. "What I object to about the 100-point system is that it gives the illusion of a precision that is simply not possible. The idea that there is a real, qualitative difference between a 92-point wine and

a 93-point wine that will be detectable by people is simply not true." Of course, a Parkerphile might argue that while it's not true for most people, most people don't have the Parker palate. Which brings up another of McCoy's objections to the 100-point system: "The idea that Parker has such a precise palate that he could register these differences has contributed to the belief that he has an infallible palate." She's not buying it, and what's more, she thinks this belief in Parker's infallibility has done more harm than good for the world of wine. She does not use the

term "emperor" with much affection.

According to the book, Parker never meant for the score to be the be-all and end-all. "I thought they'd read the tasting notes," he protests, "and the score would be sort of an easy way they could see how scores ranged in a certain peer group of wines." He even fought (unsuccessfully) the wine shops' practice of advertising scores without tasting notes. But he does believe in his powers of scoring. "Though in the beginning he'd mentally added up points for color, aroma, and so on," writes McCoy, "now, in a flash of intuition, a number would occur to him, as if rising out of the glass. Sometimes he found himself contemplating a range of numbers, say 87 to 89, but often the precise score would come to him like a vision of the wine's inner meaning, the exact measure of its inherent worth. It was like looking through the lens

of a camera and bringing the picture into focus."

It's either fun or scary to read the stories — California Chards, stacked side by side in a Los Angeles wine shop, sell at an even pace. But add shelf-talkers that proclaim one wine a 92 versus the other at 84 in Parker's judgment, and the 92 outsells the 84 by ten to one. The addition of Parker scores to a wine list at a Baltimore hotel jumps wine sales 40 percent. Vanna White tells her wine merchant that all she wants in her cellar are 90+ Parker wines.

Questions of precision aside, I have some sympathies for scores, for treating wine the way *Consumer Reports* treats cars or *Cook's Illustrated* treats baking chocolate. McCoy might object that scores don't account for style or value or food-friendliness, but she still understands my sympathy. "Of course, it's a product. It's something that you drink, in the same way that you go to the farmer's market and buy lettuce; you're concerned about whether there are brown bits on it, because you don't want that on your salad. There's so much other stuff spun around wine that people forget sometimes that it's a liquid in a bottle."

But the "other stuff" remains significant, she says. It's part of the wine's surround. "There are a lot of different ways that people actually evaluate a wine over and above the actual taste. Taste is only one piece of what that wine is." How it's made, where and by whom, the farming practices involved, the bottle, the label, the price, the memories and associations with a particular winery or place or varietal — it all ties in. (When my doctor, a fellow wine lover, asked after my favorite wine ever, he followed the question with "And did you have a pleasant evening the night you drank it?") "And even the taste itself has a surround," adds McCoy, "one that has to do with what you're going to be eating, what kinds of wines you like."

It occurs to me that "score" may provide its

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Shelf talker

own sort of surround. At least one of the Parker 100-pointers I've been lucky enough to try was a disappointment. Would I have been equally disappointed if I hadn't known the score? But it's not the sort of surround McCoy thinks the wine industry needs. "I was on a panel of wine journalists for the Wine Institute's annual meeting in June. Everybody was saying, 'Oh my God, *Sideways*!' All the vintners were saying, 'We should have a *Sideways* come out every year, each one focusing on a different grape variety!' They wanted the journalists to comment. I said, 'I would like everyone to remember this about the movie: not once did Miles

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or Maya say, “This wine got 95 points.” Instead, what drew people to rush out and buy Pinot Noir was a story. They wanted to be part of that kind of story.”

In the end, thinks McCoy, scores are unsatisfying. “In my experience,” she concludes, “most people who start getting really interested in wine start wanting to know all sorts of things about it. It’s like a kid who collects stamps. They don’t just look at the stamps — they want to know about the countries where they’re from, they get into design. People get excited about wine, and it leads to something else. They want to go to the Napa Valley, see where the grapes are grown, meet the people who made the wine. That’s one of the reasons for the huge growth in wine clubs in California — people want to be part of an enterprise they see as authentic. Think of all the ad campaigns that have capitalized on that — the Little Old Winemaker standing in his vineyard. Wine has a much wider set of meanings than lettuce.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-753-9050. You’ll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepezy and her brother Michael offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. Be sure to try the house’s *chicha morada*, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées — most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like *tres leches* cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic “pond” in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen regional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb — for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory egg-plant soup includes airy little “croutons” of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant’s best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-and-drink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-

order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day’s worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — *E.W.*

Oceanside Cafe 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as “mom and pop” as they get. “Hi honey. You going to have the usual?” That’s Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but breakfast’s what a lot of folks come for. (“Dieter’s Downfall,” a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the “Sausage of the Week” is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter’s real downfall comes with Marsha’s carrot cake or her double chocolate cake — rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Street (off South Coast Highway 101), Encinitas, 760-632-1282. Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumberyard across the street. American fries (served “All you can eat!”), French fries, potato patties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inch-thick “manhole” pancake that’s bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to “deli” sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Ruby’s Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby’s: You can build an appetite just getting there. It’s at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There’s a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby’s is part of a themed “forties diner” chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it’s still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, “Dewey-Warren”

presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the “Super Burger” with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Savory 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlighting seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab *panna cotta*, a lush *bourride* seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/03)*

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by-the-Sea) 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you’re tired of Italian restaurants, you’ll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on weekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (6/98)*

NORTH INLAND

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in a bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and *langostino* (“squat lobster,” in fishermen’s terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory *albondigas* soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner.

Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — *N.W. (6/01)*

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It’s the last thing you’d expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario’s Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua (“Flower”) serves genuine items like purple *taro poi*, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you’re a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it’s yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/02)*

Pho Hoa Hiep 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It’s popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, *Dac Biet Xe Lua*, an “extra large bowl” of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast *pho* is “French bread with beef juicy cube soup.” They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the *Xam Bo Luong*, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego’s dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people — actually, any person on the planet with

taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you’d eat around Chesapeake Bay. Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you’d miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquite-grilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — *S.M. (6/04)*

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Oppen, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that’s his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There’s a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they’re still tasty. The melted non-butter “spread” accompanying them appeals to the area’s many health-conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they’ll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother’s Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The “New Style Favorites” of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong’s has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce, lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They’re tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, *kung pao*, *ma la*, etc.) are better than the old “Chinese-American” standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*



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Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie — save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

GOLD COAST

Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.*

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans. Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is delicious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

LA JOLLA

Aesop's Tables Greek Cafe 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, 858-455-1535. Gyros

are the thing here, since 1975. The meat's prepared outside to Aesop's recipe of lamb, beef, and spices. But would the eponymous Greek fabulist recognize *pizzas* with lamb sausage and feta on top? Or roast leg of lamb laid out in slices, American-style? A true-blue (and white) Greek choice is the meze appetizer plate to share, with samplings of grilled eggplant ("melitzanasalata"), tabbouleh, marinated mushrooms, artichokes, broad beans, and stuffed grape leaves. Just add pita bread and it'll almost make a dinner for two. The vegetarian combo entrée is good also, with nice thick *tzatziki* (yogurt, cucumber, dill, and sour cream) and tahini (sesame seed) sauces. Lamb dishes like moussaka (layers of ground lamb, beef, eggplant) and *arni souvlaki* (lamb on a skewer) are helped by a wide choice of Greek wines, including Xinomavro Merlot. But to really get the spirit, order *saganaki*, sautéed Kasser cheese flamed at your table with Ouzo. Go ahead, try an "Opah!" or two. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday; Sunday, dinners only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (6/04)*

La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Girard Avenue), La Jolla, 858-454-0100. Reservations are a necessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style, showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tones and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clacking, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, including the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Roppongi 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or *tapas*, including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — *E.W. (12/99)*

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "ex-

pensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-and-rosewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (10/00)*

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oak-fired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly house-made, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Restaurant 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Midwestern chain eatery: all carpets, dark-wood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splish on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*



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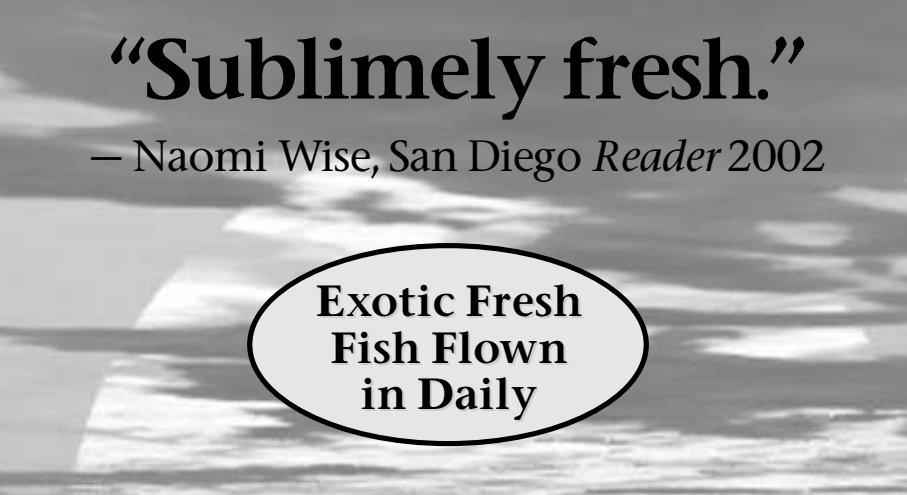
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94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shredded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include *alcapurria* (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy *yuca con mojo* (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (8/01)*

Bale French Sandwich Shop 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed — they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green

jalapeno. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — *voilà!* Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza, 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888. Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) emphasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG; diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive down-home dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. — *N.W. (9/02)*

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas, 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are *guaraná*, the Amazonian energy drink, and *açaí*, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular *feijoada* stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef." If don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," *prato feito* ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the *forró* ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance. Open seven days; closes early Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmosphere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blowtorch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Hawaiian Island Barbecue Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBQ chicken, chicken *katsu*, Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken *lau lau* (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked *kalua* pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBQ Mix (Hawaiian BBQ beef, chicken, short ribs,

with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

The Mission Cafe and Coffee House 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.*

People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environmentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272-POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek, Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales. And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California

coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can actually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the *toro*, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Sushi Ota 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First, find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the mini-mall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (*uni*, *toro*, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the *ama-ebi*, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for *chawan-mushi* (custard broth with ginkgo nuts). Alas, when Ota-sari's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking

with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called *Vieuela a la vida*: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is *carnitas* — pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24 hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Saigon 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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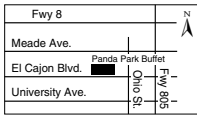
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or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Lao-tians replace them. Maps of "Kam-puchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvoi coffay dok ko" — fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoli and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao — and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad — not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cabbage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham — all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Jimmy's 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line. Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this family-friendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less biting hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cacahuete* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious *pelangoches*, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Sunny Garden Cuisine of China 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-

crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of salty-sour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mushrooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. *Yu-hsiang* (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly non-sweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests filled with either seafood or beef. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plain-speaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast — it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/01)*

FAR EAST

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes of Wrath*, Okies, the 1930s. Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on week-ends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

La Posta 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sourdough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl of chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (8/03)*

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features rib-sticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams Avenue, University Heights, 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception, execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice — where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups

receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination — pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/01)*

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000-pound French stone hearth oven. Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the sidewalk patio. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/02)*

Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry — luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fusioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a clean-limned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorers. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business, this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (5/04)*

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and *zamordd chalow*, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside; small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/02)*

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Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café. Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.* (11/98)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boulevard (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky *shashlik* (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. — *N.W.* (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas: one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the

taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Vietnamese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/01)

