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Rats



INSTEAD OF SLEEPING, YOU LIE AWAKE, LISTENING TO THE GHOSTS IN YOUR ATTIC.

You hear thumps, thuds, screeches, and scratches — after a while, the scurrying begins to sound real. You rub your eyes, you reach for the Yellow Pages, and almost immediately, the question presents itself: Who ya gonna call?

Flipping to *P* for “Paranormal,” you land, instead, on “Pest Control” and jot down the first number you see. The next morning, the salesman you reach hazards a diagnosis: “Rats!” he says.

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LETTERS

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How Long Will This Soap Opera Drag On?

For the first time I was moved by Barbarella's "Diary of a Diva" column. On September 8, she outlines the death of her cousin in the 9/11 disaster. As hollow as this may sound at this late date, my condolences go out to her.

And as I am an only child, I am also quite close to my cousins, the closest thing to brothers and sisters that I have. To lose a single one of them to disaster is a tragedy I can't imagine.

I use the word "disaster" (meaning *bad star*), but perhaps the proper word would be "atrocious."

Enough didactic mode. Back to Barb. Maybe she was shy as a youth, but she ain't anymore. She bares her soul in print, almost embarrassingly so. Reading her column, you feel like you're almost getting a peep show into her life, not so dissimilar from your own. And she writes in a conversational mode, lending her work a hint of verisimilitude — everyone can identify with bits and pieces of it.

But I must take exception to her closing paragraphs of September 8: maudlin, weepy, clinging to her lover under a comforter. How long will this soap opera drag on? Is there an engagement ring? And will there be a pre-nup?

M. Schimming
Oceanside

CORRECTION

In last week's "Blurt," the date for the Country Dick Montana tenth-anniversary party was incorrect. The tribute will be held Monday, November 7. — Editor

Bill Flubs Vertebra

I would like to comment on the Reader for September 8, the first day of school stories ("When the Loud Bell Rang"). There's a story ti-

tled "In As Much Sin As You Could Find!" by John Brizzolara. John, I don't like your spelling of "socks." That should be s-o-c-k-s, not s-o-x. A friend of mine found that out to his sorrow in a spelling bee in the eighth grade. We all competed in this spelling bee. And I think I was thrown out of the thing because Sister Agrippina was mad at me about something, but my friend was thrown out because he spelled "socks" s-o-x. And so he missed the chance for a scholarship to high school. Actually, the teacher's pet was the finalist from our school. I won't give his last name; his first name was Bill. Bill went to the citywide spelling bee, and he lost out, too, because he could not spell "vertebra." It's another case of getting the plural wrong. He spelled "vertebrae," and that's the plural, not the singular.

Name Withheld

Primeval Self Skips Reviews

Does Duncan Shepherd ever become disheartened by the fact that most readers (including the ones who say "film" instead of "movie") probably do not read his reviews and only look in the film section to see how many stars he gave a movie? I think Mr. Shepherd is one of the most articulate and nuanced reviewers in existence. However, I must admit that I sometimes let my primeval self have its way, and I skip the review to look for the stars. Damn my primitive impatience and this frantic age in which we live!

Jeffrey Schoneman
Chino, California

There Is No Conflict

"America's Finest Icon for the Ages with an Onion on Top" proves yet again that lousy design and high costs are linked ("Library in a Nutshell" and "Why?", Letters to the Editor, August 25). There is no conflict between good design and lowest cost, as brilliantly reflected in Mr. Cagni's concept of retro-utilizing existing structures (e.g., Golden Hall for a downtown branch) and a central depository/distribution system. Straight thinking. Dump the world-class dinosaur!

Albert Bodinger
Downtown

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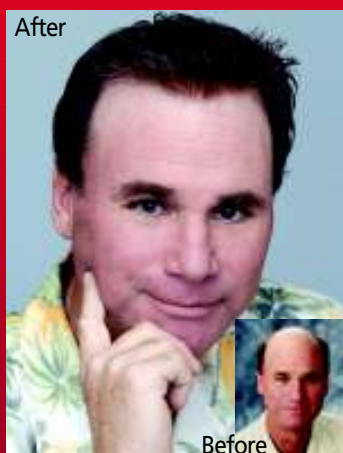
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Inside the box Their old chairs on the San Diego City Council dais may be empty, but the same



can't be said of their former seats in the city's skybox at Petco Park, where politicians and their pals, staffers, and political backers are wine and dine far above the madding crowd. According to sign-in sheets retrieved from the city under the state's Public Records Act, the free box seats belonging to council districts two and eight have seen plenty of use since **Michael Zucchet** and **Ralph Inzunza** departed. Both resigned within a week of their July 18 convictions on felony charges stemming from the FBI's strip club bribery investigation.

Ex-mayor **Dick Murphy**, who announced in April that he would quit in July, and members of his staff are also no strangers to the council's exclusive digs above left field. On July 16, the day after leaving office, Murphy and wife **Jan** were back in the box, hosting **Bev** and **Doug Putnam**, the records show. The day after that, Zucchet — briefly acting as deputy mayor before his conviction — took over the seats for



Toni Atkins

a day. Of the three who signed in to use them, only the signature of one **Jennifer Allen** is legible.

But the queen of the ballpark box turns out to be Councilwoman **Toni Atkins**. On July 26, the day after she was officially elected deputy mayor, Atkins took charge of the mayoral tickets; com-

bined with her standard council allotment of two, she currently controls six seats. On the first day, her guests included Hillcrest physician **Pierre Rivet** and AIDS fund-raiser **Ron Ferrero**. The next day, Atkins and her significant other, banker **Jennifer LeSar**, were present, along with four others.

At subsequent games during July and August, many more enjoyed the Atkins freebies, though a substantial number of signatures on the box's sign-in sheets — intended to deter unscrupulous officials from scalping tickets — are illegible. Names that could be read include **David Lewis** and **Cynthia Lewis**, Murphy's director of scheduling; Murphy's deputy policy advisor and website director, **Leslie LaBonte**, and **Aubrey LaBonte-Clark**; Murphy's policy and community affairs advisor, **Donna Ascano**; Atkins's administrative volunteer, **Madeleine Paul**; Murphy's director of economic development and binational affairs, **Rudy Fernandez**, and **Delia Fernandez**; Atkins's communication director and webmaster, **George Biagi**; Murphy's retirement system policy advisor, **Steve Heyendal**; former Atkins's staffer **Stephen Russell**; gay columnist and reporter **Rex Wockner**; and **Shawn Ingram**, director of development for the San Diego Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

Transgender Community Center. Many of the ex-Murphy staffers are still on the city payroll, awaiting a new mayor who will decide whether to keep or fire them.

As for the box seats of the two resigned councilmen, records show that on July 26, **Jennifer Elovitz** and **Howard Strauss** used the seats assigned to District Two; **Mike O'Neal** and **Brian Sherrod** were in those used by District Eight. On July 28, according to the sheet, the District Two seats were empty, but District Eight's were occupied by **Ahmad Solomon**, a former Inzunza aide, and **Dave Rodrigues**.

On July 30, District Two was represented by **Eric** and **Rachel Miller**. A District Eight seat was signed for by **Michele Heathman**. On August 13, it was **Jim** and **Jodie Muller** in District Eight. On August 22, District Eight hosted **Manny Delgado**, a former Zucchet aide, and **Ariel Castaneda**, a former Inzunza official. On August 24, **Doug Landerville** and a woman whose signature couldn't be deciphered were in the District Two seats; on August 27, it was **Krisi Brinegar**, and on August 31, Doug Landerville again.

The city's skybox was secured in a backroom deal between Padres owner **John Moores** and then-city manager **Jack McGrory** after voters approved taxpayer financing for the new ballpark in 1998. In addition to free seats, ticket holders are entitled to a lavish spread of food and alcohol served inside the box if they come up with the bargain-basement price of \$15.

The hands that feed According to recent financial-disclosure filings, the San Diego City Council isn't likely to go hungry any time soon. The *San Diego Union-Tribune* has been picking up the tab for Councilman **Jim Madaffer's** various breakfasts and lunches. In February, *U-T* editorialist **Bill Osborne** paid for a \$15 noontime repast. In March, it was the turn of *U-T* columnist **Logan Jenkins**, who bought a \$7.45 breakfast. Later that month, *U-T* editorial chief **Bob Kittle** was good for a \$15 lunch. But if dining with old



Jim Madaffer

U-T scribes doesn't sound all that inspirational, Madaffer could also brag of a free pass to attend the grand opening of downtown's House of Blues, retail value: \$79. Four days before his July 18 conviction in the Cheetahs case, ex-councilman **Michael Zucchet** got a \$200 "hotel upgrade" from **Brett Miller**, developer of the splashy Tower 23 next to Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach. And rookie councilman **Tony Young** got a \$150 ticket to the Kyoto Foundation dinner from failed school board candidate **Miyo Reff**. ... **Kathryn Burton**, who mounted an unsuccessful challenge to the reelection bid of San Diego city councilman **Scott Peters**, has been named a deputy city attorney by **Michael Aguirre**. She helped author the recent wastewater report accusing the city of overcharging ratepayers.

— Matt Potter

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Red October

By Don Bauder

San Diegans neck deep in debt may feel a noose tightening next month: a stringent new bankruptcy law goes into effect October 17, at the same time credit-card issuers will be boosting minimum monthly payments.

If San Diego's housing bubble — one of the nation's most inflated — pops or begins leak-

payments could put a lot of stress on people in San Diego," says economist Alan Gin of the University of San Diego.

The new bankruptcy laws make it more difficult to file for Chapter 7 and wipe out

ing next month, there could be a lot of pain, particularly if gasoline prices continue to rise. "In the last few years, [inflation-adjusted] wages have not been rising. These higher [debt]

debts. Over the years, "What has made the economy so viable, so vibrant is that if you screwed up, you could file bankruptcy," says Louise Adler, bankruptcy judge in the Southern District

of California for 21 years. Under the new law, "The ability to recover from a mistake has been cut off. Because of the law's restrictions, the economy may be damaged."

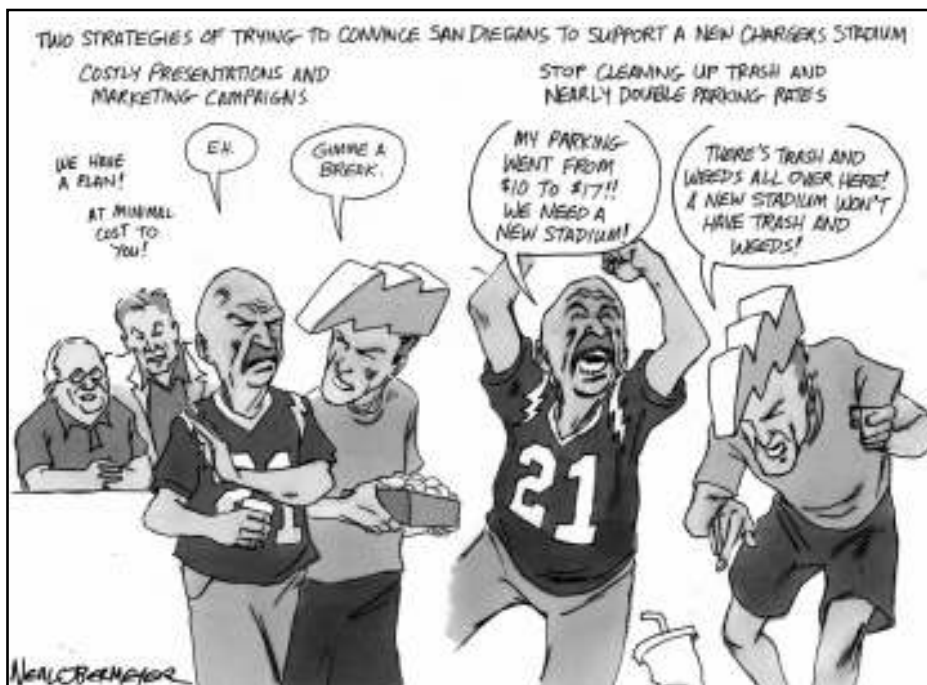
There is no question San Diegans' mortgage and credit-card debt are overstretched. Study after study shows that soaring home prices and lagging purchasing power have created one of the nation's biggest bubbles. PMI Mortgage Insurance Company of Walnut Creek publishes a market risk index. This summer, six of the largest U.S. markets had a 50 percent chance of suffering home-price declines. San Diego was third worst with a score of 528. The two higher ones were Boston and Long Island, 553 and 540, respectively. Just behind San Diego were San Jose, Santa Ana, and Oakland. Nationally, home prices have shot up 50 percent since 2000; in San Diego, it has been 118 percent.

Ryan Singer, economist for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, estimates that more than 80 percent of county mortgages taken out in recent months have had variable rates — that is, the interest rate rises as general rates rise. The Federal Reserve has been pushing short-term rates up steadily. Half of mortgages are the very risky interest-only

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I Played By the Rules

By Scott Barnett

I've often pondered why anyone would run for public office.... So what's it all about? Power, plain and simple."

"Sometimes people's quest for power is not a healthy one. And more often than not, the people who might be most responsible with public power are not those likely to be the most aggressive in obtaining it."