DOWNTOWN

Athens Market 109 West F Street (between First and Front), 619-234-1955. Alex Spanos and lots of local hotshots come here for honest Greek home cookin'. Yes, it's classy — white table cloths, linen napkins — but you can fill up on just a bowl of *fakae*, owner Mary Pappas's "secret recipe" lentil soup, and an appetizer, like *spanakopita* (spinach and cheese pastry pockets). And entrées like *arni psito* — roast leg of lamb — are guaranteed to stuff you. They come with rice, roast

potato, a vegetable, soup or salad, and French bread and butter — all at a darned good price. Oh, and don't despise the gyro. Meat flavor's great, and it takes a football player to empty this plate. Lunch Monday through Friday; dinner nightly, to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (2/03)

Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Rubio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff: smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Maestro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioners. The choices are more Dude-friendly — that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations

advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. — *N.W.* (1/04)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new "grazing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered — like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful — this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink palace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the *put-*

tanesca is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (12/02)

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, and the Drone Chicken or Bee Sting (spicy Cajun grilled mahi mahi). Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch and dinner; Saturday and Sunday dinner only. Bar closes at 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially *spitini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork, a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939 Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian *rodizio*: skewer after skewer of *churrasco* (Brazilian barbecue), a near-endless procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread in-

cludes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of *feijoada*, the national dish — slow-cooked, meaty black beans (in a somewhat bland version, which you can live up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — *N.W.* (10/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/01)

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take your respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility. Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and edible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mexico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, terrific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (10/04)

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Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-Q East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the *ube halea* (purple yam custard) and *maja blanca* (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin sapin* (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet *saba* banana on a skewer. But watch it if someone offers you "chocolate milk" — it's slang for pig's blood. Open six days, breakfast through early dinner; closes early on Sundays. — *E.B. (9/04)*

Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Vietnamese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegetables in the middle. But most customers go for the steamtable combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, *kung pao* chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City,

619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The little blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up *cervezas*, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic "Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own *lumpia*, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this wonderful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale, Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring top-quality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelico-touched macadamia *beurre blanc*. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swaddee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have

a nice nip tuned to brave but tender *farang* tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (9/00)*

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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.

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with mushroom cream sauce, or "Olivia," stuffed with octopus and shrimp, are really good. So are "Madrazo" oysters, with chipotle and bacon. But you can't go wrong with the less expensive whole fish plates, like the charcoal-broiled "Sarandeadó" (just watch out for the bones). Each entrée comes with soup, hors d'oeuvre, salad, rice, and coffee, plus a Kahlua-based drink-dessert. Bonus: the owner's charming menu inserts. Open daily, late breakfast through dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (3/05)*

La Fonda Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ensenada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambience, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both. Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Malecon de Puerto Nuevo Northwest edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Original Ortega's In Puerto Nuevo, next to Casa de la Langosta, on the first street to your left (Calle Principal) after entering town through the entry gate. Open since 1952, this is the original "Lobster Village" restaurant, and not much has changed. Eventually Ortega's grew into an octopus with multiple arms in Puerto Nuevo and Rosarito Beach, all pretty similar. The menu is longer than most, with numerous starters (including a tasty ceviche and an excellent tortilla soup), varied seafood entrées and *antojitos*, desserts, and even fancy coffees (including "Viagra," which features reputedly aphrodisiac Damiana herbal liqueur). The spiny lobsters (once local but now from who-knows-where) are first fried in lard, then finished off on the grill, and served with a greasy-tasting melted "Kitchen Maid" margarine blend, frijoles, rice, tortillas, and salsa. Full bar, English menu, staff marginally bilingual. Moderate to high, but with low-moderate specials. No reservations, cash only. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Vallarta Natural Boulevard Agua Caliente #1252, Tijuana, 686-1560. Vallarta Natural makes travel to Tijuana really appetizing, serving only the healthiest, freshest ingredients. The kitchen makes its own bread and rolls, soy chorizo, vegetable stock, and gluten daily. Recommended are goblets of fresh juice, *caldo tlalpeño* soup, *taquitos panzones* (soft tacos) filled with sautéed mushrooms or soy chorizo, and especially *milanesa*. The *milanesa* is made from fresh gluten and is almost indistinguishable from veal — breaded, fried, it is delicious. Cool, clean, pleasant atmosphere. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (9/98)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Buca di Beppo 705 Sixth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-7272. Also at 10749 Westview Parkway, Mira Mesa, 858-536-2822; 1921 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, 760-479-2533. Family-style, Southern Italian cooking in huge dining rooms with ditz decor. Food is simple (one sauce fits all), portions huge, and roaring-loud ambience is child- and teenager-friendly. Go for plain fun, not gourmet dinners. Meatballs and spaghetti the best bet. Dinner nightly, lunch Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (6/00)*

Bully's East 2401 Camino del Rio South, Mission Valley, 619-291-2665. Also at 5755 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla (858-459-2768), and 1404 Camino del Mar, Del Mar (858-755-1660). Despite the plasma TV sports screen, this place is very sixties. For example, dark, woody, plush red booths. And always crowded. Word is, they serve more prime rib with au jus and horseradish than any eatery in San Diego. The "Petite Cut" 8 ounce, their smallest, fills you plenty, with its baked potato and salad. But just once, come here with your main squeeze and order up the "full cut for two." It hangs ten over the edges. Or go bonkers and order the 32-ounce cut — just to watch your neighbors' eyes bug out. Not flush? Try the "Bully Burger," French Dip sand-

wich, or calamari sandwich. Lonely? Go to the horseshoe-shaped Low Bar. Lunch and dinner daily. The price ranges. — *E.B. (2/03)*

El Pollo Loco 2795 Main, Logan Heights, 619-595-0847. Additional locations in College Area, Midway, Carmel Mountain, Chula Vista, El Cajon, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, and more. This Mexican-style chicken chain offers healthier, tastier fast food. The flame-broiled poultry has crisp, richly seasoned, very salty skin; the flesh can vary from barely done to overdone, but usually is just right. The bird (or any assortment of its parts) comes with sage gravy, tortillas, and a choice of side dishes that includes rich, sweet black beans, crisp and clean coleslaw, great gooey-cheesy macaroni, and passable mashed potatoes. Help yourself to salsas (there are four varieties), chopped onions, lemons, cilantro, hot peppers. But stick with the chicks — the taqueria-style choices are barely better than Taco Bell. Check for daily specials, wherein a small amount of cash will buy a huge amount of highly palatable poultry. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Popeye's Chicken & Biscuits 2333 Highland Avenue (at 24th Street), National City, 619-477-5605; 2210 E. Plaza Boulevard (at Euclid Avenue), National City, 619-470-3002; 3489 Santo Road (at Aero Drive), 858-573-0035; Metropolitan Center, 1737 Euclid Avenue (north of Federal Boulevard), Chollas Creek, 619-527-6565; and 6095 El Cajon Boulevard (at College Avenue), 619-286-3322. This is the one major national chain to cling firmly to a regional American identity: Wherever you go, if you find a Popeye's, you'll be eating Louisiana flavors. But some flavors travel better than others in fast-food translations: The spicy, crisp fried chicken and air-light drop biscuits are fine as can be. The etouffee (whether of chicken or crawfish, when available) is surprisingly decent. The gumbo is weird — flavors aren't bad, but it's more like a Creole risotto, with wet rice instead of liquid (where's the soup?). Dirty rice and jambalaya are nasty and dry. Food quality varies subtly from branch to branch, as does the attitude of the counter-persons. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (2/02)*

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The Aristocrats — Paul Provenza's talking-heads film rounds up a herd of well-known and less-known comedians to tell and to analyze an old gray blue joke, the punch line of which is the film's title. (Alternate and not-as-good punch lines: the Sophisticates, the Debonairs.) The joke seems to be something of a private joke among comedians, seldom told in public out of common decency. It has an unassailable structure, a solid beginning and end, and a lot of room in the middle for extended jazzlike improvisation, often on motifs of incest, bestiality, bodily waste. The set form allows the audience reasonably to gauge who goes "too far," which turns out to be less a question of taste than a question of comprehension, a question of intelligence. Howie Mandel and Bob Saget step up as the top competitors for the worst — most uncomprehending, least intelligent — rendition, with Saget getting the edge by laughing repeatedly at his own 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.

★★ (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, THROUGH 9/15)

Batman Begins — With a new director (Christopher Nolan) and a new star (Christian Bale), the fifth entry in the Batman series, true to its title, returns to square one: how and why Bruce Wayne came to be Batman; the psychological root of his fixation on flying mammals; the part this played in his guilt over his parents' murder; in short, the logic, the reasoning, behind the selec-

tion of his chiropteran crime-fighting persona. Think of it, more exactly, as *Batman Starts Over* or *Batman Backs Up*. Think of it, in other words, as a prequel. The starting-over will naturally mean that the storytelling takes a good long time to get to the Batsuit, the Batcave, the Batmobile, and all the appurtenances. But the starting-over also means, not so naturally, a new intensity, a new purpose, a new attitude, a straighter face. All this intensity, etc., cuts two ways: it lends a degree of conviction to the goings-on, and yet it risks looking ridiculous once it runs into the Batsuit, the Batcave, etc. Can an air of seriousness feasibly be sustained? (For all his lack of superpowers, the hero floats through the air with the ease of Spider-Man if not Superman.) To help sustain that air a bit further, there is no jokey villain this time (notwithstanding a forward-looking nod to the Joker at the fadeout), but rather an apocalyptic criminal plot, fully worthy of a Fu Manchu, to do to Gotham what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah, and for similar reasons. And the nightmarish visions evoked by a "weaponized hallucinogen" (a sign of the times, a salute to Al Qaeda) are genuinely scary. On balance, the two-way cutting goes deeper in the direction of conviction than in that of ridiculousness. With Katie Holmes, Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Tom Wilkinson, Rutger Hauer. 2005.

★★ (MISSION VALLEY 20)

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-



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The Exorcism of Emily Rose

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

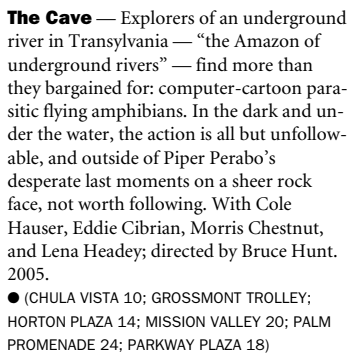
credits are rolling, to pursue the mystery into the trackless recesses of the human heart, the enigmatic ego, the predestined identity. But you will then have to leave behind the laughs that made the trip pleasurable. Jeffrey Wright, Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton, Julie Delpy, 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Caterina in the Big City — Small-town Italian teenager (Alice Teghil) moves with her family to Rome, directed by Paolo Virzì.
(HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/16)



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 opportu-

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nity 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 unsubsidizing 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)

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



Four Brothers

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 inveterate firebrand. His private inquiry into her murder, apart from the light shed on corporate malfeasance, answers all questions about the genuineness of her love for him, and of his for her. As we'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 gooey 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; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-

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Crimen Perfecto — 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 fore-runner 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 pre-

occupation with skin-deep beauty. Guillermo Toledo, Mónica Cervera, Luis Varela. 2004.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/16; KEN, THROUGH 9/15)

Cry Wolf — Serial-killer thriller with Julian Morris, Lindy Booth, and Jon Bon Jovi, directed by Jeff Wadlow.

(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/16)

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)

Elevator to the Gallows — Louis Malle's directorial debut at age twenty-five, a craftsmanly thriller about a pair of illicit lovers and homicidal co-conspirators — never seen together on screen — whose Perfect Crime deflates into a suffocating nightmare. Atmospheric photography by Henri Decae; voguish improvisatory jazz score by Miles Davis. Originally released in the U.S. under the name *Frantic*. With Maurice Ronet, Jeanne Moreau, Lino Ventura. 1957.