— Carolyn Chase,
San Diego Earth Times,
February 18, 2004

The minutes of the August 12,



Richard Miller

2004, meeting of the San Diego Planning Commission were matter-of-fact: the vote was 6-0 for "677 market-rate housing units at the maximum density allowed by the Pacific Highlands Ranch Plan" in the North



Lorena Gonzalez

area. Pardee Homes and Black Mountain Ranch LLC will eventually build a combined total of approximately 10,000 new housing units in San Diego's North City, east of Del Mar and west of I-15.

The San Diego chapter of the Sierra Club supported the developments. Carolyn Chase, then chair of the Sierra Club, led the negotiations, which included numerous conditions laid out in legal memorandums between the developers and the environmental group. Chase signed the contracts on behalf of the club.

One of the commitments Pardee and Black Mountain Ranch made to the Sierra Club was to co-fund a "local not-for-profit foundation for the purpose of establishing a not-for-profit advocacy organization dedicated to the development of alternative transportation solutions." Each developer was to provide seed money, a "one-time payment of \$50,000." That funding commitment was fulfilled after the San Diego Coalition for Transportation Choices, a 501(c)(4) tax-exempt corporation, was incorporated on July 20, 1999.

In the spring of 2004, Chase filed Form 700, a statement of economic interest, with the San Diego City Clerk. This statement, required of all planning commissioners, covered the period from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003. Chase listed the San Diego Coalition for Transportation Choices as a source of income and then checked the box indicating she had received from the coalition between \$10,001 and \$100,000.

In an interview, Chase said she was hired in April 2000 to represent the coalition and to "monitor regional transporta-



Carolyn Chase

tion issues, including the Regional Transportation Plan" and the proposed TransNet extension, the one-half-cent sales tax for transportation projects in San Diego. Over the years, Chase became a ubiquitous and forceful presence at numerous mind-numbing transportation meetings and public hearings.

Chase stated she received "\$2000 to \$2500 a month" as a consultant for the trans-

portation coalition "from April 2000 through 2003." Based on her figures, she earned at least \$90,000 in consulting fees from the developer-funded coalition.

When asked if she thought it was a conflict of interest to vote on the Pardee project in August 2004, Chase said, "You either believe evidence of influence or you don't. If I had problems with the [Pardee] project I would have voted against it." That straightforward response is vintage Chase.

From L.A. to San Diego

Blunt, intelligent, outspoken. All adjectives that describe environmental activist Carolyn Chase. But to her enemies, and she has many, terms like "abusive," "hypocritical," and "unethical" are more apt terms. What friends and foes alike would agree on is that Carolyn Chase is one of San Diego's most powerful political players.

"I've moved sort of into the inside in a lot of ways in the city, but I'm not quite inside. I've got this weird sorta — I am an outsider and an insider, but as far as politics is concerned, I'm definitely an insider," said Chase. But her comments seem to apply more to Chase as a person than to Chase the

political actor.

Physically, Chase is like her personality. She is plus-sized and has a "don't screw with me" persona, but she has a somewhat cherubic face and she laughs readily. She dresses either beach-community grunge or occasionally hippieish, sometimes in large colorful caftans. And now council candidate Chase is seen donning a politician's business attire. Her round straw hat has become her trademark. Never hatless, she's stopped by citizens in the supermarket who ask if she is that "planning commission lady" they see at the televised commission meetings.

In a four-hour interview in a PB eatery, Chase sported two bandaged broken toes, the result of a late-night run-in with a couch. Her bearing makes one feel she could commit acts of physical violence, but in reality she uses verbal barbs to assault the numerous fools she does not suffer well.

"When I... say people have style problems, then I have to think that I got some style problems too," says Chase.

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variety.

San Diegans' incomes are only a bit above the national average, while the cost of living is more than 50 percent higher. Given that home prices average more than half a million dollars, it's little wonder that mortgage and credit-card debt are dangerously high. More than residents of most cities, San Diegans have used home equity loans and mortgage refinancings to support their consumption.

"This economy is kind of a house of cards built on expectations that consumers will spend," says Adler. Consumer spending is 70 percent of the national economy and probably a higher percentage of San Diego's.

"People are using their houses as bank accounts," says Ross Starr, economist at the University of California, San Diego. "They will discover they are overdrawn." This will hit the economy. "The most vigorous part of the economy has been the real estate sector." People flood into the real estate sales business. The parlor game for consumers is buying homes, particularly condos, with debt and expecting to dump them at higher prices. New construction is booming. "When

the bubble bursts, that sector will shut down." As the bankruptcy bill bites and minimum monthly credit card payments go up, October will be "an awkward month."

The new bankruptcy law makes it more difficult for consumers to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, in which all debts can be erased. To qualify, a person must pass a "means test." Families with incomes above the state's median may be required to file Chapter 13, which requires at least a partial payment. Those filing for a Chapter 13 will have to pay the full amount on their car loans regardless of the car's value. Ex-spouses of those filing for either Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 will find it easier to collect alimony and child support payments.

Presently, state law prevents banks from going after a person's assets in a home foreclosure. However, some people, often unwittingly, waive this protection when they refinance. Under the new law, it will be harder for those who have waived to keep the lenders at bay.

Under the new law, bankruptcy attorneys must certify clients' financial statements to the court and will be held responsible if statements are false. "This will raise lawyers' fees," says Michelle White, University of California, San Diego, economist.

Next month, people who have held a credit card for some time should get a surprise: each month, they will have to pay 4 percent of the outstanding bal-

ance on the card, not 2 percent. This move was dictated by the federal government's comptroller of the currency in 2003. The phase-in for new customers began in the summer, and October is the big month for existing customers. It's not small change. Almost 40 percent of credit-card holders pay only the minimum balance, according to Cardweb.com.

The average household credit-card balance is around \$9000, according to Boston's Babson Capital. Previously, families paid a minimum of \$180 a month. Now, they will have to pay \$360 each month. In San Diego, those balances are probably higher, so people will pay more than \$360 a month. Delinquencies are expected to rise. The consumer savings rate has been running around zero in the last several months and is probably lower in San Diego.

Americans' attitude for years has been "I'll borrow to the hilt to eat, drink, and be merry, and if my ship comes in and I'm rolling in dough, I'll repay my debts. If not, or if unexpected problems arise, I'll file for bankruptcy," says New Jersey-based economist A. Gary Shilling. But that's about to change, especially in metro areas such as San Diego.

The reforms arriving next month aren't necessarily bad ones, although both Adler and White have problems with the bankruptcy legislation, and Gin thinks the higher credit-card payments will produce strains. There is no question that peo-

ple have abused debt and bankruptcy laws. However, lenders are more to blame. In the last decade, credit-card issuers have aggressively passed out cards. Lending to lower-rated credits has become an industry. The lenders didn't get punished in this new legislation, notes Adler.

But don't just blame the lenders. The basis of the American economy is consumption financed by debt. The economy's health is measured by its growth, and its growth is dependent on consumer spending and debt. But consumer debt is too high, income isn't growing, and jobs keep disappearing overseas. "It may implode," warns Adler. A perfect storm is brewing—and San Diego may be in the eye of it. ■

Played by the rules

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Her adversaries are brutal in their assessment of her. Democratic assemblywoman Lori Saldaña, who was an active Sierra Club member for over a dozen years and served as chair from 1995 to 1997, said that Chase would often "intermingle" her Sierra Club activities with her paid consultant activities.

Another longtime Sierra Club member, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said that Chase "struts around like some self-anointed Queen of the Environment."

Chase, however, has her fans, including current Sierra

Club chair Richard Miller. "Carolyn has been an extremely active environmentalist and... is an extraordinary person."

Chase, 47, was born in Los Angeles. Her father worked for the phone company, "when there was only one phone company." Her mother was a teacher. Chase migrated to San Diego in 1975 to attend UCSD. After earning her degree in computer science, "because I knew if I was trained in computers I would always be able to get a job," she worked as a quality assurance manager at NCR in Rancho Bernardo, then for various software start-up companies, many of which, says Chase, did not succeed. One that did was where she met her husband, Chris Klein. Klein is a web designer and occasionally, Chase says, does "some political consulting." The couple, according to a Chase website, "own and operate Earth Media, Inc., a multiservice consulting firm incorporated in 1993."

Chase and Klein's PB house, which is also currently home to Chase's 88-year-old ailing mother, could be featured in an environmental magazine. In addition to solar water heating, "The entry deck we've replaced with recycled plastic. The remodel we did used recycled-content lumber," Chase proudly states. It also has an "energy-efficient washing machine and lighting and bulbs... low-flow toilets, low-flow showerheads, drip irrigation."

The airy wooden house shapes the hillside and has a slight view of Mission Bay. Unruly native plants surround a terraced vegetable garden and an environmentally de rigueur compost heap. Southwest-facing front windows, which run the length of the house, open to a large, sunny deck. Outside and inside become one. The childless couple share their home with six cats.

According to city financial-disclosure records, the couple also own a nearby rental property and have a diverse and robust stock portfolio, including a "\$2000 to \$10,000" stake in the not-so-environmentally friendly Weyerhaeuser lumber company.

Seventh-Grade Environmental Activist

Chase's first act of environmentalism was an Earth Day poster she made in seventh grade. She later decided she wanted to make a difference

in the environment, saying she "could see the great damage being done in the late '80s and early '90s." She joined the Sierra Club and the National Wildlife Federation.

Her introduction to San Diego's environmental community was a talk by environmental designer and perennial mayoral candidate Jim Bell. "He's still giving the same speech today," says Chase, laughing. "Actually, it's gotten a lot better."

"Earth Day Mom"

Chase's first major environmental involvement was in 1990, on the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, when San Diego environmental activists held an EarthFair in Balboa Park. Chase said that her husband was the volunteer "production manager," and she helped coordinate activities.

"It was such a success, the following year people approached [us] to organize it again," said Chase. "Sixteen years later we are still organizing Earth Day... I think it was [only] two years ago — three years — that we started receiving any payment for it. I am the 'Earth Day Mom.'"

Assemblywoman Saldaña said that she worked closely with the couple on that first EarthFair, which later became an indication of Chase's "intermingling" of volunteer and business ventures. Chase's "approach was to take what traditionally was a volunteer activity and make it a career endeavor," said Saldaña.

Ruth Duemler, a former Sierra Club chair who had long been active when Chase first got involved in the club in the late '80s, had a similar assessment, calling Chase "a very determined woman [who] seemed to have her own goals."

Tax records show that in 2003 Chase and Klein earned \$60,000 from Earth Day. According to Chase, this is on a par with what they bring in annually for the event. "In other words, not very much," said Chase.

Duemler, who now lives in Oregon, said Chase took ownership of the annual EarthFair. Said Duemler, "I was concerned about it when she took the Earth Day name."

Records filed with the California secretary of state show that "San Diego Earth Day" was incorporated April 7, 1992, as a tax-exempt corporation,

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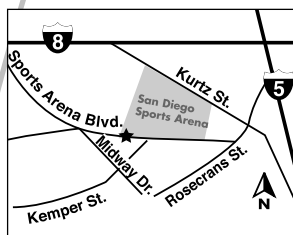
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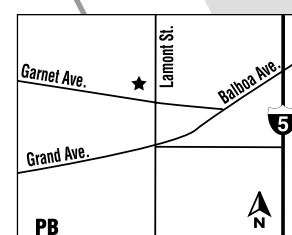
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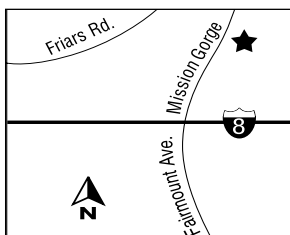
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with husband Cletus C. Klein as the registered agent and the couple's PB home as the corporation's address. The 2003 tax return shows Klein also acts as the organization's treasurer and bookkeeper. Chase said the new corporation was formed because the "event used to be run through Jim Bell's nonprofit." Once it started to make over \$25,000 a year, tax returns would have to be filed and "Jim did not want to do the paperwork."

Chase, reiterating that it was "ten years" before the couple started being compensated, said, "He [Chris] could not afford to [manage the event] anymore without being paid."

The purpose of Earth Day, whose motto is "Think globally and act locally," is, according to Chase, "to create a clean, healthy, prosperous future for everyone and everything."

But to some, the prosperity being created is Chase and her husband's, and it comes at the price of selling out the Sierra Club. Saldaña calls it the "greenwashing effect." Chase's fund-raising from corporations has been controversial, resulting in "environmentalists fighting among themselves over whom they should accept money from," said Chase.

Duemler minced no words: "I am concerned when... people come in and take over and make friends with the polluters."

Chase recognized the controversy. "We host 250 different groups, took a very broad definition of who should be involved. It was controversial in the environmental community, but they have melted out over the years."

"Maxwell House is not offering to give us money," said Chase, "Exxon is not offering to buy us off, and while peo-

ple were fighting over who to take money from, a bunch of us went out to organize the event."

So whom does Earth Day's EarthFair raise funds from?

The City of San Diego, for one. The 2005 city budget showed "San Diego Earth Works/Earth Day" receiving \$11,995. "We are on the TOT [hotel tax] dole," admitted Chase. In addition, the City's "environmental services [trash] handles the waste management and recycling; the water department did a big display and provides volunteers." But most of the funds are raised from exhibitors and sponsors.

The Earth Day website shows that this year's major corporate sponsors included Sanyo, Starbucks, Target, and Kyocera. In addition, Chase said that Solar Turbines donated \$5000. Chase admitted that Solar is "not exactly an environmentally friendly product — they drop in [turbines] for natural gas pipelines and oil fields." But Chase contends that other factors should be at play as well. Solar is a "long-term company" in San Diego and, according to Chase, has many employees who volunteer for the event. And even though they are "owned by Caterpillar," they are "a local business with local employees."

Another controversial participant is the United States Navy, which Chase says also supplies volunteers. "Why do [we] have the Navy [when] the Navy is the biggest polluter?" asks Chase. "Well, the answer is, the Navy is strictly there [at Earth Day] to educate people about their management of endangered species on Navy land and sometimes about their hazardous-waste-management plan."

"It's important for Navy personnel to think of themselves as helping the environment, and another thing is, they're not going away. In the

history of permanent institutions, they're right up there," said Chase.

Also, "We allow SDG&E in to talk about conservation programs."

But according to Saldaña, the criteria for selecting EarthFair participants should be a consistent commitment to the environment. "What we should look at... is what type of ongoing involvement they had, not just once a year."

Recently, longtime liberal activist John Falchi sent out an e-mail. In it, Falchi wrote of Chase, "I do not see her as a true progressive," using her Earth Day role as evidence.

"Back in 1990," Falchi's e-mail continued, "discussions were held in Jim Bell's office related to the possible renewal of the original Earth Day." Later, the person elected to chair the event had to resign. Chase's husband had been storing event data on his computer. "Chris Klein was instrumental, then, in his wife assuming the Chairmanship of Earth Day.... It was anything but a democratic way of transitioning the responsibilities for this major environmental event.... Little did [we] know that the whole philosophy of Earth Day would undergo a switch in the process.... No longer would it be emphasizing the need for corporations to be more responsible in the way they treated the land, the water, the air, and above all the people who would suffer from all of the pollution that was extant in our society.... I remember going as a clown [on Earth Day] in protest of the shenanigans that had been pulled to bring this all about."

"It's capitalism," says Chase with a chuckle. Chase considers the EarthFair "the marketplace of environmental ideas. Everything is connected. Are they part of the larger picture? And if you do not have a relationship with somebody, it is

hard for them to want to be a good actor."

Props K and M

In the late 1990s, as Chase was becoming one of San Diego's most powerful environmental leaders, political events would give her ample opportunity to exercise that power. "Timing is everything in politics," says Chase.

After Pardee and Black Mountain Ranch failed in 1994 to achieve passage of Proposition C, which would have opened the barn door to unfettered development in the North City, they pursued a new strategy to persuade voters to lift development restrictions that voters had first imposed in 1985. The result was Propositions K and M on the November 1998 ballot.

Chase, as Sierra Club chair, played an integral role in the negotiations with the developers, maintaining that it was the "brutal" Sierra Club process that resulted in a fair agreement.

"The art of the deal is knowing when you have the best deal."

The deal the Sierra Club ironed out with Pardee and Black Mountain Ranch focused on "preserving habitat [and] storm-water run-off issues" and even had a "green building clause," which Chase said "was my personal idea." Subsequently, Pardee "started exporting [it]... to other projects," and that is "one of the things I am proudest of, is finding a way to work with commerce to make them do the right thing. It is better for business. It is better for the environment when you can have these win-win things."

The 13-page "Agreement for the Protection of the Environment," in addition to creating the San Diego Coalition for Transportation Choices, also required the Sierra Club to sign the ballot arguments in

favor of K and M, which Chase did, and to testify in favor of the projects at public hearings.

So far, says Chase, the developments resulting from K and M have been consistent with what the developers promised the Sierra Club and the voters. "My experience with both Pardee and Black Mountain Ranch is that they were honorable to keeping their word."

Chase Meets John Kern

It was also during the K and M campaigns that Chase first met John Kern. Kern, who later became Dick Murphy's strategist in his campaign for mayor and then became his chief of staff, ran the pro-Prop K campaign for Black Mountain Ranch.

Kern is "very smart, with a good political and cultural understanding," said Chase. "There is no substitute in politics for having been there. I consider him a great bank of cumulative wisdom about politics in San Diego."

Chase Hired by Transportation Coalition

But it is Chase's financial relationship to the developer-funded San Diego Coalition for Transportation Choices that raises the most questions.

Paul Blackburn, who was the local Sierra Club's conservation coordinator in 1998, when the agreements with Black Mountain Ranch and Pardee were negotiated, said that the idea of creating the San Diego Coalition for Transportation Choices was his. "There are approximately 70 similar organizations in other cities. San Diego was just behind the curve."

"The higher-density neighborhoods that would be more transit friendly would not be built for 15 years," he added, prompting the need for a mechanism to focus on traffic issues sooner. After Black Mountain Ranch and Pardee paid the initial \$50,000, each developer

would ultimately donate an additional \$500,000 to trust accounts to be used for "transportation-improvement activities mutually agreed to by the club and the developers," said Blackburn. Although, according to Blackburn, the terms of the agreement with each developer have some differences related to the specific development projects, the monetary commitments of both developers were the same. "Neither one wanted to feel like they were being screwed in relation to the other one."

After the transportation coalition organized as a nonprofit corporation on July 20, 1999, Blackburn helped set up the board, but he left soon after to work in Washington, D.C. When he returned in the summer of 2003, "Most of the money was spent, and there was only about \$20,000 left." The seed money had been spent on consultant Chase.

While not critical of Chase's work, Blackburn says, "My opinion is that the money would have been better spent getting the organization in place."

In 2003 the coalition retained Blackburn to "prepare a proposal to help it become sustainable." This included creating a new nonprofit, Move San Diego. "One of the things we have done was a ride-share website," said Blackburn. The website was funded by a grant from the transportation coalition in 2004. Blackburn said Move San Diego hired Chase's husband, Chris Klein, and paid him "approximately \$15,000" to undertake the highly technical aspects of the "programming and coding" of the site.

Klein's web company, I Contact, is, according to its website, "a service of Earth Media, Inc.," Chase and Klein's business, of which Chase serves as president.

Longtime Sierra Club activist Kathryn Burton says contracts that resulted from the Sierra

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Club's support of Propositions K and M demonstrate that "Carolyn works first and foremost to advance Carolyn. She simply uses environmental causes to advance her personal ambitions rather than the public good. Everything she touches is a vehicle for that purpose."

2000 Murphy Endorsement

Chase was also in the middle of controversy during the 2000 mayoral race. After Supervisor Ron Roberts and Judge Dick Murphy emerged from the primary, the Sierra Club considered whether to endorse one of them in the November runoff. As political committee chair, Chase said she started "calling around...[to] shepherd the process and do due diligence" on Murphy and Roberts.

Assemblywoman Saldaña said of the mayoral endorsement, "The process was rigged in favor of Murphy by Chase."

Chase said it was the candidates themselves who made the difference. "The one thing that struck me about Dick Murphy is that there was not anybody who would rat him out and say he would lie to them or that he did one thing and said another. That impressed me." She said she was equally unimpressed by Roberts.

"It did not take me more than two or three phone calls that I heard about Ron that he was...well, vindictive. That was the number-one thing that came back on Ron Roberts."

Chase admits that the "main rap on Dick Murphy was that he was a supporter of Jackson Drive." The proposal for extending Jackson Drive through Mission Trails Regional Park included a 1600-foot-long bridge over the San Diego River.

"This is environmental heresy," said Chase, "but a bridge, in the bigger scheme of things, is not the biggest environmental issue in the world one way or the other." But "he [Murphy] saved Mission Trails and raised a significant amount of money to save that park...the largest urban park of its kind in the western U.S. He stopped the Navy from putting housing inside what is now that park."

And what about Roberts? "Ron has done some nice pocket parks," said Chase.

According to Saldaña, Chase made changes to the political committee to consolidate her power. "Carolyn suddenly turned it into a difficult committee for anyone to partici-

pate on."

In fact, the San Diego Sierra Club has a very formalized process for participating in its political committee. Prospective members must fill out an "Application for Voting Membership on the Sierra Club, San Diego Chapter, Political Committee Board." The application includes questions such as:

- Why are you seeking appointment to the political committee board?
- What would be the three top political items that are of most concern to you?
- What expertise or special skills do you possess that you would bring to this board?
- What has been your role in past political activities, both accomplishments and failures?

Saldaña, who said she attended meetings during that time but was not "allowed to be" a member of the committee, felt the Sierra Club should have taken a pass on the mayoral race. "Neither Ron Roberts or Dick Murphy had outstanding credentials for an endorsement." She said that after the political committee interviewed Murphy and Roberts, Chase moved on to other matters. When Saldaña asked, "When are we going to discuss this?" Chase said they would discuss it later by e-mail. "Carolyn is big on e-mail. It all got done internally," Saldaña said, and the "next thing I knew the recommendation goes from the political committee to the executive committee."

Chase said the political committee first interviewed the candidates in June 2000 and voted to endorse Murphy on July 12, 2000, the day after a "public forum" featuring Murphy and Roberts was held at UCSD. Two absent members were polled, and they voted to support Murphy subsequent to the meeting.

In late July 2000, the executive committee, which acts as the governing board of the local Sierra Club, was unable to muster sufficient votes to make an endorsement. But then the Sierra Club took what Saldaña called the "unprecedented step" of taking up the Murphy endorsement a second time on October 3, 2000, when it passed.

Chase said it is "routine for it [an endorsement] to be reconsidered" and elaborated upon the controversy in an e-mail.

"Some people were taken by surprise because they thought that when the motion to endorse Murphy failed that it was over.

They didn't seem to understand that in political campaigns, it's never over till it's over and the rules are set up that way. So in essence they got caught flat-footed when Murphy requested to have the endorsement considered again at another Meeting."

The state Sierra Club subsequently approved the endorsement despite an appeal from Saldaña, activist Lisa Ross, and former Sierra Club chair Peter Andersen.

Andersen, an SDSU communications professor who does on-air commentary for Channel 10, said he appealed Murphy's endorsement on two grounds. "Murphy wasn't an environmentalist. I spent four years fighting Murphy over [his support for] Jackson Drive. That was the content of the appeal." Andersen also said he objected to the process: "Whether or not you can conduct phone or Internet polling...and whether individuals who did not attend the meeting would be allowed to vote. I chaired the political committee previously.... During those times, if you were not present for the discussion, you were not allowed to participate." He said that if those not in attendance had been precluded from voting, Murphy would not have been endorsed.

Andersen said he "lost that battle" but still objects to Internet voting by individuals not present.

The endorsement of Murphy "was the right thing to do," said Chase.

Planning Commission Quid Pro Quo?

Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña and club activists say there were other factors at play, that Murphy promised to appoint Chase to the City of San Diego's Plan-

ning Commission as part of a deal to get the Sierra Club endorsement.

"I heard speculation that there was a deal," said Saldaña. "I find that reprehensible."

"I have a problem with Lori," said Chase, "because she wrote a letter to the paper falsely accusing me of engineering the Murphy endorsement in exchange for the Planning Commission appointment, and the record shows I got it on the merits."

In an October 21, 2000, letter to the *Union-Tribune*, Saldaña wrote:

"Carolyn Chase has been actively fund raising and volunteering for Murphy and lobbying on his behalf within the Sierra Club. Ron Roberts had no such influence at play.

"To ensure no quid pro quo has occurred here, I would ask Chase and all other members of the political committee and executive committee to promise not to serve as appointees of Judge Murphy on any future commissions, should he win the election. It would be sad indeed to see individuals benefit while Sierra Club policies are ignored."

Chase said there was no deal. "There was never any conversation [with Murphy] about...getting an appointment to anything."

However, a Sierra Club activist who spoke on condition of anonymity said that at the meeting, "Murphy said if elected, he would appoint someone from the Sierra Club like Carolyn Chase to the Planning Commission."

Miller, the club's current chair, says he remembers Murphy's discussing an "environmental appointment" but does not recall his "mentioning any specific names."

Andersen says there was "no

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quid pro quo that I ever heard" on a Planning Commission appointment. However, "What Murphy said — it pissed me off even more — was, 'I will always be happy to work with you, and my door will always be open to you — if you endorse me.'"

Miller said that Saldaña "had to be reprimanded...by the Sierra Club" for penning the U-T letter.

Saldaña disputes this, saying there was "no formal [reprimand] process" but more like "a tribal kick off the island." She said she was verbally attacked at Sierra Club meetings, receiving "personal assaults. Mean and ugly things were said."

Murphy, who was sworn in as mayor in December 2000, did, the next summer, appoint Chase to the Planning Commission. Murphy also created an environmental task force, which was chaired by Chase, to advise him on environmental issues. Saldaña said that the group "met behind closed doors" and was not "subject to the Brown Act," the state's open-meeting law.

Chase responded that she was "not in politics to turn down a two-hour session with the mayor to discuss environmental issues. I am flabbergasted to hear that someone would complain about setting up an environmental task force."

Today, Saldaña says that "to avoid any appearance of quid pro quo, they should avoid those types of appointments."

Chase Versus Saldaña

When asked about the Chase/Saldaña relationship, Miller laughed and said that the two had a "long-going, I

do not want to say animosity, but differences. Lori lost her influence within the club, her leadership, and I think she kind of blames Carolyn Chase for that."