★★★ (KEN, 9/16 THROUGH 22)

The Exorcism of Emily Rose — The courtroom drama wedded to 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 whole-hearted commitment to that marriage is enough to tighten that hold. Tom Wilkinson, Jennifer Carpenter, Mary Beth Hurt. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY;

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Fantastic Four — Namely, Mr. Fantastic (a sort of Plastic Man), the Human Torch (more like a Human Comet), the Invisible Woman (plain enough), and the Thing (a cross between the Incredible Hulk and the Golem). The slender storyline explains how they got to be so fantastic, and it then gives them little scope to explore their powers. Commonplace comic-book adaptation, campy and tacky. With Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Jessica Alba, and Michael Chiklis; directed by Tim Story. 2005. ● (GASLAMP 15)

The 40 Year Old Virgin — The hero is

not what he is by reason of any philosophy, religion, or phobia: “It just never happened.” But now his colleagues at the Smart Tech electronics store, cottoning on to his condition, are pitching in to cure him of it. Though not unsympathetic in treatment, the character is coy, cautious, even cowardly in conception, while the comedy *per se* is low, broad, bullish, and exhibitionist: boners, peepee, puke, a plastic vagina, mooning, and (without special-effects fakery) bloody body waxing. With Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Roman Malco, Seth Rogen, and Elizabeth Banks; directed by Judd Apatow. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-

NADE 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)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

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

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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.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.

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Just Like Heaven — Reviewed next issue. With Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruffalo, Donal Logue, and Jon Heder; directed by Mark Waters.

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The Keeper: The Legend of Omar Khayyam — A present-day descendant of the 11th-century Persian poet keeps the legend alive; with Bruno Lastra and Vanessa Redgrave; directed by Kayvan Mashayekh. (HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 9/16)

Lord of War — Overly verbal, narration-heavy elucidation of the world of an illicit arms dealer. It's no help that the narrator and arms dealer is a smug cynic who chews our ears off for a full two hours: "By the mid-Eighties, my weapons were represented in eight out of the world's top ten war zones." Writer-director Andrew Niccol matches his antihero in cynicism, and exhibits his own brand of unbecoming superiority. Leaving the realm of science fiction (*Gattaca*, *Simone*) seems to have exposed

the filmmaker's superficiality: the clichéd coke-fiend brother, the oblivious trophy wife, the literal-minded soundtrack, etc. With Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto, Bridget Moynahan, Ian Holm, Ethan Hawke. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/16)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agreló's documentary on New York City fifth-graders who've been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: "I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen," one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: "I still really don't understand what happened," a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for "ours." Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named

Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

The Man — Mistaken-identity comedy starring Samuel L. Jackson and Eugene Levy, directed by Les Mayfield.

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March of the Penguins — Nature documentary on the reproductive ritual of the emperor penguin, the back-and-forth walk of around seventy miles, the mating dance, the harsh winter, the interminable night, the months of starvation, the high mortality rate. It's a hard life, and fascinating. The cuteness of the creatures makes up for much of the hardness, although it also makes the hardness harder to bear. Narrated by Morgan Freeman; directed by Luc Jacquet. 2004.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; LA PALOMA; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Memory of a Killer — 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. Jan Decleir, Koen De Bouw, Werner De Smedt, Hilde De Baerdemaeker; directed by Erik Van Looy. 2004.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 9/15)

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — A stargazer's delight, if, anyway — and it's a big if — you can take delight in gazing at Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (lips and more lips), worshipfully photographed by Bojan Bazelli, and pamperingly enshrined in an ambience of pristine showroom opulence. There is space in this firmament for no one else, apart from a small corner for Vince Vaughn and his dimming persona of sociopathic glibness. The two stars play a husband and wife whose passion has gone out of their marriage after "five or six years," depending on which one you ask. Unbeknownst to either of them, they both happen to be top-level, high-tech assassins for rival espionage agencies, and once this fact becomes known to them they are obliged to turn their sights on each other. If — another big if — the situation may shape up for a while as a darkly comic metaphor on the slow death inherent in the conjugal life, this impression, this hope, cannot survive their mutual revelation, after several sincere attempts at pre-emptive annihilation, that their love remains strong, that their passion can be rekindled by means of a common enemy, that their romance after all is not darkly comic, but brightly. And if — a final big if — filmmaker Doug Liman (*Swingers*, *Go*, to start with) can be seen to have come through *The Bourne Identity* with his "promise" unbroken — the promise of a filmmaker with, or on, an edge — he here

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undergoes a harder whack on the chisel. 2005.
● (VOGUE)

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.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; HAZARD CENTER 7; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; VOGUE)

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.

★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

A Sound of Thunder — 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 evolutionary 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. 2005.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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)

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; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; 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)

SEEN ON DVD

MIRIAM H. DIBIASE

Copywriter, Father Joe’s Villages

Dead Like Me, Season One offers Mandy Patinkin, the Noxzema girl, clever banter, a main character who was killed by a toilet seat...who could ask for anything more? Why did they cancel this show?

Donnie Darko is just a beautiful, well-acted film that sends your brain spinning in all directions. I don’t care what Hollywood says, Jake Gyllenhaal will always be Donnie to me. I recommend seeing the original version before checking out the director’s cut.

The Princess Bride is just so highly quotable: “Who are you?” “*No one of consequence.*” “I must know.” “*Get used to disappointment.*” Ahhh...I just realized that Mandy Patinkin is in two of my picks. Coincidence?

DEAD LIKE ME: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (Canada/USA)

2003, MGM Home Entertainment
List price: \$58.96 (four discs)

DONNIE DARKO (USA) 2001, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment
List price: \$29.98

THE PRINCESS BRIDE (USA) 1987, MGM Home Entertainment
List price: \$19.98

An Unfinished Life — Warm, moist relationship thing about a battered woman who, with her eleven-year-old daughter in tow, seeks sanctuary on the Wyoming ranch of her unwelcoming former father-in-law and his crippled old ranchhand. Almost as formulaic as a Lifetime Network movie, right down to the relentless hothead boyfriend, the alternative hunky lawman, and the pretty scenery. But Robert Redford (roughening his edges), Jennifer Lopez (not roughening hers), and Morgan Freeman give it uncommon luster. With Josh Lucas, Camryn Manheim, and Becca Gardner; directed by Lasse Hallstrom. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Valiant — British-accented Disney computer cartoon, concerned with the role of

SCOTT GROSS

Workshop facilitator/designer, Village Training Institute

Aaron Sorkin does an amazing job of creating a presidential show with *The West Wing*, a brilliant illustration of how politics and integrity do not have to be mutually exclusive. This series is a perfect example of how power can be used positively. If only reality were this good.

What the Bleep Do We Know? offers the theory of quantum physics through interviews with members of the scientific and spiritual community. Then the film overlays a case study — the life of a woman played by Marlee Matlin — that brings the theory to life. Cleverly done, thought-provoking, and enjoyable.

A Few Good Men is a classic military-abuse-of-power storyline infused with intriguing strategy and mystery to keep your mind engaged.

THE WEST WING: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON (USA)

1999, Warner Home Video
List price: \$59.98 (four discs)

WHAT THE BLEEP DO WE KNOW? (USA) 2004, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment
List price: \$29.98

A FEW GOOD MEN (USA) 1992, Columbia/Tristar
List price: \$14.98

RICK NEWMYER

Director, Toussaint Youth Villages

The best description I’ve heard for Sam Raimi’s *Evil Dead 2* is “a Looney Tunes horror film.” All three *Evil Dead* movies are terrific but this one’s a non-stop rollercoaster ride. Don’t miss Bruce Campbell’s commentary. Groovy!

Sure it’s scary and funny, but what makes John Landis’s *An American Werewolf in London* great is how much you feel for the characters. When the werewolf attacks Griffin Dunne on the moors, it’s like watching your best friend get ripped to pieces. Beware the moon (and the sequel).

Infernal Affairs is not a John Woo splatterfest. There’s no kung fu fighting while floating over a lake, just magnetic performances and exquisite pacing in a tension-filled cat-and-mouse thriller. See it before the Hollywood remake hits theaters!

EVIL DEAD 2: SPECIAL EDITION (USA) 1987, Anchor Bay
List price: \$39.98

AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON (USA) 1981, Universal
List price: \$9.99

INFERNAL AFFAIRS (Hong Kong) 2002, Miramax Home Entertainment
List price: \$14.99

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.
★ (GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24; POWAY 10; VOGUE)

Venom — A murderous Swamp Thing in Louisiana, with Agnes Bruckner and Jonathan Jackson, directed by Jim Gillespie. (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 9/16)

War of the Worlds — Steven Spielberg’s retelling of H.G. Wells’s s-f classic. The alien-invasion subgenre, as everyone now knows, blossomed during the Cold War, fertilized by fears of Communist takeover; and it’s quite reasonable, quite knowledgeable, to deduce that 9/11 and its aftermath could dump some fresh manure in the field. Spielberg makes damn good and sure that no one will miss the relevance: the “sleepers” hidden beneath American streets; the hero’s coat of ashes fabricated from his incinerated fellow citizens; the shower of clothes from the sky; the bulletin board of the “missing”; and of course the natural question in the first confusion, “Is it the terrorists?” All of that seems legitimate enough. This is a serious film in a way that *Independence Day*, merrily blowing up the White House so few years earlier, didn’t need to be, want to be, or pretend to be. There’s something of an air of penitence in

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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 placament certainty that bigger is always better, and his dependence on mere loudness and suddenness to elicit a response from his audience. And his trusty old device of the temporary death, the takesy-backsy death, the just-fooling death, would indicate that his penitence for *E.T.* lacks a little something in sincerity. Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Rob-

bins. 2005.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Wedding Crashers — It starts out as a men-behaving-badly skit about a couple of skirt-chasing cads who drop in on weddings to pick up susceptible girls and promptly drop them. After a frenetic montage of their modus operandi, however, the action settles into a perfectly conventional romantic comedy, hitting all the expected spots at all the expected times, as our two cads — the equally expected Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, who earlier worked with the director, David Dobkin, on *Clay Pigeons* and *Shanghai Knights* respectively — discover their true soul mates, two sisters for added convenience, a phony virgin slash

nymphomaniac slash bondage girl (Isla Fisher) and a save-the-planet altruist (Rachel McAdams) who reveals her superior sensibility by giggling uncontrollably at the self-written vows of their older sister and new brother-in-law. The funny business, in what amounts merely to a newer convention, is pushed to such extremes of crassness and grossness that you feel as if the laughs are being extracted not by feather tickler but by thumbscrew. E.g., the ancient matriarch of one of America’s leading political families will pepper her dinner-party conversation with epithets like “asshole,” “homo” (of her own grandson), and “rug muncher” (of Eleanor Roosevelt), while her granddaughter administers a hand job beneath the tablecloth. Audiences

do laugh at this sort of thing. But why? With Christopher Walken, Jane Seymour, Will Ferrell. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; LA PALOMA; MIRA MESA 18; 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)

MOVIE SHOWTIMES

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An Unfinished Life (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:10) 7:00, 9:30; Sat.-Mon. (1:40) 4:10, 7:00, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (1:40, 4:10) 7:00, 9:30
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Cinerama 6
5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50; Sat. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:50; Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:55) 7:40; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:10) 7:45; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (3:10) 5:40, 8:10, 10:25; Sat. (12:40, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10, 10:25; Sun. (12:40, 3:10) 5:40, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (3:10, 5:40) 8:00; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (2:45) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:15) 7:50; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri. (2:55) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; Sat. (12:55, 2:55) 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; Sun. (12:55, 2:55) 5:00, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:00) 7:30; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (3:20) 5:30, 7:35, 9:40; Sat. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:35, 9:40; Sun. (1:10, 3:20) 5:30, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (3:20, 5:30) 7:35

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Elevator to the Gallows (Not Rated) Fri. (4:55) 7:15, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (2:35) 4:55, 7:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (4:55) 7:15, 9:35