Saldaña said the problems with their relationship started much earlier, soon after Chase became active in the Sierra Club. "I sensed a resentment by Carolyn as I was appointed to various [environmental boards] and to the Sierra Club executive committee." Saldaña also said Chase was constantly "questioning her authority" when Saldaña was chapter chair.

Chase and Saldaña clashed more recently when Saldaña, running for the 76th Assembly District seat, navigated Chase's political committee in search of the Sierra Club endorsement.

Saldaña, who was competing against former Gray Davis aide Vince Hall in the March 2, 2004, primary, said that Chase had moved the political committee meetings from a "neutral location," the Sierra Club headquarters, to her home.

According to Saldaña, she attended a Sierra Club political committee meeting in January 2003 to inform the committee of her intention to run. That meeting was held at the Sierra Club headquarters in North Park. But when it came time for her to be interviewed by the political committee in October 2003, the meeting notice in the club's newsletter said to "call Carolyn Chase for the meeting location." (The 2005 Sierra Club newsletters also say that.) Saldaña said she assumed the meetings were still held at the headquarters but was unable to reach anyone there to confirm it.

In an e-mail to the Sierra Club's political and executive

committees, Chase gave her view of what happened that evening:

"At about 6pm, in the middle of an interview with another candidate, I was pressed to field four angry and almost hysterical phone calls from Lori Saldaña complaining about the meeting location and demanding that it be changed back to the office."

According to Saldaña, the Sierra Club ultimately "split the baby" and did a "dual endorsement" of herself and Hall. Saldaña said that starting with the Murphy endorsement, Chase created a political committee that was "so closed-door."

Other active Sierra Club members echoed Saldaña's "process" concerns, but none was willing to go on the record, for fear, as one said, "of going to war with Carolyn Chase."

Chase responded that "everything she [Saldaña] is coming up with is twisted. Interpretations she made up because she doesn't like me. She has a history of accusing me of things that are not true. Why is someone who is an environmentalist tearing me down?"

Chase's Political Clients

Another criticism of Chase is that she uses the Sierra Club to generate clients for her and her husband's web-design company.

Saldaña said that it was often unclear what Chase's priorities were and that the "club would endorse people and then hire Chris to produce campaign materials. I would ask [Carolyn] many times, when she would intermingle her activities, 'Which hat are you wearing?'"

Chase, who said she always "knows what hat I am wearing,"

admits that the couple's company has worked for politicians whom the club has endorsed, but "only after the endorsement was approved by the Sierra Club."

But in a January 2004 e-mail exchange between Chase and activist Ian Trowbridge, Trowbridge charged that Chase had a conflict that prevented her from being a fair arbiter of the Sierra Club's 2004 endorsement process. Trowbridge was the campaign manager for Kathryn Burton, who was seeking the club's endorsement in her unsuccessful campaign to unseat Councilman Scott Peters. Chase responded: "For disclosure purposes, for Peters' first campaign for office in 2000, my husband Chris did his website. Chris was paid \$2867 for that effort. For a few months before that, he had done a website for Peters' law office. That was discontinued shortly into the campaign and I don't know how much he billed for it. I had no involvement with Peters or any aspect of Chris's website work at that time — nor since."

But Chase's claim of non-involvement and lack of knowledge of the financial details is belied by corporate filings that show Chase is the company's president.

In addition to Peters's website, the couple's company also designed websites for Mike Aguirre, in 2002, when he ran for district attorney; Supervisor Pam Slater; Councilmember Toni Atkins; and several other local Sierra Club-endorsed candidates.

But current Sierra Club chairman Richard Miller defended Chase against conflict-of-interest charges, saying, "I think that anyone involved in politics intermingles activities in all of their lives."

Sierra Club Endorses Chase for Open Council Seat

Chase's mastery of the political process recently came in handy when on August 9, three days before candidate filing closed, the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club voted to endorse her bid for city council. The District Two seat, vacated by resigned councilman Michael Zucchet, has attracted a strong field of candidates. The club's endorsement is particularly crucial in that Lorena Gonzalez, who does environmental work for Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, also filed papers to run for the open seat.

When asked why the Sierra Club had considered Chase and no other candidates, Chase said that "no other candidates requested the endorsement."

Club chairman Richard Miller oversaw the club's endorsement process. After Chase became a candidate, she stepped down as political committee chair. When asked if he contacted Gonzalez or any other environmentally friendly candidates before initiating the endorsement process, Miller said, "No. I was not required to." He also said that Gonzalez is not a "viable" candidate. "No one knows who she is." The political committee, chaired by Miller, met on August 4 and recommended that the executive board endorse Chase.

The club's bylaws regarding political endorsements do say that "Generally, no endorsement will be made unless the Chapter's endorsement has been requested" and that endorsement decisions will be based on two criteria:

"1) Environmental record or views; and 2) Electability."

When told the news of the Sierra Club endorsement, Gonzalez said, "Well. Who knew?"

Gonzalez, who sits on the State Lands Commission and as an alternate on the California Coastal Commission and is

vice president of the League of Conservative Voters San Diego, said that she has worked the Sierra Club on a statewide level. "I am really surprised [by the endorsement] as I have found them to be a very democratic — with a small *d* — group."

Gonzalez, who has a bachelor's degree from Stanford, a master's degree from Georgetown, and a law degree from UCLA School of Law, touted her endorsements by "numerous environmental leaders, including" Diane Takvorian, executive director of the Environmental Health Coalition, and Bruce Reznik, president of the League of Conservation Voters San Diego and executive director of San Diego BayKeeper, which promotes clean-water issues. Gonzalez's brother Marco has long been involved in BayKeeper. She said she anticipates receiving formal endorsements from other environmental organizations "which have a genuine [endorsement] process." And Gonzalez was recently endorsed by Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña.

Ian Trowbridge, himself now a candidate for the Zucchet seat, is a retired Salk Institute professor and a taxpayers' "watchdog." Trowbridge played a major role in uncovering abuses at the city's Data Processing Corporation.

"It's a worthless endorsement," he said, and it shows that the Sierra Club "is dominated by a very small group of people who do not represent the thousands of members in San Diego."

Chase said that after she stepped down as the political committee chair, she sent e-mails to some members of the committee suggesting they consider interviewing other candidates besides herself. When asked for copies of these recent e-mails, Chase said she'd "already deleted them."

Chase also said she urged Miller to inform Gonzalez about the accelerated endorsement process "as a courtesy."

But Miller, who did not comment on Chase's claim, said he "polled the executive board by e-mail, and there was no objection to proceeding with Chase's endorsement." In fact, the club's bylaws say that they "may vote by electronic means on actions that have been deemed urgent by the Chair between regularly noticed meetings."

Miller signed a letter from the Sierra Club to Chase on

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August 10 confirming her endorsement: "I am pleased to inform you that the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club California have approved you for endorsement for election to the San Diego City Council District 2 in the Special Primary Election on November 8, 2005."

The timing allowed Chase to mention the endorsement in her ballot statement, which was filed on August 12.

Kathryn Burton said Miller is controlled by Chase. "He may be chair, but there is always a woman behind every man, and in this case it is Carolyn Chase."

On August 18, as controversy over the endorsement process started to spread, Chase wrote on her campaign website that Gonzalez's campaign was caught "flat-footed out of the gate."

"[A]nother candidate [Gonzalez] has now publicly accused the Chapter of playing favors for me since I was most recently the Political Committee Chair... This reaction only shows this campaign's ignorance of the process and the rules. The race was noticed on a regular agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting of the PolComm," which, according to Chase, was before she decided to run.

Chase said that she prepared the August 4 political committee agenda and sent it out to the political committee about a week before the meeting but "did not attend the meeting," a fact confirmed by Miller. Bonnie Stone, in the San Diego City Clerk's office, said that Chase took out city council nomination papers the first day they were available, August 2, 2005.

Burton, echoing Saldaña's concerns about process, said, "Carolyn's idea of a political committee is one stacked with her handpicked cronies. She notices her committee by e-mail and then holds meetings in her house." During Chase's tenure as chair, the political meetings have been held at her PB home, although the Sierra Club's conservation and executive committees have met at the club's North Park offices.

Chase's August 18 website message continues. "The Sierra Club, being a more than hundred-year-old institution — has lots of bureaucratic rules. But key to making any bureaucracy produce is knowing the rules and how to use them. The bottom line is: I played by the rules and got the endorsement

because I deserve it. Everything else is sour grapes."

But Gonzalez's environmental supporters turned this sour wine into political action. Her brother Marco, who one environmental activist said "threw a fit" over the Sierra Club's support of Chase, generated enough heat on Miller to schedule a special political committee meeting on August 29.

In the meantime, Trowbridge e-mailed Miller formally requesting an endorsement interview:

"Dear Richard:

"I have been told that the Sierra Club requires that a candidate for public office has to request endorsement from the Sierra Club. Forgive me for not being aware of this unusual rule."

When Gonzalez was asked about the committee's sudden interest in her, she said she thought that it was a result of this reporter's asking questions about the Sierra Club process: "Well, I think we can thank you for that."

When Miller was asked why the committee had decided to interview Gonzalez, he said, "Because a majority of the board members have decided they wanted to do that. A request was made, and the rest of the political committee decided they wanted to interview Ms. Gonzalez."

On Monday, August 29, the political committee held a special meeting to consider Gonzalez's candidacy. The meeting was the first in years to be held in the Sierra Club's North Park offices. In addition to Trowbridge, two other candidates who had contacted the Sierra Club since Chase's endorsement — San Diego Community College District board member Rich Grosch and longtime environmental activist Kathleen Blavatt — also attended the meeting. Earlier in the day, all three had been sent Sierra Club candidate questionnaires and asked to submit them as part of a formal request for consideration. Chase, however, had not been asked to fill out a questionnaire during her endorsement review. "It was not required," said Miller, stating that the committee asks for one to be filled out "if they don't know the candidates."

Much of the early part of the political committee meeting was spent discussing the process, what Miller called the "misconception that we are not

open." Miller explained that because of the special election, the process had to be sped up.

But Trowbridge, whose tone was combative, asked about the procedures and rules, concluding, "So you needed to expedite the endorsement..."

"...chose to," interrupted committee member Peter Andersen.

Committee member David Hogan said he was "getting tired of this. At the time we made the endorsement there was one [known environmental] candidate [Chase]." The club's conservation coordinator, Eric Bowlby, admitted that there were "other names out there" but said that the club needed to endorse quickly so its name would appear on a candidate's ballot statement, increasing the club's "influence."

Sierra Club executive committee member Joanne Pearson, who attended the meeting, said that she raised concerns about early endorsements in the 2004 election cycle, saying that an early endorsement "does not serve the [San Diego Sierra Club] chapter well." And that it is "my information that it [an early endorsement] is unusual."

Each of the triumvirate of candidates was given five minutes to address the committee before Gonzalez was interviewed. Grosch and Blavatt outlined their credentials, but when it was his turn to speak Trowbridge said, "I came to ask for your endorsement, but having heard what I heard tonight, I do not want it." Trowbridge called the process a "disservice" to environmental candidates, called the committee members "unethical," and said he found "this group to be distasteful."

No action was taken on further endorsements, but the political committee interviewed

Grosch and Blavatt during a special meeting on September 14. Afterwards Miller said, "No recommendation was forwarded on any candidate. Not even a motion." Lorena Gonzalez, who recently was awarded the sole endorsement of the League of Conservation Voters San Diego, said, "We anticipated this. It's politics, right?"

Chase's website says of the Sierra Club endorsement, "[O]ne of the only independent grass-roots groups — and also the biggest — is the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club. With 15,000 members countywide, almost 9,000 in the city and 1,000 in the [Second City Council] District, I'm proud they endorsed me."

2004 Planning Commission Votes

Of all the controversies surrounding Chase, the one with potentially the most significant ramifications relates to her votes on the city Planning Commission.

On February 5, 2004, Chase recused herself from voting on a project by Black Mountain Ranch, one of the co-funders of the San Diego Coalition for Transportation Choices. When asked why she did so, Chase said it was an "abundance of caution." Black Mountain Ranch "had sponsored Earth Day... it was an indirect conflict," since Chase and her husband earn close to \$60,000 from Earth Day. But Chase said the city attorney indicated, "You don't have to recuse on anything other than a direct conflict." She also said that since she "endorsed the project [Prop K]" as Sierra Club chair, "it might avoid the impression of already having made up her mind" about the project.

But when asked why she did not similarly refrain from

voting on Pardee's 677-unit housing project the following August, Chase said that an environmental activist, David Hogan, "asked me to raise some concerns about the project on the record." Chase also said questions of a potential conflict of interest reminded her of "Toilet to Tap," the proposal to repurify sewage into drinking water. "People say they wouldn't want to drink toilet water," she said. "But all water is toilet water. It depends on what kind of filters you put on it. Money is like toilet water. What kind of filter does it go through?"

Shakespearean or Greek Tragedy

As environmental activist Chase morphs into politician Chase, the stakes are getting higher.

Former Sierra Club conservation coordinator Paul Blackburn, who calls Chase "a great character," says that "Carolyn does not really understand that your friends can't help you as much as your enemies can hurt you."

But Kathryn Burton says that it's Chase who has hurt the environmental movement in

San Diego. "There are far too many former environmental activists in San Diego because of her infamous purges — people who just wanted to preserve open space, save endangered species, or improve water quality rather than advance Carolyn Chase's agenda of the week. This has hurt the environmental movement immeasurably."

Chase looks at the times philosophically.

"The interesting flaw about smart people or often people in power, and, frankly, this whole thing with the city — the pension, the indictments, the convictions, and the other indictments," she laughs, "the resignations, all of it, it's just like a Shakespearean tragedy or a Greek tragedy."

As Carolyn Chase embarks on her first run for elective office, time will tell whether she herself will face political triumph or tragedy.

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE

Illustration by Rick Geary



Matt:

A brilliant school teacher in 1957 told the class something no one had ever heard. The Russian "Sputnik" was coming. It did. He also said that man is so brilliant he can change the course of a hurricane. I was born in New Orleans, finished school in Covington. Has it ever happened?

— A.C., San Diego

Gee, AC, predicting Sputnik in '57 was a slam dunk. Predicting the control of the path of hurricanes is on some other scale entirely. Sputnik is manmade. Only Nature can make a hurricane, and when Nature gets wound up, she's a little hard to deny. No, it's never been proved scientifically that any human intervention has ever changed the course of a hurricane, but that's not to say we haven't tried. As usual, the military has been very interested in this weather-modification thing, looking at torrential rainstorms as almost as good as a boatload of tanks. Project Popeye, during the Vietnam War, was designed to seed clouds over the Ho Chi Minh trail and turn it to a bog. It did work, but a U.N. resolution has subsequently made all uses of weather mod as a battle tactic illegal.

Everybody complained about the weather, but aside from invent the umbrella, nobody did anything about it until the late 1940s, with Project Cirrus. Scientists at GE got the idea to seed a carefully selected hurricane well off the southern coast of Georgia with dry ice to try to reduce its size and power by reducing the cloud content. Within 24 hours of seeding, they got some cloud reduction but the hurricane veered west and crunched into land and did lots of damage. The guys at GE said the scientific equivalent of oops! and decided they'd keep the whole thing quiet so they didn't get sued. For about a decade, this put most actual hurricane experiments behind the filing cabinets. Later evaluation of the data suggested that there really was no way to tell if the hurricane had already started to bend west before the seeding, so, scientifically, Project Cirrus was inconclusive.

In the 1960s, Project Stormfury was a plan to seed the hurricane eye wall with silver iodide to try to decrease the wall temperature and slow the wind speed and weaken the hurricane, but not change its path. In the 1980s, these experiments actually seemed to work, based on temperature and wind-speed measurements, but once again we ran into the problem of scientific controls on weather experiments. Can we really be sure it was the silver iodide and not just some quirk of the 'cane that would have happened anyway?

Aside from one really spooky endeavor at Elgin Air Force Base, Project HAARP (weather control by tweaking the ionosphere — though the feds say it's just a communications experiment), the biggest news lately has been Dyn-O-Mat, a superabsorbent powder that can be seeded into clouds and instantly sucks up all the water and turns it to a big gooey glob, which falls (harmlessly?) from the sky. The stuff actually works and can reduce a cloud to nothing. Again, the plan is to seed hurricane eye walls with the stuff and reduce the storm's power. Unfortunately, such vast quantities of the stuff are needed to successfully seed a hurricane, there aren't enough transport planes in the American arsenal to carry it all. Once the problems of scale are solved, we might be on the way to at least reducing a storm's power.

If you watched the TV coverage of here-comes-Katrina, you undoubtedly heard the weather wonks repeatedly say that the path of a hurricane is very hard to predict, since it depends on internal conditions in the storm, plus water temperatures, weather fronts, the jet stream, land masses, and other factors all interacting in ways that aren't always consistent or clear. So, until we can predict the path more accurately, we probably won't be able to change it.

Dear Matthew Alice:

I think I've asked every short-order cook, waitress, chef, bus boy, whoever, for years this question, and nobody's ever been able to tell me. Why, WHY are restaurant coffee pots for decaf coffee orange?

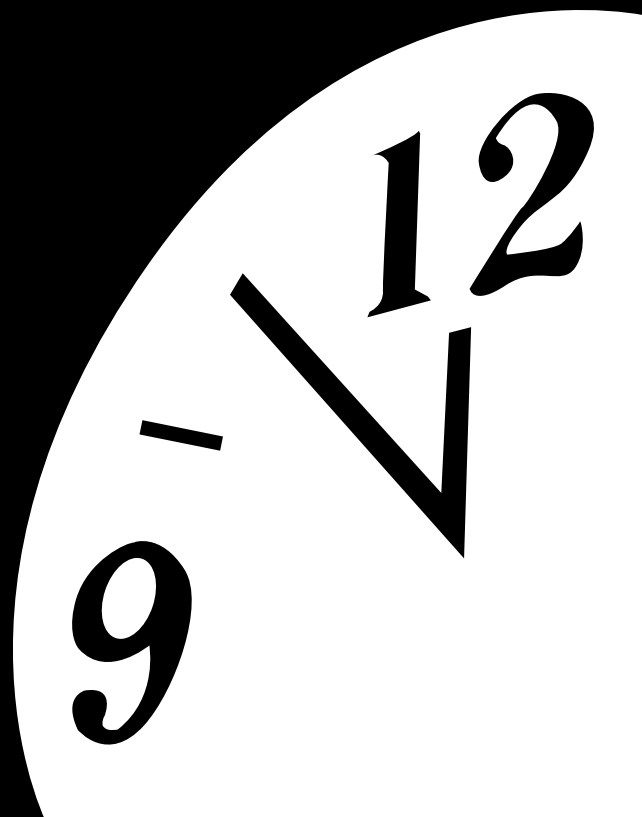
— Wes, full o java

Sometime around 1903, I guess we were all so jittery from centuries of drinking the real stuff that General Foods invented a way to remove caffeine from coffee. They gave it a sexy French name, Sanka, and put it in a black, white, and orange can. But since the stuff wasn't going to sell itself, around 1920 salesmen hit the trail giving away coffee pots to all the restaurants and cafés that sold Sanka. The pots had orange handles and the Sanka name. As time went on and other decafs came on the market, orange pots just became the standard to help the waitress tell which is which.

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SportingBox

By Patrick Daugherty

Moneyball

'We cannot be complacent with playing good but not winning games," Marty Schottenheimer said after losing to Denver on Sunday. The Chargers gained 41 yards in the second half of that game. FEMA personnel are still searching for the "playing good" team Marty talked about. Regard, if you have the stomach, the Chargers' 2005 schedule. The team we saw in Week 1 and Week 2 could lose every game.

I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming the Los Angeles Saints to Southern California. When an ancient North American city is abruptly plopped to the bottom of a bathtub and left to soak, only to be pulled out and handed 200 billion no-bid, no-oversight, cost-plus dollars, well, that will create a new lineup of winners and losers. Tom Benson, the owner of the New Orleans Saints, is going to be one of the winners.

Benson has been whining about money for years, which is unsurprising; this is what NFL owners do. Tom bought the franchise in 1985 for \$75 million. The Saints' record since then is 157 wins against 164 losses, six playoff appearances amounting to five losses in the opening wild-card round and one loss in the divisional round. Nowadays, the franchise is valued between \$700 million and \$1 billion. Tom does not own a stadium, does not manufacture anything, and does not grow anything. Tom owns hundreds of extra-large football uniforms and assorted, exotic, athletic equipment.

We've got to get into this business.

Getting back to the point, it's not Tom's proven incompetence that causes him to field lousy teams year after year. No, it's because of the Superdome, which has been the site of 30 Sugar Bowls, 5 Super Bowls, and 3 NCAA Final Fours. See, the Superdome does not have enough luxury suites, and if somebody doesn't build Tom a new Superdome with plenty of luxury suites, Tom promises to move his team to San Antonio or sell it to Los Angeles investors.

Louisiana is a small, poor state, and New Orleans, before it went under, was a small, poor, metropolitan city. Therefore, the State of Louisiana, knowing it would never reclaim an NFL franchise once the Saints left, agreed to pay Benson a ransom of \$2 million for every home game he played in New Orleans. Since 2001, the state has paid our lad at least \$81 million.

The contract Benson signed says he must stay in New Orleans through 2010, with some exceptions. Benson can leave after the 2005 season if he pays the state the \$81 million he's received. Or, he could leave and not pay one dime if he is subject to *force majeure*, an act of god, something like a hurricane that damaged the Superdome to the extent that the property was unusable. Then Benson could leave without penalty.

It took Tom one heartbeat to move his team to San Antonio, where he lives and owns — what else? — car dealerships. Reports say the NFL had to drag Benson back to Louisiana, force him to play four home games at LSU. The Saints will commute to their home games since their front-office personnel, players, and coaches have already moved to San Antonio.

New Orleans officials say insurance will cover rebuilding the Superdome. This is the same industry that is being sued by the State of Mississippi for refusing to pay their homeless policyholders, claiming that water that came in from the roof and destroyed their homes is hurricane damage and covered, while water that arrived by way of the same storm and came in through the door is flood-water damage and not covered. These thieves are going to give \$600 million to a half-dead city?

And there is the certainty that huge portions of New Orleans will be bulldozed; that many corporations, which have already moved to other towns, will not return; that thousands of refugees will not return; that thousands of small businesses will not reopen, as well as schools, hospitals, parks, strip malls...you name it.

But, that's their problem. For Benson, we're not talking about making money, we're talking about how much money he wants to make. The Saints made over \$40 million in pretax profit last year while paying zero dollars in stadium rent. Last year, every team in the NFL got \$85 million from TV contracts. Next year's new contracts will be worth 53 percent more. You could field an NFL team in Julian, bar the public from attending any games, and the TV money would be the same. Tom is in his late 70s and looks every day of it. He could be a hero, stay in New Orleans, and lose some money. He could officially move his team to San Antonio, or, more likely, sell it to Los Angeles investors and have more money to...make more money with.

I'm sure you'll join me in welcoming the Los Angeles Saints to Southern California.

The Vegas Line

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"People thought [my becoming a pastor] was bogus," said Pastor Stan Miller. "They said, 'He's lost his marbles' and 'He's flipped out.' It angered the media. They vilified me. Most of this came from my former colleagues at KUSI. It's because I'm the only pastor and news anchor in the country," said Miller. Pastor Miller took over Sonrise's Unite service one-and-a-half months ago. "I was assigned this position. The guy who was doing it left for full-time mission work." Unite is Sonrise's "post-modern" evening service for young adults. I asked Miller what a postmodern service was. "I don't know what the heck postmodern means. I tried to ask the old Unite pastor to explain it, but I still don't get it completely. Your guess is as good as mine," replied Miller. Miller concluded that it is a service geared toward younger people. "If you don't reach kids by Junior High, you've probably lost them by college. A lot of professors who are atheist preach a message against Christianity daily in their pulpits of the classroom. They can sway these kids and I don't want to loose them. Kids are very much open-minded and receive [what the professors say], which is heresy."

Three 15-foot video screens projected a timer countdown: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0. As the counter hit zero, the band emerged from backstage to lead worship. Noah Balcombe, the worship leader, yelled, "I'm excited to be here!" Balcombe bounced around and jumped as he led the worship. A pianist, drummer, bass player, two guitarists, and vocalists led the congregation in popular songs such as, "Here I am to Worship," "In the Secret," and "Consuming Fire."

"You seem a little bit down tonight. We're going to have to rock. Let's rock!" shouted Pastor Miller to the crowd of 61 people. Miller, age 50, preached to the crowd of teens and 20-somethings. Pastor Miller has silver-grey hair, orange-tanned skin, and wore a black Harley Davidson shirt with jeans. After Miller gave the announcements, the worship band played another song. Before Miller walked forward to preach, a 10-minute video told the crowd that "God believes in us, that we can be

the people He created us to be. Jesus has faith that you can be like Him." The video encouraged the crowd to follow Jesus.

"I'd follow you, but I want to be a model," said Miller in a girlish voice as he pretended to model. "I'd follow you but I want to be Mr. Olympia." Miller flexed his muscles and posed. Pastor Miller paced the stage as he spoke through a wireless headset. Miller told the crowd that unless they memorize scripture, obey God, and leave their stuff, they were not following God's call. "I used to be a news anchor at KUSI, but I left everything to become a preacher," said Miller. Pastor Miller told the congregation about his career choices and his recent, well-paid, part-time position at Channel 8.

Pastor Miller's text for the sermon was John 4:5-9, a story about an adulterous woman he met at a well. "Jesus is at the well for you right now. The problem is, we are so tuned-out today, yet we think we are tuned-in. We

have so much communication but we don't say a word," said Miller. "I can talk about myself for hours." Miller told a story about a recent dinner he and his wife had with guests. "My wife had to hit me in the ribs five times to remind me that I was talking about myself too much." Much of Miller's sermon focused on stories of his life. Miller included a story about a 16mm film when he was 5-years-old with a plastic lawn mower. The story was used to illustrate Jesus' love for God the Father. Pastor Miller concluded his sermon, "[The world] lives in the me generation. We live in the He generation." As Miller began to pray, a piano quietly played in the background. Pastor Miller led the congregation in the Sinner's Prayer where he requested that they accept Jesus as their savior.

After service, people gathered in a nearby room called the Basement. People sat around tables while they ate pizza and drank soda and water. Several teenagers played the three X-Box video games in the room. "This is called a postmodern worship. It's what they call services that are more fit for young adults," said Rusti Lang. "It's more directed to students," added Jake Fishell. "There isn't a limit to who can attend. We've had gothic people here," said Walter Luthye. "Our service is not just a message. We also incorporate videos and dancing," said Noah Balcombe, the worship leader. "We also don't sing old school hymns. Most of our music is postmodern and upbeat."