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Paris When It Sizzles, Thursday through Sunday

Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Aristocrats (Not Rated) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **Broken Flowers** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35; **Caterina in the Big City** (Not Rated) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:20) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:45; **El Crimen Perfecto** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:15, 9:50; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30; Mon.-Tue. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:30; Wed. (2:10, 4:40) 9:30; Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20, 9:30

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Alaska: Spirit of the Wild (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Bears** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00; **Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag** (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sat.-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
Night on Dream Mountain Sat. 10:00;
Rhythms of the World (Not Rated) Fri. 9:00; Sat. 8:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; **An Unfinished Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 2:50, 5:20) 7:50, 10:20; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:40, 3:55) 7:10, 10:25; **The Cave** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:40, 10:10; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 9:30; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 12:55, 3:45, 4:10) 7:00, 7:25, 10:15, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 12:55, 3:45) 4:10, 7:00, 7:25, 10:15, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 12:55, 3:45, 4:10) 7:00, 7:25, 10:15, 10:40; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:40, 5:15) 7:50, 10:25; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Sat. 7:00; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50) 4:40, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 12:30, 2:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:10) 7:00, 7:30, 9:20, 9:50; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (1:05, 4:00) 6:55, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:05) 4:00, 6:55, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 4:00) 6:55, 9:50; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:25) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:25, 4:50) 7:10, 9:30; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:40, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri. (12:25, 5:25) 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:25) 5:25, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 5:25) 10:25; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10); Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10); **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55; **Underclassman** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55; **Valiant** (G) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10); Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10); **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:00, 7:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:00) 7:25, 9:55; **Valiant** (G) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10); Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40, 5:10); **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:00, 5:15) 7:30, 9:45; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri. 7:00, 9:50; Sat. 9:50; Sun.-Thu. 7:00, 9:50

LA MESA

Grossmont Center
Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:15, 10:05; Mon. (12:00, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:30; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:20; Sun. (2:10) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; Mon. (11:30, 2:10, 5:00) 7:30, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 5:00) 7:30, 10:10; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:35; Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:30) 7:50, 10:15; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:25, 8:15, 10:55; Sat. (12:00, 2:45) 5:25, 8:15, 10:55; Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:35, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:10; Mon. (11:00, 1:40, 4:20) 7:05, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:05, 9:35; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:20, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:35) 7:25, 10:20; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:25) 5:35, 8:10, 10:15; Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:35, 8:10, 10:20; Mon. (11:05, 1:10, 3:20, 5:40) 7:45, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:40) 7:45, 10:05; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (12:55, 3:10) 5:30,

7:45, 10:00; Sat. (12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 10:35; Sun. (12:55, 3:10) 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:30) 7:40, 9:50; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (2:25) 4:45, 7:00, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:25) 4:45, 7:00, 9:50; Mon. (12:10, 2:25, 4:50) 7:00, 9:40; Tue.-Thu. (2:25, 4:50) 7:00, 9:40; **Venom** (R) Fri.-Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:10, 7:30, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **The Cave** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:15, 3:45) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 5:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:15, 4:15) 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Mon. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 10:45; Tue.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denney Road (858-558-2262)
Just Like Heaven: Lord of War; Cry Wolf; Venom; An Unfinished Life; The Exorcism of Emily Rose; The Man; Transporter 2; A Sound of Thunder; The Constant Gardener; Underclassman; The Brothers Grimm; The Cave; The 40 Year Old Virgin; Red Eye; Valiant; Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo; The Skeleton Key; Four Brothers; Sky High; March of the Penguins; Wedding Crashers

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:30, 7:25, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 10:25; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:25) 7:15, 10:15; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:25; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:20) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:45; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 1:50, 4:25, 4:40) 7:15, 7:40, 10:05, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 1:50) 4:25, 4:40, 7:15, 7:40, 10:05, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 1:50, 4:25, 4:40) 7:15, 7:40, 10:05, 10:30; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:00, 9:55; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (1:55, 2:25, 4:35, 5:10) 7:10, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:55, 2:25) 4:35, 5:10, 7:10, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:55, 2:25, 4:35, 5:10) 7:10, 7:45, 9:50, 10:20; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (1:30, 1:50, 4:25, 4:40) 7:20, 7:35, 10:15, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 1:50) 4:25, 4:40, 7:20, 7:35, 10:15, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 1:50, 4:25, 4:40) 7:20, 7:35, 10:15, 10:30; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:40, 3:55) 6:50, 9:40; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (2:05, 4:15) 6:55, 9:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 4:15, 6:55, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:05, 4:15) 6:55, 9:10; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:35, 7:05, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 7:05, 9:30; **Sky High** (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:55); Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 4:55; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:55); **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:45) 7:40, 10:10; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:45, 10:30

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 9:30; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 7:30; **Valiant** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (2:20) 5:05, 8:00, 10:35; Sat. (11:50, 2:25) 5:05, 8:00, 10:35; Sun. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:20; **An Unfinished Life** (PG-13) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:25, 9:55; Sat. (12:05, 2:35) 4:55, 7:25, 10:00; Sun. (12:05, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:55) 7:55; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:10, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:30, 5:50) 8:15; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:30; Sat. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50, 7:30; Sun. (11:40, 2:15) 4:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 5:15); **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:50) 7:05, 9:55; Sat. (12:20, 3:20) 7:05, 9:55; Sun. (11:30, 2:20) 5:05, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 5:15) 8:05; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri. (1:25, 3:35) 5:45, 8:15, 10:25; Sat. (12:55, 3:35) 6:05, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (12:55, 3:35) 6:05, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 8:00; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sat. (11:30, 2:25) 5:00, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:40, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:20; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:10, 7:00, 9:30;

Sat. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (11:45, 2:10) 4:40, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:20, 5:40) 7:55; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:15, 9:55; Sun. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:50) 8:15; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:45; Sat. (11:35, 1:40, 3:50) 6:10, 8:15, 10:20; Sun. (11:35, 1:40, 3:50) 6:20, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:35) 7:40; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:10) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25; Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:15, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:15, 5:20) 7:30; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 5:25, 7:40, 9:50; Sat. (12:45, 3:15) 6:00, 8:10, 10:20; Sun. (12:45, 3:15) 6:00, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:25, 5:40) 7:50; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:05; Sun. 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 7:50

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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 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; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15;

Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. 2:45, 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 10:15 (2:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 7:00; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri. 4:45, 9:30; Sat. 12:15 (4:45) 9:30; Sun. 12:15 (4:45); Mon.-Thu. 4:45; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30; Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (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; **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; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Just Like Heaven** (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; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:00, 3:15) 5:15, 7:15; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:30, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:30, 8:30; **The 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. 10:00 (12:00, 4:45); **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 2:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 2:00, 7:00

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San Marcos 18
West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:40) 7:20, 10:10; **An Unfinished Life** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:55, 4:55) 7:45, 10:20; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:50; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:15); **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:20) 7:50, 10:50; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 10:00; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:20, 1:15, 2:10, 4:15, 5:10) 7:20, 8:00, 10:10, 10:55; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:50, 4:50) 7:25, 10:45; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 11:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:35; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:00, 2:20, 4:25) 7:05, 9:20; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:10) 7:10, 9:25
Now Hiring - Apply at Theatre Fri.-Thu. ; Red Eye (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:50, 2:05, 4:35) 7:10, 9:45; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:25, 1:45, 4:10) 6:55, 9:30; **Venom** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:20, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 10:20; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 7:15, 10:40

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El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
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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; **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. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00

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Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
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La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
March of the Penguins; Wedding Crashers

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
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The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:00) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00) 5:45, 8:15; **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) 7:00, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00; **Just Like Heaven** (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; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; **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

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
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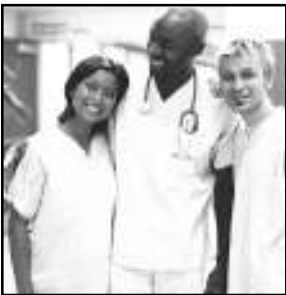


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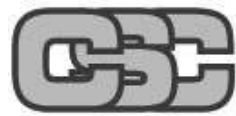
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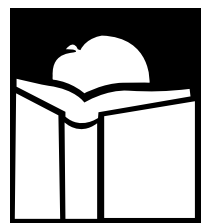
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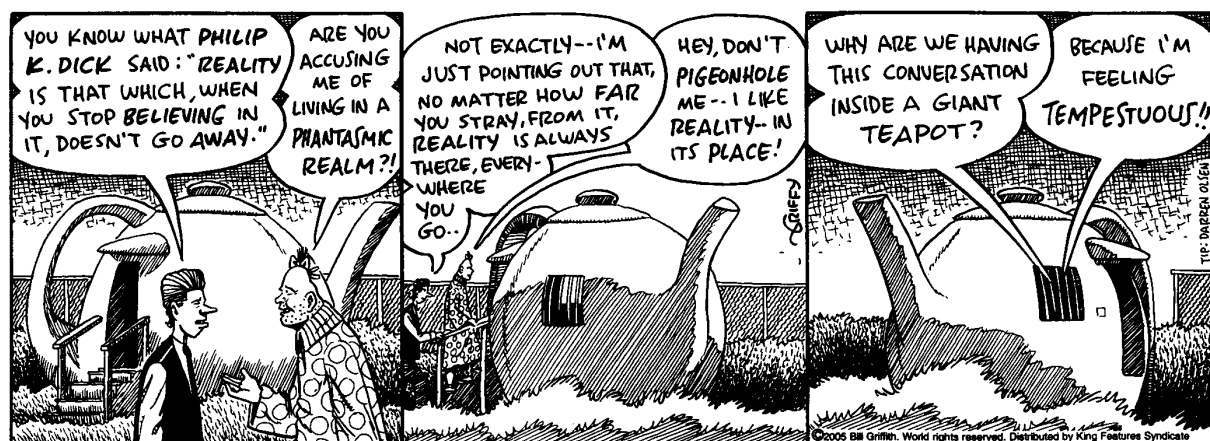
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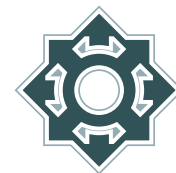


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Sean DuBois

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Ocean Beach

Yep. You can buy the right clothes and look more physically attractive. You could get a trainer. There're guys like Bill Gates who has so much money that he doesn't have to be attractive. If someone works too much, I could imagine that they wouldn't look good because they don't have time. If someone has too much money that it goes to their head, then that makes them unattractive. When someone's an idiot, that's not very attractive. A Porsche could make me more attractive, but I wouldn't want to attract people who only are attracted to me because of my car.




Trisha Vine

Hairstylist

Serra Mesa

Yes. If you have a lot of money, you can get your hair done, you can get some Botox, you can buy nice makeup and nice clothes. I've seen money do a lot of good things for some ugly celebrities. I'm not talking about J.Lo; she's gorgeous. Back in the '80s, she needed to drop 20 pounds and get rid of the perm. Put Bill Gates in a nice suit and I'm sure he pulls some ass. There's no excuse for looking bad; at least try. If someone with a lot of money doesn't dress up, that could be good because that probably means they're not shallow. Then there's Paris Hilton, who's not that cute. She looks cute when she dresses up, but she's naturally not that cute. Joan Rivers is an example of too much money and too much plastic surgery.




Anthony Kieteff

Barback

El Cajon

Yeah. Money can buy the right clothes and cars. Girls like those kinds of things. Women can get the right makeup and pay for plastic surgery. Donald Trump isn't that good-looking, but he has a hot wife because of his money. I'm sure it'd be hard to have money and find a girl who's only after you because of your money. People with money who aren't that attractive probably just don't care about that sort of thing; they're probably less superficial.