I asked Pastor Miller what he believes happens after a person dies. "I believe exactly what the Bible says," replied Miller. "You can accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and enter into his presence forever. Or, you reject Jesus and go to a literal place called hell."

— Drew E. Goodmanson



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Dear Saffron,

My cousin, who lives in another city, called me this week. We talk on the phone about once a month. I haven't seen her since I left the Midwest to come to college in California ten years ago and settled here. She's in her 50s, and things have not been going well for her. She went to the doctor, and he said he suspected she had some form of breast cancer and referred her to a surgeon who he told her she should consult right away. She lost her job about a year and a half ago, a job she loved and had held for 20 years. She's been sounding low and depressed for the past couple of years, and now this. Even her voice sounds different: I can barely hear her sometimes when we talk on the phone so I have to keep asking her to speak up, and she talks more slowly than she used to. There's a deadness to her voice. Naturally, when she told me this latest news, my reaction was twofold. One, I tried to be comforting and sympathetic. Two, I asked if she'd been to see the surgeon, and what did he or she say? Well, my cousin started crying and said she can't make herself go. She said she's too scared. She's just been staying home, paralyzed by fear. We don't have much family left back in our home state where she still lives, and the few family members who are still there she isn't close to at all. She has been so depressed since she lost her job, she hasn't really been seeing anybody. So I gather she's turned into a bit of a hermit with few, if any, friends. So she's very alone. If I were living back home I'd offer to go to the doctor with her, but I live several states away so that isn't possible. I'm not sure how to be helpful to her from this distance, or what to advise. She's obviously a grown woman and can make her own decisions, and if her decision is not to see a doctor, I guess that's her prerogative. I don't have a right to tell her that she should do otherwise, but I feel so awful about this. What can I say to her?

ANGUISHED KENSINGTON COUSIN

Dear Anguished,

I think that you should encourage your cousin to consult the doctor she was referred to. She's not consenting to treatment or making any commitment by going to hear what the doctor has to say. For her own welfare, she should find out more before she decides to follow a doctor's recommendation. It doesn't sound like a diagnosis has even been made. I know the process of having to consult physicians, have tests

run, and sift through different kinds of medical input can be daunting, exhausting, and confusing, but your cousin needs to have more information. Things may not be as bad as she imagines. The prospect of breast cancer is a terrifying one, and I am so sorry that she has to think about this. If she does have breast cancer, I know many women who have had this disease and received treatment (some difficult, some relatively simple and quick) and are now living healthy, happy lives. Your cousin owes it to herself to find a doctor she likes and trusts and to get one or two expert opinion(s). As for depression, she may need to seek treatment — not only to improve the quality of her life, but so that she can deal effectively with medical situations with all the positive energy and strength she can muster.

Dear Saffron,

Your advice to "Hard-Working Guy" who wrote about his sister's husband not supporting her and their three kids because he can't find "the perfect job" was weak. This sister needs to think long and hard about her marriage. Her husband's an able-bodied guy who won't get a job and put food on the table for his children. He'd rather mooch off his father-in-law. If she divorced him the state would compel him to pay child support. I think this sister needs to wake up and demand more of her mate. Time for an ultimatum: Get a job or take a hike.

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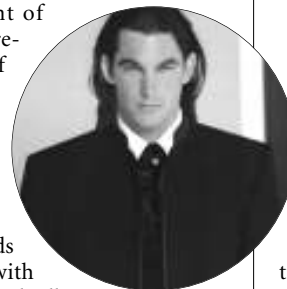
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—EVE KELLY

Husband Patrick sings all day long — in the shower, in the car, in the front yard on the way to the mailbox. He even bursts into song in the middle of stores and restaurants. And it's not easy-listening tunes or pop ballads but full-fledged opera arias. The amount of singing he does created a singer out of our toddler who can sing in gibberish "Vesti la giubba" from the opera *Pagliacci*. (Think sobbing clown.) Other times the kids are not as pleased with the entertainment and yell, "too loud!" But he never hears them.



Turns out that crying clown act has paid off for Patrick. At a family party a few years back, he jokingly stood up at the piano and had his professional musician brother play that difficult piece for him. He sang it well, and the family encouraged him to take lessons, which he did. Today, he has four seasons with the opera chorus under his belt, and numerous solo concert appearances. He dreams of singing in the great opera halls of Europe. My dream is to find him a tuxedo. He has grown out of the tux he bought five years ago, and next week he will be singing in a concert in Pasadena. I know we'll end up \$500 poorer if I send him out to buy one. Salesmen smell blood when Patrick walks into a store. So I've taken the job on myself.

I started my search with a call to A Nite on the Town in La Jolla. Lana, a saleslady, told me, "Men wear tuxedos for many types of formal events, anything from a prom, to a wedding, to a charity ball, a black-tie affair, debutantes, all kinds of occasions."

When I was growing up on the East Coast, morning suits were strictly worn before noon, tuxes only worn after high noon. Apparently that's not the case here in San Diego. "Oh no," Lana said, "tuxedos are worn all day, anytime."

Lana laid out the differences in tuxes. "The classic tux usually has the standard notch collar lapel with two or three buttons. The coat is not too long or too short, hitting about seven to nine inches down from the waist, a classic cut that will fit most men. Other more contemporary coats are longer, hitting about two or three inches above the knee. Some coats have no lapel and have a Nehru cut collar or no collar or buttons at all. Those are very contemporary."

What about tuxedo trends?

"The look now is more for the shirt," Lana answered. "Instead of a wingtip collar, men are wearing a lay-down collar with a regular tie. Most guys are wearing what they call foreign hand ties, which look like a regular tie, not as wide as a cravat. Bow ties have fallen by the wayside as of late. They will come back again."

Salesmen smell blood when

Patrick walks into a store.

What colors for tuxedos, shirts, and ties?

"The shirts mostly are ivory, white, and black. The ties and vests come in all kinds of colors. Often men will just go with the classic black or silver tie. Some tuxes come in colors, a few pastel shades like blue, green, and beige as well as white or ivory."

Though Patrick is one to wear color [he has a mustard-yellow pinstriped suit], I would rather he stick with the classic black tux.

A Nite on the Town only rents tuxes (average price is \$99 for everything except shoes), and Patrick needs to buy a tux since he wears it so often. My search continued and led me to Bridal & Tuxedo Galleria. "Right now a lot of people are going for the Mirage tuxedo," offered the saleslady.



"It doesn't have buttons, nor a lapel, it has a standup collar. It's open and men wear a cravat with it. "Pinstripes are also coming in," she added. She offered some fitting guidelines. "The pants are normally worn at the hipbone, and should hit the heel, not touch the floor. The arm of the jacket, when his arm is down, should hit where the thumb is. The tux should be fitted but not tight."

Tuxedo rentals start at \$54.95, including shoes and cufflinks. To purchase a tux, pricing starts at about \$175 for the coat, pants, shirt, bow tie, and cummerbund.

"A lot of the kids wear sagging oversized clothes," said Daniel Bess, manager of Tuxedo Discounters. "You don't do that with a tuxedo. It's supposed to be a proper fit."

Tuxedo Discounters occupies a second-floor warehouse on Fifth Avenue, just below Broadway. It's not a glamorous shop, but it's got 200 feet of racks jammed full of tuxedos, shirts, shoes, and accessories. "These are all formal rental tuxes at Men's Wearhouse," Bess explained. "A lot of people have to wear tuxes for work. A lot of the service industry uses everything except for the coat, and some of them even use a coat. Our main business is to schools across the country for their performing bands, orchestras, and choirs."

Tuxedo Discounters is open to the public, and the prices are lower than I hoped for. "We sell a seven-piece tuxedo outfit, 100 percent wool, which includes the coat, the pants, the shirt, a vest or cummerbund, tie, studs, and cufflinks for \$99 and tax."

Patrick already had all the accoutrements. All he needed was pants and coat. I sent him down to Tuxedo Discounters, and he got them both for \$70. Because there were so many to choose from, he found pants and a coat that were already the right length for him. No extra tailoring expense.

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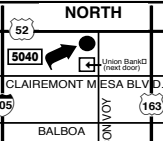
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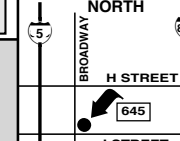
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Thirty Years Ago

Las Hermanas was opened last December. It is owned by two women, who are no longer San Diego residents.... I was left with an unclear idea of the coffee-house's legal status. Partnership attempting to become nonprofit corporation? Nonprofit corporation attempting to become something else? Debra concluded her description by saying, "Corporately that's how we are, but we really don't run that way."

—**"FOR WOMEN ONLY,"** Rachel Flick,
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Twenty-Five Years Ago

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—**"THE PARTCH REVERBERATIONS,"** Jeff Smith,
September 25, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Mother (pianissimo): "What kind of life is this, to try to be an opera star? Studying, practicing, performing. Even if you're successful, you'll go from one strange city to another, from one concert hall to another. And after the performance what do you face? Silence and a hotel room. When will you have the time to get married, to raise a family?"

Father (forte): "Musical comedy is the answer. Make people happy. Did you ever see an opera with a happy ending? They all go mad or die in pain. What I say is, give me a good musical comedy any time."

—**"TO BE A DIVA,"** E.J. Rackow,
September 26, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

The Mexican and American Foundation's annual awards fest, "An Evening with the Stars," honored its usual collection of business people, political appointees, and public relations flacks last Saturday night. But its "Man of the Decade," Michael Milken, was missing. The former junk bond whiz who precipitated the biggest Wall Street scandal of the 1980s, had backed out of the honor in May, just before he pleaded guilty to conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud,

and filing false tax returns.

—CITY LIGHTS: **"THE HONOR SYSTEM,"** Neal
Matthews, September 27, 1990

Ten Years Ago

If I can be seen as heir to the Beats, why not to Celine? My units of gasp are as oxygen-perfect as those in *Journey to the End of the Night*, my stutters and meanderings as fraught with mammal surprise, as shot-in-the-dark *on*, as those in *Death on the Installment Plan*. I'm twice as bleak as Louis-F. and umpteen times as cheerful.

Ulysses? Moby Dick? Well, sure, why not? *The Night (Alone)* is in their league, geez, you bet: as hell-and-gone to the goddam Adventure, as up to its nose in high-risk language booty — the search for a means of writing your way out of any and all proverbial (real!) paper bags — but more compact than either. (If Joyce here is a .380 hitter and Melville .330, I'd put myself at a solid .358.)

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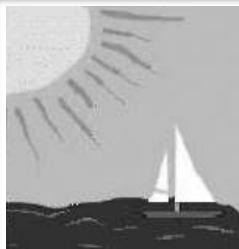
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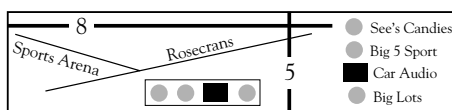
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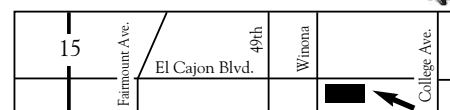
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GARAGE BAND

by Josh Board

I went to a house concert in Rancho Peñasquitos where Steve Poltz, the Rugburns singer/guitarist, was performing. Though he plays at the Casbah and Belly-Up often, those shows are nothing like sitting on a driveway watching him perform in a garage.

The party had Mexican food catered and two tables of cakes, pies, cookies, and a few other pastries. Unfortunately, I had just eaten. There was a Margarita machine in the front yard, which was popular, along with bottles of white and red wines.

The owner of the house built a riser on his driveway for seating, so everyone could see. "I talked to a guy who built stages. He said it's six inches from a person's eyes to the top of the head, so that I should go eight inches higher for everyone to have a clear shot."

It took him two weeks and several trips to Home Depot to build the riser, which covered his driveway. I asked him where he'd store it. "Well, I don't know yet."

Gregory Page, a band mate and longtime friend of Poltz, was also performing. Page introduced me to a musician friend of his, a guy who



sat there in a sports coat and tie and didn't smile. Page and I were joking, but his friend looked depressed. Page was telling me about his dad being sick in Paris and his trip to visit him. He joked with his dad about how hard it was walking up three flights of stairs while his dad lay in bed.

I asked if he thought French people were mean. "They were even worse than they were last year. I try not

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to open my mouth much when I'm there. I just write my songs. I tried to speak French once, and I ended up saying 'I don't speak pork.'"

The woman who was throwing this party told me



she is going to continue having concerts at her house and someday open a club. I asked if neighbors would complain about the noise. "No, they are all here." She didn't charge her neighbors the \$40 she charged

the rest of the crowd.

I met a musician in the audience named Keri Highland. I asked her if she'd play a house concert, and she said she would, but that bringing her piano would be more diffi-

cult than an acoustic guitar. I asked her about bringing a piano to clubs, and she mentioned Twiggs having a piano she used. We talked about how difficult it is to get crowds to show up for local musicians.

The front yard was lit by Tiki torches and candles. It was small for such a big crowd. I was eavesdropping without trying.

I overheard two teachers talking about the first day of school. One gal on her cell phone was trying to talk a friend into coming to the show. Another woman was talking about ovulation and pregnancy.

I overheard one lady ask a bald guy to smile for a photograph. He put his hand on his butt to pose, and I said, "He looks like Right Said Fred."

I met a woman who was a childhood friend of the homeowner. She posed with her mouth to the Margarita machine. When I told her the picture may appear in the *Reader*, she said, "Just make sure you mention I'm a Vanderbilt professor." (She flew into town to visit friends and attend this concert.)

Page came up to me and said, "Steve would like to have a word with you upstairs." I had a flashback to the time my basketball went through a window as a child. I wondered if Poltz was going to scold me for something I wrote.

I followed Page upstairs to the bedroom. Poltz was tuning his guitar and stood up to shake my hand. There were food and drinks on the dresser, and I said, "This doesn't look like backstage." Poltz said, "Yeah. We should've painted the walls green." I said, "And requested only green M&Ms."

We talked about Johnny Cash, Ray Davies, and Stan Ridgeway. I told Poltz I had been looking for his CD *Chinese Vacation*, and he handed me a

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Poltz told me he plays several house concerts and enjoys them. He and Page started talking about Tom Cruise's engagement to Katie Holmes. Page said, "He proposed to her at the Eiffel Tower, while I was in Paris."

I went back down-stairs to watch the concert. The hostess was playing "Name That Steve." I heard a few of the answers — McQueen and Forbes — before going onto the lawn for a cigar.

I talked to a couple who met on a Catholic dating website. She was in Florida, and he was in Phoenix. They got married 11 days after they met and are now living in San Diego.

I met a British guy who told me to tell the band they can get wasted with him. I relayed the message to Page during their intermission, and he laughed and declined the offer. I went with the British guy and two women to their van. A joint was passed around, and when I refused, one of the women said, "Are you a cop? This

is suspicious. You better not be an undercover cop." The guy then went into a tirade about how alcohol is legal and pot isn't; how no doctor has ever prescribed booze for health problems.

As we walked back to the concert, the women asked why I didn't smoke pot. I told them I never have and never will, but refrained from saying something corny like, "I get high off life." One of the women told me that she was a Christian looking for a man who had the same beliefs and would be a good role model for her son.

When Page was called to join Poltz on stage, he said, "I always get nervous playing house concerts because there's no TV on."

They played for almost three hours. It reminded me of a time I saw them jam at the Ould Sod in Normal Heights years ago. Beneath a TV set. ■

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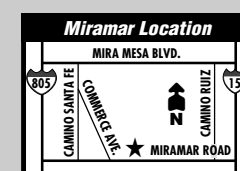
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by Barbarella

Dorms: The Next Generation

Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's noisy party than being there.

— Franklin P. Jones

Everybody shows up around the same time. They settle into their spaces — hang posters on the wall, unpack their favorite pillow, and organize their clothing, books, and CDs. In one room, a candle is lit. In another, incense is burning. Despite the various homemaking activities undertaken by dozens of different people, everyone is thinking the same thing: I wonder what my neighbors are like.

Ten years after my narrow escape from the slew of sexually transmitted diseases, I have adjusted to sharing my space with another — my life partner, David.

I've never lived in a dormitory, nor have I ever wanted to. The prospect of having "roomies" did nothing for me. Once, however, I came very close to joining a sorority — I was 18, and a girl from my biology class at San Diego State invited me to a party at her sorority house. There I was "booze and pizza'd" (the collegiate version of "wined and dined"), and before the

weekend was out — with a hangover worthy of medical attention — I found myself pledging the sisterhood of Delta Zeta.

I thought it would be great to join — to belong to a group and automatically have new friends! I convinced myself it was the life for me. That was, of course, until I was given a tour of what was to be my new home. In order to become a sister, I was told, you had to live in the house for at least one semester. I was shown the bathroom — a spacious, gym-style locker room, really, with toilet stalls, shower stalls, and multiple sinks lining a mirrored wall. Then I was shown my future room, where I encountered two girls on the floor between bunk beds chatting with each other while a third sifted through her clothing options while wearing nothing but a towel

on her head.

"They share everything?" I asked my tour guide.

"Yeah," she said. "Especially Rhonda. She likes hand-me-down guys, you know, 'broken in' by her sisters."

"Huh. You know what? The last three months have been fun and all, but I'm not going to be able to join. It's just not my scene," I said.

"You're kidding, right?" My tour guide had an expectant smirk on her face — waiting for the punch line. Greeted only by silence, she said, "But your initiation is tomorrow! Why would you go through all the pledging just to drop out now?"

"I'm not a good sharer," I said. "I don't do communal." Thus my sorority life ended before it began.

As ironic as it may seem (because I'm so open about my life), I require privacy. How could I relax in a bathroom filled with people? How could I groom and ready myself for an evening out while others were around, watching and chattering? How could I study? Watch my favorite programs on TV? Don't even get me started on the germ thing — with that many girls spitting in the same sinks and using the same showers, surely other microscopic communities would be moving in as well.

I tried living with a roommate — moving into an apartment at the end of College Avenue with my best friend. Less than a year later, our friendship ended when I announced that I needed to find my own space: She felt abandoned. I felt liberated. Living alone was better than

chocolate after sex. I could come and go without being questioned. I could leave dishes in the sink when I didn't feel like washing them right away. I could have people over whenever I wanted. Which is the funny thing — I always wanted people over.

I may not be into communal living, but I can't survive without a sense of community. I threw parties with a frequency that would leave even the most well-connected Hollywood insider dazed. Now, ten years after my narrow escape from the slew of sexually transmitted diseases infesting the Greeks on campus, I have adjusted to sharing my space with another — my life partner, David. Whether or not he's adjusted to sharing his space with me remains to be seen.

A month ago we moved into a new condo. Because our home is located in a newly constructed building, we are experiencing the mature version of dorm life. With 80 homes being populated simultaneously, the buzz and excitement in the air is palpable. Now that people are beginning to settle in, the housewarmings have begun (housewarming = an opportunity to show off your stuff, socialize, drink, and be merry; it's the adult version of the college kegger).

This weekend we attended two housewarmings. On Friday down at John and Todd's on the first floor, I sipped a blue-colored cocktail with fresh blueberries floating inside my martini glass and got to know some of my neighbors. Right before Alexia, drag queen extraordinaire, stepped out to perform in her kimono (which, I later learned, would be

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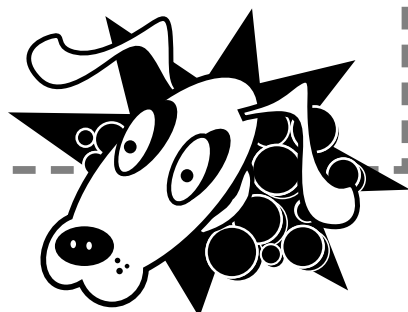
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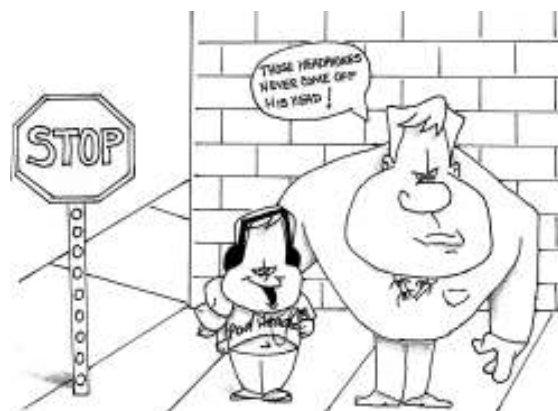
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removed to reveal dark and colorful lingerie), David and I were whisked away to view the interiors of a few more units down the hall. The party raged on into the night, but none of the neighbors complained about the noise, as they were all in attendance.

Last night we attended a milder affair, David and Lisa's housewarming on the second floor, which began whilst the sun was still high in the sky. Because we wanted to make it to Kip's birthday party on the beach before sunset, we couldn't stay long. However, minutes after we returned from the beach, the party came to us! I had just pulled a bottle of multivitamins from the fridge when the doorbell

rang. Upon opening the door, 15 or so people paraded inside — folks who had been at David and Lisa's and other neighbors, like Josue and Rosa. All were welcomed and given the grand tour of our far-from-finished home.

As people continued to pop in, I felt like I'd been given a power boost. Excitedly, David and I spoke of our plans for the place, proudly guiding everyone toward the terrace for the jaw-dropping finale of their tour — a 270-degree view of Cowles Mountain to the east, Tijuana and downtown to the south, and Hillcrest, Point Loma, and Mount Soledad to the west and north. After everyone left, I

realized that I actually enjoy "pop-ins."

Unlike college dorms, our building offers community without the mess and stress of communal living. Walking the halls from one friend's "room" to the next, I told David, "I love this place. It feels like one great big house. It's like our condo is a giant self-contained room that we can escape to when we feel like it." I now see the appeal of dormitories — I don't even have to put on my shoes to visit my new friends. This is my chance to experience the college life I never had! I think I'll throw a party to celebrate this next generation of dorm living. I wonder if wine comes in kegs... ■

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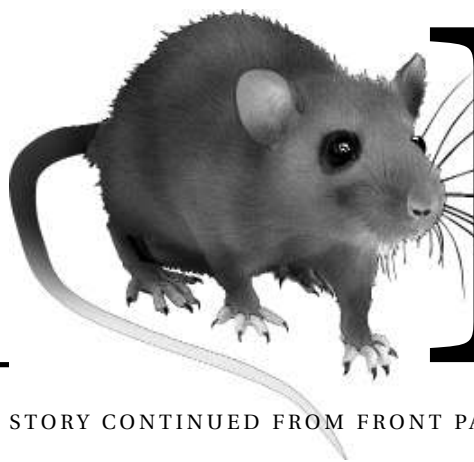
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Rats

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Roof rats, they're called. And, as you soon learn, roof rats can be dangerous. Hundreds of years ago, rats carried the bubonic plague across Europe. Today's rats carry pathogens in their urine, droppings, blood, and saliva and spread salmonella, typhus, rat-bite fever, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, and other life-threatening diseases. And rats can be maddeningly difficult to avoid, and even harder to get rid of.

For one thing, the roof rats in your attic turn out to be remarkably athletic. According to the pamphlet I was given by one local exterminator, rats can get into your house by squeezing themselves through half-inch openings. They can climb wires, pipes, brick walls, and stucco. In a pinch they can even pull themselves up sheer vertical surfaces. They can jump three feet into the air, or four feet across a room, and fall as many as five stories without serious injury. Once they hit the ground, they can gnaw through the lead sheeting, adobe, cinderblock, or aluminum siding on the side of your house or burrow four feet into the earth and work their way into your cellar.

Having discovered that rats are rougher and tougher than you'd ever imagined, you half expect the exterminator to show up in full-body armor, complete with visored helmet, polyurethane boots, and waste management gloves and speak in the Darth Vader hiss you associate with such getups. But real-life exterminators don't spend much time

dressed up like *Star Wars* characters; to a professional, even the word "exterminator" can be problematic.

Take, for instance, the young man I met at a 7-Eleven recently: "So," I said, having noticed the company uniform, which came complete with a corporate logo and nametag sewn onto the breast. "You're an exterminator?"

"No," he sneered. "I'm a pest inspector."

Call them what you will — roach-boys, rat-men, rat-catchers, terminators, pest technicians — the fact is that pest inspectors are professional killers. Death-dealers in the name of property, or just plain peace of mind. And why should the rest of us be coy about it? The pests we'd like to see exterminated are roommates who won't pay their share of the rent, who keep us up at night, eat our food, and soil our living areas. Needless to say, their personal hygiene leaves much to be desired. And of all the vermin common to San Diego County, rats outdo spiders, bees, bats, mice, ants, and termites in terms

of damage caused and diseases spread. When it comes to pests, the roof rat — or *Ratus Ratus*, as he is known in scientific circles — might be our most formidable foe.

Unfortunately, roof rats also constitute the fastest-growing pest population in the county. In fact, their population boom coincides directly with ours. And thanks to the new, hastily constructed houses that accompany suburban sprawl, there are more and more dens for the roof rat's iniquities.

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San Diego's snails, fruit trees, and abundant sources of water make roof rats feel especially at home, and "Pest Control Services" covers 16 pages of listings in the local phone book. American Pest Control's slogan — "Your Company With A Conscience" — was the first one to catch my eye: Established in 1962, the shop bills itself as "woman owned and operated." The idea, perhaps, is that women can snuff out a life more compassionately than their callous male

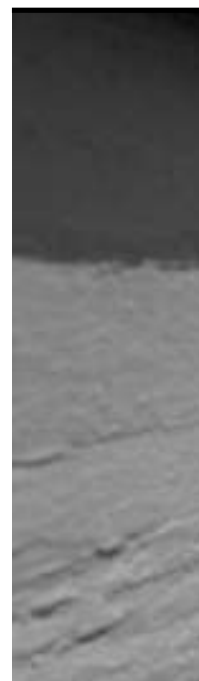
We don't see protestos singing the rights of

counterparts. But American Pest Control wasn't interested in a story about roof rats, and neither were the next few services that I called. It wasn't until the Hydrex Pest Control Company (which has been protecting San Diego County "since 1921") put me in touch with their pest control manager, Mike Zaludek, that I found someone who'd agree to sit for interviews and let me tag along as he did his work.