Shauna Brandon

Food Server

Hillcrest

Most definitely. Being able to take someone out and impress them with different things. If a person doesn't have money and they ask someone out on a date, what are they going to do? They ask you out on a date to pick up rocks and throw them in a pond or whatever; that can be all right, but it's good to have more to offer. You can still have money, but that doesn't mean that you take care of yourself. Money can also be unattractive, so you have to play your cards right. When you're cocky and you know you have money and it will get you what you want, then you're not getting by on who you are as a person.




Julie Williams

Freelancer

University Heights

Yes. If I had more money, I'd have better clothes, a better hairstyle, and a total makeover in Hollywood. I'd do it all with the nice car and total ego-booster all the way around. Money gives you confidence. After that, I'd make more money and buy real estate and sell real estate.



Blane Dorsey

Baker

North Park

I don't think so. In a superficial or in some cosmetic way, I guess it could make them look better. Money can change your personality both for the positive and the negative. I don't think it's going to make that much of a difference; but then again, I don't know [because] I don't have a lot of money. Hopefully money will make someone a better person, but that's not always the case.

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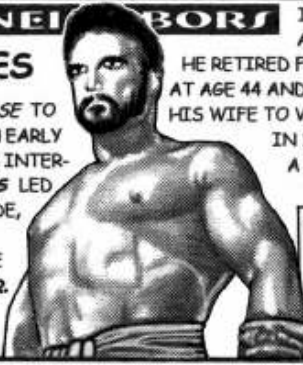
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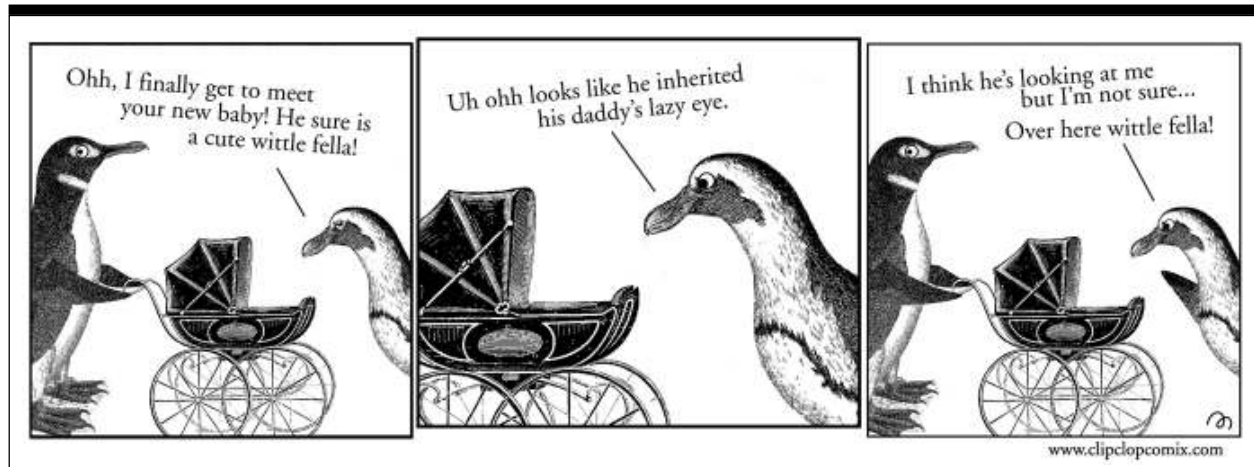
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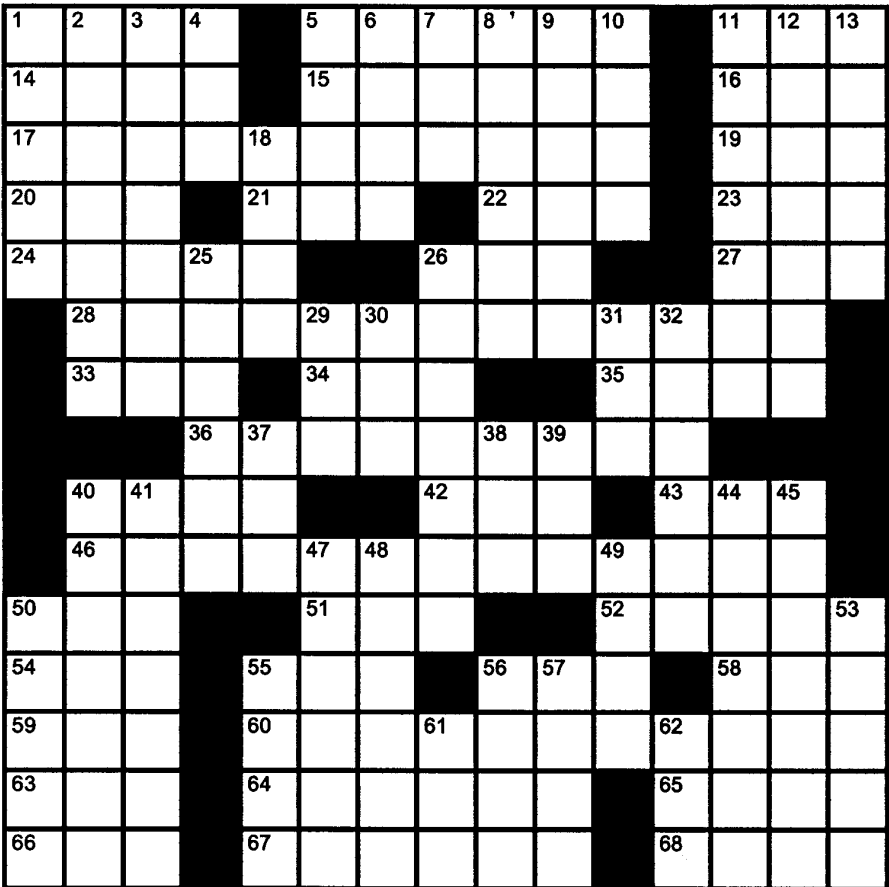
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- 7. Matchsticks game
- 8. Number with 101 digits
- 9. Ones with degrees

- 10. Lab fluids
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- 18. Harry Potter's lightning bolt
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- 31. Sgt., for one
- 32. Second ____ (tops)
- 37. "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand
- 38. Not in the pink
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- 40. Kind of seat
- 41. Rewards on the job
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- 45. Features
- 47. Bronze coating
- 48. Under lock ____
- 49. October birthstone
- 50. Antagonists in a Hitchcock film
- 53. "Later, dude!"
- 55. Urban health problem
- 56. Ark units
- 57. Rave's partner
- 61. Parisian season
- 62. Once around the track

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- 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).
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- 1. Helene Wallien, San Diego
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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

FRIENDSHIP. Widow, 58, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Left old baggage behind. I live for today/tomorrow. Reliable. Enjoy theatre, concerts, dining, outings, meaningful conversation. Seeking fun friends. (9/26) ☎48843

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. 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

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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**

PETITE BLONDE, CUTE, very witty, sincere, feisty, affectionate. Seeking healthy, happy, classy nonsmoker, 60-68, golfer, dancer a plus. Want good guy, no fixers-uppers, please. (9/28) **49055**

I STILL BELIEVE IN LOVE, do you? White, 32, single parent, very attractive, outgoing. Seeking white or Hispanic male, 23-45, play no games must. (9/28) **49043**

WHITE MAN WANTED. Very attractive, exotic woman, shapely, sexy, 5'6", 130lbs., elegant, sophisticated. Seeking tall, fit, clean-cut gentleman, nonsmoker, 40-50. Must love hugs and kisses. (9/28) **49037**

INTELLIGENT, SENSUOUS, caring, 56 lady, sense of humor. Want to meet gent, 48-60, for fun, activities. You: witty, funny, smart! Friendship? Romance? Let's begin. (9/28) **49033**

HUSBAND WANTED. Healthy, wealthy, and wise. North County, 46-60, 5'11" or taller, fit, active and fun. (9/28) **49034**

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**

SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (858). (9/28) **49039**

ACTIVE, EUROPEAN LADY, 54. Seeking honest, dependable, financially secure, outgoing gentleman for friendship. Must have a great sense of humor and enjoy country dancing. (9/28) **49028**

CLASSY, CUTE, FUN, SLIM, blonde, green eyes, with great legs and personality, 50 years old. Looking for another boomer to rock with. (9/28) **49053**

SEEKING KIND, CARING gentleman, 50-65. That will look past a pretty face and see me for the woman that I am on the inside. (9/28) **49049**

NORTH COASTAL, DIVORCED, white female, 5'7", proportional, slender, nonsmoker. Seeking quality relationship. (9/21) **49012**

YOU HAVE FINALLY FOUND your pretty lady with nice figure and pleasing personality. If you are 58+, tall, fun, loving and adventurous, let's talk soon. (9/28) **49051**

FUN AND ADVENTUROUS North County area female seeks activity partner for golf, concerts, movies and going out for dinner. (9/28) **49035**

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**

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**

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**

A GOOD CATCH! Youthful, 50s, attractive, sensual, degreed Asian. Seeking 60-70, successful gentleman for outings in San Diego and beyond. Enjoy movies, theater, dancing, conversation. (9/28) **49038**

MAKE TODAY COUNT! Plus-size black woman looking for good man. Must love kids and be ready for an adventure. Change your life today. (9/28) **49036**

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**

BUXOM BLONDE, 35 AND SWEET, looking for that special loverboy who's good enough to eat! I'm shy, quiet, kinda lonesome, saving a lotta loving for fun, honest man who makes me smile! (9/21) **49011**

BEAUTIFUL, ENERGETIC, active, brown haired, blue eyes, 160lb. woman. Love dogs, beach, hiking, biking, and going on picnics. Christian seeking same! Non-drinker and nonsmoker. (9/28) **49046**

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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**

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**

SENSUAL CHANTEUSE 42 seeks 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**

LIFE IS GOOD! 34, green-eyed brunette, cute, kind, lovable, full of spirit. Seeking funny guy with integrity to share my journey, 35-41. (9/28) **49048**

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**

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**

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**

HEALTHY, ROMANTIC, HAPPY dancer. Seeking gent, 60-75, for friendship. I prefer Caucasian, Christian, conservative. North Coastal senior woman, nonsmoker, wants same from honest, polite gentleman. (9/28) **49044**

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**

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**

LOVE TO LOVE ONE GOOD MAN. Beautiful blonde/blue, 59, trim, upbeat, intelligent, lovable. Seeking handsome man needing loving relationship. I could be the one. (9/28) **49029**

MATURE MAN WANTED by single white female, 39, attractive, independent, brunette, 5'6". Seeking successful, educated male, 40-53, for dining, movies, museums, theatre, beach. (9/28) **49041**

BLACK FEMALE, 48. My knight in shining armor is out there waiting for me. Let's have fun, laugh, all the things relationships that work entail. (9/28) **49052**

ATTRACTIVE EUROPEAN- Mexican, 5'8", 140lbs., 40, sexy, fun, very affectionate. Seeking attractive male, 39-49, fun, easy-going, serious minded, want serious relationship a must, be loving. (9/28) **49030**

VERY ATTRACTIVE ASIAN, 5'6", 39, desire classy, educated and financially successful healthy gentleman for lasting relationship. Nonsmoker, no drugs. (9/28) **49031**

EAST COUNTY AFRICAN- American woman, mature, down to earth. Seeking mature man, like R&B, jazz, concerts, dancing, dining out, talking, walks, fun to be with. (9/28) **49045**

NEW FRIEND WANTED. Time marches on. Especially for seniors. Mature, active, Caucasian female eager to meet healthy,

retired, 70+, tall, active, Caucasian, nonsmoker male. (9/28) **49042**

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, 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**

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**

UPSTREAM GAL SEEKS a good pairing. Nice fins, very fresh, into long journeys and swimming against the flow. Wild by nature for synchronized lifelong effort. (9/28) **49056**

VIBRATING, EXCITING, energized Latina, 40s. Seeking loving, passionate man to share love and life with. 43-54. Must enjoy everything life has to offer. (9/28) **49040**

EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monogamous, (com)passionate. No baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids. spiritual/nonreligious. 37-49, 5'9"+. (9/21) **49004**

FILIPINA, PRETTY FACE, legs, skin, 53, affectionate, romantic, spontaneous, mellow, happy, 5'1", 130lbs. Looking for white man, 50+, 5'8", under 210lbs., no cat. Relationship/marriage. (9/21) **49020**

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, intelligent, 64, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, art, nature, dining. You: 57-64, healthy, nonsmoker, monogamous, compassionate, life-loving; friendship, romance, relationship. San Diego preferred. (9/28) **49027**

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**

SLIM, ATTRACTIVE, real estate agent, 59, love travel, art, outdoors. Seeking a reasonably fit, interesting companion for conversation, good times and a glass of wine. (9/28) **49057**

WANTED: HUSBAND. Plus-size brunette, 57, very loving. Looking for oriented, caring gentleman, 57-60 years old. (9/21) **49019**

VERY HEALTHY ACTIVE woman, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking country man, cowboy, outdoor type, nature appreciator, western dance, and music. Like dogs and horses! (9/28) **49054**

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**

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**

ABSOLUTELY ATTRACTIVE golfer, Asian, 39, funny, healthy, smart, educated, sweet, outgoing, travel, sexy. Seeking gentleman, 38-50, smart, young-looking, caring, honest, happy, kids OK, educated. (9/28) **49047**

BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING blonde, intelligent, genuine, unique, sophisticated, sexy, elegant, glamorous, great figure, 47. Desire extremely accomplished, upscale, stable, sincere, single gentleman who appreciates the best. (9/28) **49032**

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I'VE GOT IT MADE. Share it with me. Dance, travel, sing, hike, explore, music, comedy, yard sales, positive attitude, passion, country life, 6'2". (9/28) **49859**

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**

MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN. Sometimes it takes a while to find someone special. Professional seeks Christian young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romancing, possibly more. (9/21) **48820**

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**

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**

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FISHING, CAMPING, NATURE. Attractive black male, property owner. Seeking attractive, plus size white female who wants her home in the mountains. Share love, romance, future. (9/28) **48855**

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BIG, 40, 6'5", 250lbs. Enjoy your company. You: 24-39, enjoy live blues shows, fine foods, wine, good deep massage and more. Do it now. (9/28) **48849**

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**

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HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE? Let's find out. Black man, 50, 175lbs., fit, attractive. You: attractive, fit, drink and smoke OK. Let me satisfy you. (9/21) **48818**

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**

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**

ITALIAN, 46, HARD WORKER. Seeking nice simple lady for long-term relationship. Open race/age. No smoker, drinker. Enjoy music, dance, romantic dining. Ciao bella. (9/28) **48857**

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**

48-YEAR-OLD MALE in shape, 6', 205lbs., olive complexion; gym, cycling, running outdoors, rugged, handsome, in search of forever with like minded. (9/28) **48861**

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**

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**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN, handsome, forward-thinking, very mature. Seeking female pilot, attractive, 5'5"+. Private, commercial, or military. (9/21) **48830**

FIREMAN, WHITE, 40, fit and frisky, business, Point Loma home. Seeking cute hottie, 25-40, for fun, dating, romance? Dial my 911 and have some fun! (9/28) **48851**

BIG BOY WANTS BIG GIRL, 27-39, to share the good things in life. You are intelligent, outspoken, fun, wild, sexy, sentimental, just like me. (9/28) **48867**

NICE LOOKING, YOUNG, 56, 5'8", 160lbs., loving, active, healthy lifestyle, dancing, dining, cruising, unencumbered, financially secure. Seeking attractive, fit, caring soul mate for lasting relationship. (9/28) **48869**

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**

DIVORCED WHITE MALE, nonsmoker, 60+, healthy, sincere, intelligent, easygoing, financially and emotionally secure. In search of divorced white female, 53-67, for loving relationship. (9/28) **48860**

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**

WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY seeks white female, 40-56, slim/medium build, to come share quiet times here in Puget Sound. I like trips, walks, nature, moonlit nights, cozy evenings cuddling. (9/28) **48865**

VERY ATTRACTIVE LADY wanted. First come, I serve. Tall, handsome, 49, entrepreneur, kind, romantic, funny, smart, wanting one lady, 25-48, to pamper, dine, have exciting time. Please be sexy, monogamous, truthful, kind, caring. Be very fashionable and ready for whatever God brings. (9/28) **48866**

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**

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**

26-Year-Old Bachelor

Quiet, shy, trim, attractive, white Christian gentleman, 5'7", nonsmoker, nondrinker. Seeking ladylove, 25-35, trim Christian, childless, nonsmoker, who drives and enjoys romantic, fun, lifestyle. North Inland preferred. (9/28) **48839**

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**

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**

LIKE HARLEYS. Good-hearted biker looking for fit woman for fun and relationship. Let's enjoy life together! Call me. (9/21) **48834**

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**

COWBOY, SEMI-RETIRED. Enjoy travel, horseback riding, country way of life. Seeking attractive, easygoing, single white female, 48-55, who has time for same. (9/28) **48848**

WARM, LOVING, CARING, attractive, affectionate, tall, white male, 54, easygoing, down to earth, open financially/emotionally secure. Seeking a female, any age, for love, romance. (9/28) **48854**

RETIRED, 62, WHITE MALE. Looking for lady for fun, romance, walks, weekend trips, casinos. (9/28) **48864**

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**

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**

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**

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. (9/28) **48852**

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**

HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, fit, neat, live alone with pets, active, a gentleman at all times, no baggage, self-employed, has time for you. (9/28) **48850**

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**

GOOD-LOOKING WHITE MALE, 43, 6'3", 230lbs. Looking for attractive, easygoing, affectionate lady for long-term relationship, for travel, sunsets, good times, best friends, romance. (9/28) **48844**

ARE YOU PETITE? With long dark hair, fantastic legs, and pretty smile. Your man is here for you: mid-40s, spiritual, faithful, loving. Race open. (9/28) **48846**

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male, fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together, is that you? (9/28) **48863**

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**

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, white, divorced, slender, fit, kind, playful, 50+, financially secure, sense of humor. Seeking attractive, fit woman for a lasting relationship. (9/28) **48853**

GREAT LOOKING ITALIAN, 50, looks 40, great shape, secured, easygoing and very affectionate. Seeking fit, secure, easygoing lady who will be first in my life. (9/28) **48870**

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. (9/28) **48868**

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**

DRIVE ME TO DANCE, take me on cruise. Broadly educated, handsome, elegant, totally single senior, well fit for endurable romance with compatibly sincere, youngish lady. (9/28) **48847**

WHITE, 63, HAVE LARGE woodworking shop. Seeking lady with woodworking interest, plus wanting lasting relationship. Hugs, romantic, togetherness, time is slipping. Let's make some sawdust. (9/28) **48845**

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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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for placing voice mail ads is 6 pm Monday; however, print/online ads can be placed until 6 pm Tuesday by calling (619) 235-8200. Voice mail ads will be placed on the Hotline within 24 hours. No cancellations.

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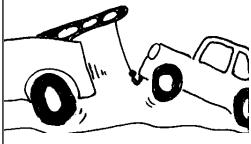
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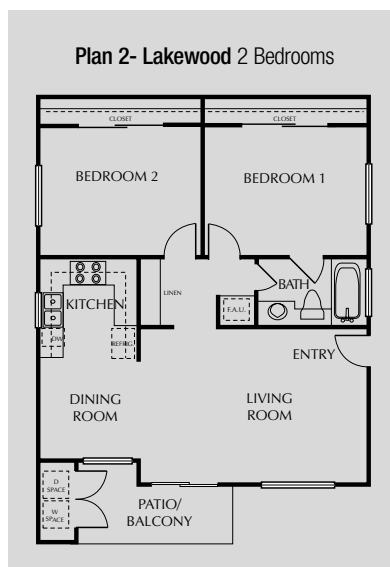
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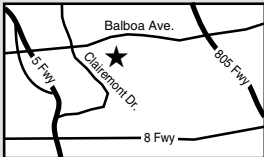


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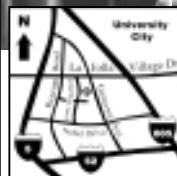
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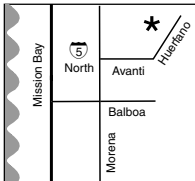
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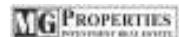
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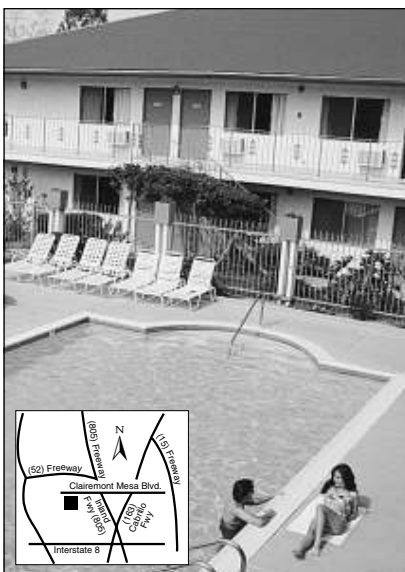


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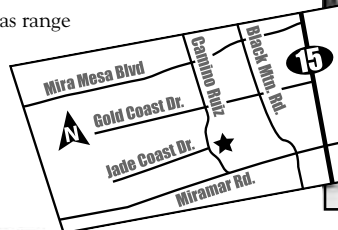
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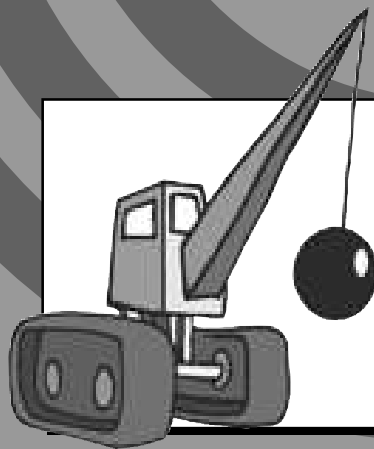
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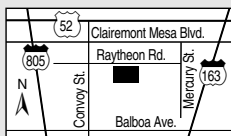


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— Update: In July 2004, as “News of the Weird” mentioned, a federal appeals court ruled that the leak-safety standards for the long-awaited nuclear waste depository at Nevada’s Yucca Mountain were too weak, in that the Environmental Protection Agency would regard the facility as safe for only 10,000 years (almost five times the length of time since the birth of Jesus). One National Academy of Sciences panel had recommended against the site unless leak safety could be certified for at least 300,000 years. In August 2005, the EPA issued a revised durability standard, now claiming the site would be free of unsafe leaks for a million years. (Context: 110 years ago, science had not even discovered radioactivity.)

Leading Economic Indicators
— A 1958 Pablo Picasso original, *Atelier de Cannes*, was placed on sale recently by the discount chain Costco (at its website *Costco.com*), priced to move at the retail-type listing of \$129,999.99. Costco began offering art on consignment from dealers last year, but *Atelier* (a crayon drawing authenticated by daughter Maya Picasso) is by far its most expensive piece. According to an August report in the *New York Post*, the company extends its regular guarantee of full refund if dissatisfied.
— A Pakistani company, The Resource Group, seeking more call-center work from U.S. firms, set up an office this year in Washington, D.C., a block from the White House, and installed a receptionist, live from Karachi, via a flat-screen TV on the office wall. According to a May *Washington Post* report, Ms. Saadia Musa cheerily greets visitors, answers and routes phone calls to the Washington office, accepts deliveries, and orders sandwiches from down the street.
— In July, the Uttar Pradesh Eunuchs Association in Lucknow, India, demanded that the district magistrate and the senior superintendent of police order cops to begin exposing fake eunuchs by lifting their skirts to verify their status. Charlatans, according to the group, deprive real eunuchs of “legitimate” income (a large part of which derives

from eunuchs’ entering places of business and private parties, exposing themselves and otherwise being obnoxious, and demanding a fee to leave).
You Mean, These Are Crimes?
— Police in West Hartford, Conn., arrested Matthew Flynn, 46, in August for allegedly threatening to castrate a Melly’s ice-cream truck driver with a pair of hedge clippers because the driver blared his jingle continuously even though Flynn told him that no kids lived on the street. ... David Owen Rye, 48, was arrested in Los Angeles for allegedly firing at least three bullets into a Toyota Camry in an apartment-house parking lot because its car alarm wouldn’t shut off.
Cutting-Edge Research
— Fire-Freaking: Apparently, forest fires make the jewel beetle (also known as the black fire beetle) frisky, according to Dr. Helmut Schmitz and colleagues at the University of Bonn (Germany), for males and females will fly toward one in a mating frenzy after detecting even the faraway flickering of flames and crackling of burning wood. Schmitz, and predecessor William George Evans, hypothesized that the fire eliminates the beetle’s predators and prevents tree secretion from trapping the beetle larvae, according to a March report by BBC News.
— In research published in May in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, biologist Brian Langerhans and colleagues found that large genitals in some fish species (such as the western and Bahamas mosquitofish) represent evolutionary pluses and minuses. Apparently, females prefer well-endowed mating partners, but on the other hand, well-hung males tend to have shorter life spans because, weighted down as they are, they cannot swim away from predators as nimbly as can mosquitofish with smaller endowments.
Awesome!
— Sam, the 14-year-old Chinese crested, won in June for the third time as the World’s Ugliest Dog at the Sonoma-Marin Fair in California. According

to an Associated Press reporter, the hairless dog’s “wrinkled brown skin is covered with splotches; a line of warts marches down his snout; his blind eyes are an alien, milky white; and a fleshy flap of skin hangs from his withered neck. And then there’s the Austin Powers teeth that jut at odd angles from his mouth.” Owner Susie Lockheed said that even the judges recoiled when they first saw him. (Fortunately, for those concerned with dog beauty, Sam has been neutered.)
First Things First
— (1) On July 3 in San Marcos, Texas, Dave Newman, 48, rescued a swimmer caught in the currents of the San Marcos River, pulling the man underneath a waterfall and to shore. However, when Newman tried to climb out of the water, a police officer offered his hand but only to arrest Newman for interfering with “official” rescuers (who, of course, failed to get to the man before Newman did). (2) According to police in Jacksonville, N.C., Dorothea Thomas was shot six times by her boyfriend in June and forced to jump from her apartment’s second-story balcony to survive, but by the time she returned from the hospital, her landlord of nine years, United Dominion Residential Community, had posted an eviction notice, kicking her out for letting such a dangerous man come onto the property.
— Star wide receiver Brandon Jackson might just play in at least half of Lancaster (Texas) High School’s football games this season because he doesn’t go to court until Oct. 17 on six counts of aggravated robbery from two January armed holdups. Lancaster High’s dedication to the presumption of innocence for high school football players is apparently so strong that the only remaining issues, at press time, were (1) whether his relocation from his previous high school will be permitted under the general rules on transfer and (2) whether he will be allowed to remove his ankle monitor during games.
— Werner D. Anderson was arrested on several traffic violations in Missoula County, Mont., in June after a two-county car chase with deputies

that ended with Anderson creeping along at 20 mph until he stopped. Deputies say that when Anderson finally got out of his van, a syringe fell to the ground, and Anderson said he had been driving so slowly at the end because he needed to shoot up with cocaine one last time before he got arrested.
Least Competent Criminals
— Jeremy Suggs, 21, was arrested in Las Vegas in August and charged with robbing a Wells Fargo bank, done in by the familiar lapse of having accidentally left behind his wallet and a name-imprinted deposit slip. Also, according to police, he had fired two shots in the bank out of frustration at noncompliance with his demands, with one narrowly missing his own head, and had to re-count down a threat to shoot (“5, 4, 3, 2, 1”) when no one gave him money the first time. His alleged partner and getaway driver, known as “Jap,” had supposedly talked him into the crime by assuring him that there were no surveillance cameras, but of course there were.

Bright Ideas
— (1) The owner of Al’s Lock and Safe in North Platte, Neb., made a truck key in June based entirely on looking at an X-ray of the key inside the stomach of Arthur Richardson, who had accidentally swallowed it in an inept attempt to play a prank on the friend of his who owned the truck. The friend said he needed the truck right away and couldn’t wait for Arthur to receive a nature’s call. (2) Grandmother-of-six Mari Savage and other senior friends in Margate, England, began a campaign this summer to wear hooded sweatshirts and baseball caps, in order to discourage teenagers from dressing that way, which Savage believes encourages gang behavior. Said Savage, to the *Daily Telegraph*, “Once older people like us get hold of [these garments], they lose all their street cred.”

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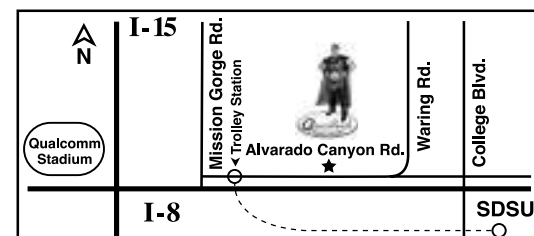
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We are suffering from that popular American malady known as Too Much Stuff, and it's really starting to bug me. There's a line from a Crowded House song that goes, "My possessions are causing me suspicion." I keep hearing that in my head as I look around at the piles of toys, books, knickknacks, and things that defy categorization. The clutter gets in the way of my desire for a simpler life.

I'm a recovering pack rat, and it looks as though my kids have inherited that particular gene from me. My son saves every rock he picks up from our travels. Each stone and pebble represents a happy memory of a day at the lake or a trek up a mountain trail. Trouble is, he has no idea which rock is which, so they're all just one big jumble of quartz and granite all over his room. Many years ago at the University of Idaho, where I was a student, it was discovered that an old building on campus was in danger of collapse from the sheer weight of the geology department's rock collection. I'm afraid my son is on his way to that.

My son also loves *Star Wars* toys. Way back in 1977 I never could've imagined that my future child would love the film more than I did. He wakes up each morning and plays with his *Star Wars* action figures before breakfast, then eats *Star Wars* cereal out of a *Star Wars* bowl with a *Star Wars* lightsaber spoon!

Every time we're near a toy store, my son pleads to go look at the *Star Wars* figures. "Maybe they have some new ones!" he

says. "No," I reply, "you have them all." But still we look, because it's fun and because I secretly want to look too. Me and the other dads, pretending we're only there for our kids but really just wishing we could buy them all for ourselves and re-live our childhood battling Tusken Raiders on Tatooine. Now I read that George Lucas is creating two different *Star Wars* TV series in the next few years. That will make my son happy, and I can continue standing in store aisles feeling like a kid again.

My daughter doesn't actively collect anything yet, although she does love her Princess gear. The biggest box of toys in her room contains kitchen play items. She has more pots, pans, utensils, and dishes than we have in our real kitchen. And her stuff is nicer too. She's also still at that age where a cardboard tube turns into a trumpet or a telescope, and a blanket draped over a chair becomes an enchanted castle.

I've asked both kids if they want to weed through their toys and give away the ones they don't play with anymore. That didn't go well. So we wait until they're asleep to sneak the old baby toys into a box bound for

Goodwill. But I have a hard time parting with some of their things, especially those items that the kids played with a lot — like the little wooden Thomas the Train engines and tracks. Those toys hold special memories for me, as I spent many hours helping my son build train tracks all over the living room floor and into the kitchen and down the hall.

Beyond the toys, I've begun to notice another



growing problem. During my son's kindergarten year, we saved just about every piece of paper he brought home... The first squiggly attempts at writing and math, the art projects dripping with too much glue, even the handouts and calendars the teacher would send home. Now, in first grade, the amount of paper

that he brings into the house is starting to overwhelm us. I have to be much more selective about what we save and what we toss or by fifth grade our home will be a fire hazard.

It's like that Stephen Wright joke: "You can't have everything; where would you put it?" My son laughs and laughs at that line, even though he doesn't quite grasp the wisdom of it. So we fight the war against clutter on a daily basis. At the same time, I teach my kids not to place too much value on things and to be happy with what they have. Unfortunately, I have to battle against the forces of a consumer society that tells us contentment can be found at the shopping mall. Real happiness is not found there, it's found in the memory of dancing to

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Location: 1010 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas

Time/Date: 8:34 p.m. on 9/6/07

Investigation: Target [store] security personnel saw a Hispanic male adult using a box cutter to



remove the packaging containing a compact disc and put the CD in his pants. The

individual was later identified as Javier A., 34 years old. Store security had seen the same individual the day before remove a camera from its package, using a box cutter. [Al]though the camera was not removed from the store, security personnel were concerned about approaching a person armed with a box cutter.

A unit was dispatched to the store. A. was standing in a checkout line with a pair of socks when the Sheriff's patrol unit arrived. The deputy immediately recognized A. from the description given by Target personnel. As the deputy approached him, A. ducked down behind the checkout stand and attempted to remove the CD from his shorts. Concerned A. might also be concealing a weapon in his shorts, the deputy drew his weapon and pointed it at A. He ordered A. to show his hands and get on the floor. When the deputy moved forward to place A. under arrest, A. ran away and out of the store.

A. ran up the embankment behind the store and concealed himself in the thick foliage. A helicopter from the Sheriff's ASTREA detail was requested and provided aerial surveillance. A K-9 handler and his dog arrived and began searching the area behind the store. ASTREA assisted by guiding the K-9 team toward the area in which they felt [A.] was hiding. In spite of the warnings

given by the dog's handler that he would be bitten if he did not surrender, A. continued to hide in the brush.

The dog eventually located A. and bit him several times on the feet and legs. A. was taken into custody, treated for the dog bites at Scripps Encinitas Hospital, and later booked into the Vista Detention Facility for burglary and an outstanding felony warrant.

TRAFFIC PURSUIT

Location: Second Street and

Pepper Drive, El Cajon

Time/Date: 12:56 p.m. on 8/28/05



Incident: Deputy Rey Lyyjoki from the Santee Station observed a suspicious vehicle in the area of Second Street and Pepper Drive in El Cajon. Deputy Lyyjoki was aware of a reported stolen vehicle matching this vehicle's description. As Lyyjoki attempted to position himself to investigate, the vehicle fled. Lyyjoki pursued the vehicle into Lakeside, then onto Hwy 67. Lyyjoki ran the license plate and learned the vehicle was, in fact, the vehicle reported stolen earlier in the day.

For a short time, the vehicle drove southbound in the northbound lanes of Hwy 67. At one

point, the driver of the stolen vehicle drove the vehicle directly at two [police] vehicles, attempting to strike them. The pursuit ended when the vehicle stopped on the Prospect Avenue off-ramp from northbound Hwy 67. Three suspects fled the vehicle on foot into a nearby apartment complex.

Deputies pursued the suspects and apprehended the driver, Steve B. (19) and one of the passengers [a 15-year-old juvenile]. The other passenger eluded capture.

HOMICIDE

Location: [1200] Diablo Lane, Vista

Time/Date: 9:07 a.m. on 9/1/05



Investigation: Vista Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call of a female screaming in a home. Upon arrival, they were directed to the residence. The deputies saw a black male adult, wearing a green sweatshirt and pants, running from the area of the backyard. Deputies chased the male and took him into custody, at gunpoint, without incident. The suspect was identified as D.T. The residence was checked, where the screams had been heard, and the victim was found in the living room. The victim is identified as C.N. N. had suffered significant trauma consist-

ent with a homicide. T. was booked into Vista Detention Facility for murder.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: [1200] North Vulcan,

Leucadia

Time/Date: 1:55 a.m. on 9/4/05



Incident: Deputies from the Encinitas Sheriff's Station responded...after receiving a radio call of a disturbance. The party reporting the incident said several men were fighting in the parking lot of an apartment complex. Upon arrival, deputies contacted four males. One of the four was bleeding from a head wound, later determined to have been caused by a blow from a tire iron.

Sheriff's Detectives R. Stevenson and W. Barrett were called to the scene. After an exhaustive investigation and collection of evidence, [the] detectives arrested Jose N. (29). The victim was transported to Scripps Encinitas Hospital for treatment. Two additional males were arrested during the investigation for public intoxication.

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"The F-150 I drive now has a V-8. It's an automatic, four-by-four, lifted so I can look down on everybody when I'm driving along. And that gives me a feeling of power."

I say, "A fellow I interviewed recently argued that F-150 drivers have an over-supply of testosterone."

"Well," Lisa says, "I don't think you necessarily have to have a whole lot of testosterone to drive an F-150. But you certainly have to have a lot of attitude."

"Define attitude, please."

"How about as zest for life?"

"Like on the Dodge Ram commer-

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"Yeah," she says. "Adventurous."

"A lust for life?"

"That's it. You have a lust for life and an adventurous spirit, and you want to go where other people don't especially want to go. I throw my surfboard in the back, I work out horses, I throw the saddle in the back, I take it camping. Life is not a spectator sport, it's something you go out and find, that you embrace and you enjoy, you grab it with both hands and embrace it and have a great time."

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the pools."

"How does your lust for life feel when you put gas in the tank?"

"It deflates a little bit. Still, I went on vacation and flew there and rented out a Neon, and it was so close to the ground it was scary. And all these big trucks like I drive were passing, and I felt like I was a little bug that could get squashed."

"I was in two accidents. The first one, two guys were drag racing down Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, and I started to make a turn, and the one guy smashed into my side. I was out of work for eight months, I had whiplash so bad. The only reason I didn't die was because I was in the big 91X limo. I used to work for 91X. The other accident was in my Nissan. An old man made an illegal U-turn and smashed into me. And I decided to get a bigger truck."

"So besides the 'lust for life' attitude you have an 'I don't want to die' attitude."



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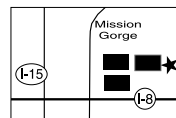
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"Happy Birthday, Donovan!" I yelled to one of the grubby little monsters as he shot past.

"Man, he don't know what's going on," Jess consoled me. "He just wants to play with his cousins."

Headlights brightened the yard as cars rounded the corner and dropped in to Jess's driveway. Jess's in-laws were represented by three squawking old ladies: his wife's mother, aunt, and grandmother. They bustled in to the yard and roosted, all big and fluffy-haired with silver earrings and smelling like Avon perfume.

Our only relief from the Passive Aggressive Olympics was Jess's dad, John, who pulled up a couple minutes after the hen party had arrived. "Well, boys, I think Donovan wants the three of us to get tuned up for his birthday," John said when he jumped out of his Jeep and offered us each a cold Bud Light from the cooler in the backseat.

"That sounds like the plan. Let's drag those barbecues around to the back porch so the smoke doesn't disturb the ladies," Jess said and winked. The screaming kid pack blew in to the front yard, three of them yelling, "Gramma! Gramma! Gramma!" at the orange-haired oldsters seated in the front yard.

"I'll bring the cooler," John yelled over the clamor.

As we rounded the side yard headed for the rear, Jess stopped in front of me. I bumped in to the back of his flannel shirt and hollered, "What the hell are you doing?"

"Shhh!" He wheeled around and whispered to me and his dad, "There's a four-point buck up on the hill behind the house. He's just laying there. We can scare him a little, stand him up so I get a clean shot, and take him down."

"It's not season yet, is it?" I asked. "It's bow season, and I got a bow in the back seat of my truck."

With that, we tiptoed away from the side yard and in to the driveway where Jess retrieved his hunting bow and a quiver of aluminum broad-tipped arrows.

"I don't know, Jess. Is this a good idea?" I whispered, looking at the old ladies circled up and bitching on the front lawn. "I mean, it's a party and all. I don't think your wife is going to like us killing a deer in the back yard on your son's third birthday."

"That meat's going to save her about 500 dollars. Are you kidding?"

"OK. OK," John weighed in. "It's damn near sunset. It'll be dark in about half an hour. That thing isn't going to die quick, it's going to hop around that hill and jump through the neighbors' yards and be a pain in the ass. It

looks easy on the Hunting and Fishing channel, but what they don't show is four hours of stomping around in the brush and weeds, looking for a dying deer."

"This ain't my first rodeo," Jess laid the debate to rest. "I've tracked wounded damned animals around in the weeds before. I'll kick myself if I let this thing jump out of my back yard like god-damned Bambi." With that, we turned our backs to the cacophony of crowing from the front yard and moved to the side.

"Jess?" his mother-in-law bleated. "What are you doing with that bow? You're not going to kill something, are you? It's Donovan's birthday," and the old blimp hovered from her chair and made her way over to us.

"I'm well aware of my son's birthday, thank you. Just stay where you are and everything..."

The old bag blew past us and in to the back yard. With her arms raised, she yelled, "Shoo! Shoo!" The prone deer started from its spot and stood, supported by its thin, muscular legs. Jess aimed his bow, drew it, and THWANG!

"Thanks, Evelyn," he said to his mother-in-law's face. "I couldn't have shot it while it was laying down."



My Name Is Earl

nothing else to do, might as well watch this." I'm going to look up on the DVD shelf and see my roommates' copy of THIS VERY movie and I'm going to be too lazy to put it in and watch it unedited and without commercials. God, I'm predictable.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

PRISON BREAK

XETV 9:00 P.M.

A successful show will run for seven or eight years. Does anyone else see a problem here?

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

MY NAME IS EARL

KNSD 9:00 P.M.

Small-town crook Jason Lee — of *Chasing Amy*, *Mallrats*, and *Dogma* fame — decides to make amends with the people he's hurt. See? I can focus sometimes. I'm not always all wild and coked up and drunk and crazy yelling, "BLEAH! BLEAH! BLEAH!" in the streets.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

MARTHA

KNSD 12:00 P.M.

GOD! PLEASE! Let her bring on someone she was locked up in the clink with. PLEASE! PLEASE, GOD! That would be so cool.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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XUPN 8:00 P.M.

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KFMB 8:00 P.M.

Is this the first episode? I'm such a whore for *Survivor* it's gross. Flashing shots of women in bikinis, jungle foliage, and aggressive contests is heroin for my medulla oblongata — that old part of the brain that's still mostly lizard — lights up like a pinball machine at this crap. I

hate myself for it, but I can't fight evolution.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

MISSION: ORGANIZATION

HGTV 8:30 P.M.

A show about organizing a room. I weep — weep! — for the direction this country has headed.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

THE JACKAL (1997)

USA 10:30 A.M.

Bruce Willis makes out with a guy and Jack Black gets his arm blown off. Good morning!

DIE ANOTHER DAY (2002)

SPIKE 6:00 P.M.

Two weeks ago at Burning Man I finally had my first overdose — 15 years of abuse and I popped my cherry this year. While I was already high and drunk I decided to do enough cocaine to stun a moose. I collapsed into the hardpan, dusty, desert floor and lay in the sunshine. My friends propped my head up and fed me bourbon and soda. When my racing heart slowed to a gallop I hopped up and said, "All right. Let's do some more blow then ride our bikes."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS (2002)

KSWB 7:00 P.M.

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T.G.I.F.

The blues has become a white neighborhood.

By John Brizzolara

The word “blues” can be a crossword puzzle clue for sadness, even depression; I recently saw “Blue ____” as a prompt for the word funk. As no lesser personage than Jose Iglesias Sinatra Jr. has been heard to say, it’s time to put the fun back in funky. And few do it better than D.A. and the Hitmen. Greasy, middle-aged (or one might even say “old guys”), sure, but San Diego’s best blues band has more *cojones*, certainly more skills, than any aggregation of pimply punks in the city. Yes, it is a city, and San Diego has a soul after all. “Soul of the City” is one of the blues band’s many originals (they haven’t performed it live lately), and it is about San Diego. Before hearing the song on their three-year-old CD, it never occurred to me that an R&B tune about San Diego would be so easy to listen to and, after two bars, find it so hard to sit still while doing it.

If I rave, wax promotional, effuse, it’s not because I relate to these beat-to-shit, garage mechanic-looking mothers (I say this out of love), it is because these guys have absolutely zero promotional instincts. They can barely be bothered hustling gigs, so they don’t. Club owners call them — but not often enough. Guitarist Paul Alvarado is the only guy in the band that smiles once in a while, and if you played as well as he does, you would too. For decades in various bands, I was told to smile. This

always induced an impulse to maim. So I would not suggest to singer/harp player Lance Dieckmann, bassist Bob Prater, or the 46-year-old kid of the band, Greg Henning, that they do anything of the kind (actually, they do, I’m exaggerating). I would only ask this: would it kill you guys to dress up in matching clown costumes, get some red rubber noses, at least one seltzer bottle? And having relations with a rhinoceros onstage has certainly become more socially acceptable these days.

On a Friday night in early September, D.A. & the Hitmen played their first set at Rosie O’Grady’s on Adams Avenue to a few patrons. So few, in fact, those above-mentioned lesser bands would have just screwed around at the bar or blown off the gig entirely. Da Hitmen don’t seem to know how to do that. They don’t even screw around at the bar. They’re very businesslike. The second or third song, “Help Me, Baby,” was dedicated to the New Orleans hurricane victims and the rafters were filled with angry blues guitar and plaintive harp, articulating a resentful hopelessness at which language is inadequate. Dieckmann introduced the song and dedicated it as if he were embarrassed by something, certainly not the music.

For maybe too many years, my idea of a good time, say, a good Friday night, was finding a corner tavern somewhere with a great blues band. San Diego wasn’t one of those places, with few remarkable exceptions, over a period of decades. A smoke-filled tavern is what comes to mind, though you won’t find it at Rosie O’Grady’s or anywhere in California, and I know I shouldn’t miss that. A room with a decent representation of black blues fans go with this image, and that night, there was only one: an attractive and spirited, full-figured fan with an appreciative (but no more than that) buzz. Her presence made up for a couple of lank African-American youths who cruised past the window behind the band and did not even turn their baseball-capped heads in the direction of Sonny Boy Williamson’s “Keys to the Highway” done to a rolling, percussive shuffle. When Lance commented on the evening’s thin turn-out up to that point, the black woman at the bar called out reassuringly, “Hey, I’m here!”

It is, I suppose, official now that to a large extent the blues has become a white neighborhood. No shortage of jokes about white guys trying to play the blues cramp the style of Comedy Central. And if D.A. and the Hitmen owe much to guys like Paul Butterfield, Charlie Musselwhite, and the Fabulous Thunderbirds, and the new local hip-hop temple, the House of Blues, is a grievous



D.A. & the Hitmen

ineptonym, then Dieckmann, Alvarado & Co. are, as the title of their 2002 CD announces, *Looking Past the Blues*. With a few covers (done their way) the band is original. A white, original blues band may be another phrase for industry road kill, but here is a genuine local treasure. If there is any question whether white guys ever really have the blues, all you have to do — and I mean this in the best way, guys — is look at them. My next recommendation is to stay, try and plant your feet, and give it 24 bars. If you don’t get a sense of real gratification from guitar and harp lines like a battery of good brass striking out, biting back at mean streets full of sirens and heartbreak and loaded dice, get yourself a toe tag.

Look for them at Blind Melon’s in coming weeks and you can go to www.dahitmen.com for some more. Meanwhile, someone at 4th & B, the Belly Up, Cane’s and, hey, here’s an idea, House of Blues, please, book ’em!

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