As it happens, Hydrex also occupies the humane side of the pest control spectrum. Their self-described *raison d'être* is to provide alternatives to traditional, and potentially dangerous, chemical treatments. Hydrex is proud to note that it introduced the electro-gun for termite control and relies on heat treatments to avoid resorting to hazardous fumigation. Moreover, my impression of the company ratcheted up a few notches as I glanced around at the decorations on their office walls: a very large photo of Albert Einstein riding a bicycle, and a series of Bayer Environmental Science posters featuring common pests and ants. As I looked around at the filing cabinets, sales boards, desks, and computers, I heard a secretary on the telephone: "Okay," she asked. "Are you sure they're spiders?"

Mike Zaludek is 44, and when he introduced himself to me, I noticed that his otherwise youthful face seems to have been etched by years of smiling. Zaludek exudes a kind of high-energy, talky cheerfulness and comes off as amiably intense as a warm cup of coffee.

"When I was initially trained how to do this job," he told me, "it was toss-packs: the tools we used most were called toss-packs, and they were poison feedbags. You used to pop the attic cover



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and take a handful of these things and basically throw them around in the attic. And the idea was the rats, if you had any rats, would eat the bait, and then the rats would go outside and die, and then you wouldn't have a rat problem anymore."

The subject might have been morbid, but something about Zaludek's cheery delivery made me think that he'd be an excellent bearer of bad news — especially news con-

got sick and the stuff began to affect them, they were really being rodents and animals, and they would hole up someplace where they thought they were safe, and then they would die in some recess of the attic or in between the walls or someplace.

"The odor was just incredible. So we'd have these people who would call up and say, 'I have this horrible odor,' and we'd go out and look, but if we couldn't find it, it was, 'Well,

to go out with wire and mesh and some tools, try to find out where the rats were getting in, and lock those areas up. Get rid of them that way. I had pest control trucks, and I'd have my route technicians and my regular route guys do that stuff. I'd put the tools on their trucks, the wire and the ladders that they were going to need — all of that — but we just couldn't keep up with the volume. With a rat-proofing, the job takes a

ones inside, and catch them. Then we'll go back out and remove those traps; and once we've caught them all, the house should be rat-free.

"It's interesting," Zaludek concluded, in a philosophical tone of voice. "Rats are after the same things we are. In fact, rats have been commensurate with human beings for centuries. Food, shelter, and water, that's what rats are concerned with. And, of course, the house is



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cerning rats that have colonized the far corners of your home.

"Well," he continued, "the rats would eat the bait; that wasn't the problem. These multi-feeding anticoagulant baits were designed so that the rats would eat them over a period of six to ten days, and then, as they

wait a couple of weeks, and it'll go away."

"Now, pest control companies have always done rodents, but the treatments weren't very effective. So when I started to get into it, we got a great many calls from people with rats in their attics. Back then, we used

couple of hours, and you need to recheck the traps, because once you've sealed a house so that rats can't get in, the rats that have already gotten in can't get out. Whatever rats are in your house when we seal it are now trapped. Today, instead of baiting rats and having them die indoors, we'll seal the house, set traps for the

primarily shelter."

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Theoretically, if you were looking to keep your house from becoming a shelter for the local rat population you could head down to the hardware store, purchase the necessary materials, and seal and bait and trap

your house yourself. In practice, however, sealing houses is a major undertaking, and experts like Zaludek know that figuring out just where and how the rats are getting in takes finesse and experience — even talent.

“You get really good at reading the signs,” Zaludek explained. “Back in the day, we’d block up an area and kill all the existing rats at one house. But after a while other rats would come in through the same areas that we had blocked up. I began to wonder: ‘How do they know? What do they do, talk to each other?’ It turns out that they do talk to each other. They use pheromone trails.”

Ah, yes — pheromones! Rats don’t have a monopoly on the chemical. Insects use pheromone trails to find their way back to the nest, and human beings



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trail pheromones behind them at nightclubs, bars, beaches, any place where opposite sexes interact. (The funny thing about humans is that we’ve lost most of our ability to read the very pheromones we exude.) But rats use this nonverbal communication technique to convey a wide range of informa-

tion, turning pest inspectors into pest detectives, bent on figuring out just what the rats are saying about gables on your roof over the air conditioning lines on the side of the house. This, too, takes a certain amount of talent.

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Just as Zaludek and I

were winding up, a coworker of his slipped quietly into the room. He wore a clean, well-pressed, white Hydrex work shirt, with a red nametag sewn on the front. Zaludek introduced us: “Paul’s the most talented rat-guy on the West Coast,” he said.

Paul Esteban, 34, is the rodent department supervisor at Hydrex.

He’s worked with Zaludek since 1999. When the two of them worked together sealing up houses, folks used to call them “the Verminators,” and I could tell that the two of them must have made one remarkable team. As smiley, playful, and as talkative as Zaludek is, Esteban looks like a man who could simply stare down the creatures he runs across. He doesn’t look mean, exactly, but his austere eyebrows, spread over a lean face, make him look especially serious. I wasn’t surprised to learn that Esteban used to work at an environmental company, dealing with hazardous waste.

“My work ethic is very hands-on,” Esteban said. “I like working in pest control because it’s always different. You can’t just learn something and apply it every time, you have to go out and see the particular

elements of each job. Holes in gables, using mirrors to see around and under spaces, looking for rat grease and the gnaw-marks rats leave when they chew through wood. It’s always different spots where they come in: maybe vents, maybe plumbing, maybe gables. We seal them all with wire mesh, or cement, or hardware cloth. Rats are very intelligent. But I can outsmart a rat. As long as you set traps in the right spots, and you can find all the holes in the house and seal them up, then you will catch the rats, because they’ll have to go to the traps for food. You have to think like a rat.”

Zaludek had teamed me up with Esteban so that I could go out on a typical pest inspector’s route and see what the day-to-day work involves. The plan was to visit the homes of a

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few people who thought they might have rat problems and then to head out to a house that definitely needed to be sealed against rats. As a rule, pest control is a lonely calling — the kind that involves more than a little roadwork. Esteban, who drives between 140 and 200 miles a day, told me that his Ford Ranger — an immaculately clean vehicle with Hydrex logos on its sides — was only nine months old but already had over 43,000 miles on it.

"Before I got this job, I never knew how to read a map," Esteban

said as we set out. "In Guam, where I'm from, you take a left at the broken-down car or the leaning palm tree. Now, my map book is the thing I read the most."

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The first home we visited was a 9000-square-foot mansion in Rancho Pacifica. It looked more like a hotel than a private residence. After calling the owner up on an intercom, Esteban pointed out a few black pellets on the ground to his left. "That's bat guano," he said, matter-of-factly. I said I couldn't imagine a bat finding

purchase anywhere on the mansion's exterior wall. "You have to understand that these are very small bats," Esteban explained.

In Esteban's estimation, cases of roof-rat infestation in San Diego have doubled in just the past couple of years.

"They can hang from just about anywhere."

In the first attic we tried, Esteban found mouse droppings, which he described as "20 times smaller than rat

droppings," but no sign of rats. No footprints in the attic dust, no chewing on the ducts, no grease marks, and no droppings 20 times the

size of the mouse droppings around us. Outside, near one of three large air conditioners, Esteban spotted a dead field mouse. "Air-conditioning lines are high-

ways to the attic," he said. Walking around the house, he showed me a few other ways in which mice might have entered the house — pieces of chewed insulation, open ducts — and then, at a pile of woodchips, paused.

"There," he said, "do you see that? Beside the insulation."

It took me three or four seconds to see a bit of pinkish cottony insulation among the woodchips. It didn't look especially remarkable, but Esteban kept pointing with his flashlight.

"You see it?" he asked. "A tail!"

It took me a few more seconds to realize, but yes, the tail of a dead mouse was wedged between the baseboard and the house's overhanging outer wall. I felt stupid — the thing had been less than four feet away from my nose — but the more Esteban pointed, the more I saw, and the more I saw, the more I wondered at how much I'd missed in the first place.

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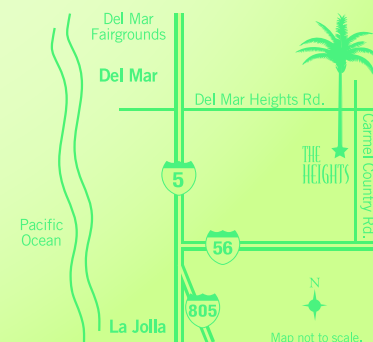


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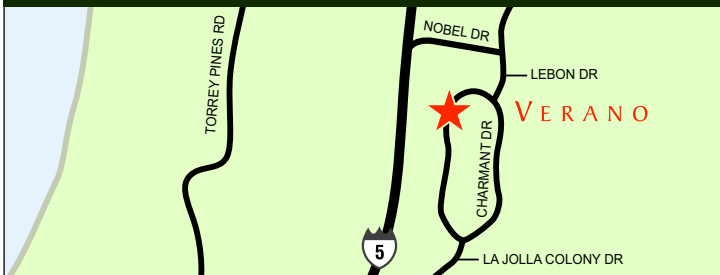
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might as well have put out a welcome mat for animals seeking rent-free residence. Esteban wrote up an estimate of what it would cost to plug up all the holes and presented it, and off we went. We hadn't found evidence of roof rats, but in Esteban's estimation, cases of roof-rat infestation in San Diego have doubled in just the past couple of years. He believes the population spike to be a direct result of the recent construction boom: Not only do these 21st-century rats have more houses to choose from, but the new residences are being built quickly, with more than a few corners cut. "Rats don't need to live in houses," Esteban told me. "There are plenty of sources of available food and water outside. But then you get a house like this last one — and that was probably a \$3 million home — and see holes and cracks and points of entry all over the place. Why wouldn't rats live there?"

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Our next stop was a much smaller house, in Clairemont. Hydrex had sealed the place years before, and there were no signs of further infestation. The traps Hydrex technicians had set in the attic sat in wait for unsuspecting rodents. A few years had gone by, but the peanut butter in them looked soft and tasty. Esteban explained that he uses peanut butter because it sticks on the trap, won't go bad, lasts a long time before biodegrading, and — most importantly — rats like it. (Cheese, I was surprised to learn, isn't at all effective; when Esteban sees cheese in traps, he knows they've been set by an amateur.)

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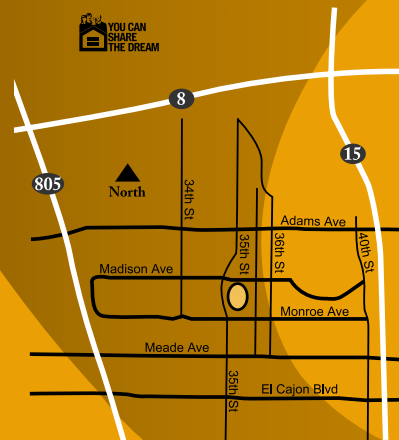
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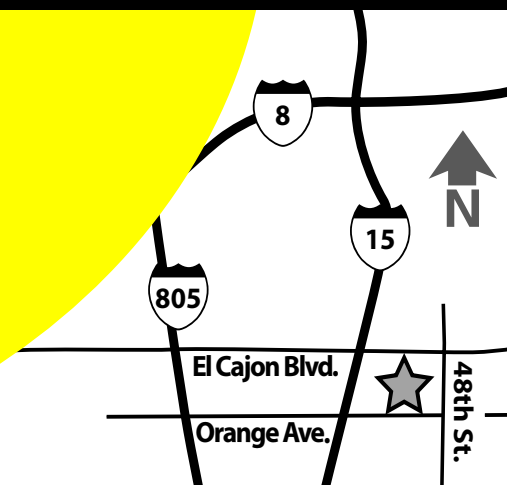
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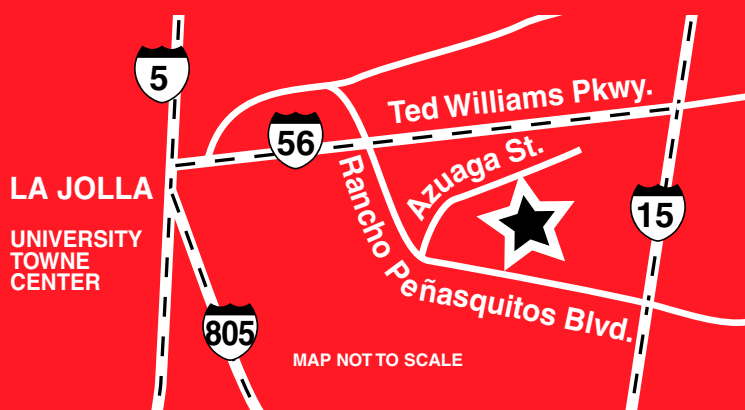
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rats from taking off with the unsecured traps, dying in some dark corner, and stinking up the entire house. "A dead rat'll give off a heavy stench for three to four weeks before it decomposes," Esteban said.

Hydrex's technicians like to set six traps per attic access, all around the opening. In other words, more than enough. Otherwise, a few rats get caught, and other, sealed-in rats start eating the trapped ones. "We've seen lots of evidence of cannibalism in rats," Esteban told me. "I guess once you seal them in, they can get pretty desperate."

Standard tools for a pest control technician include a drill, mirrors, a box of spring-loaded rat traps, a flashlight, gloves, sheet-metal screws, a staple gun, ladders, wire-cutters, quarter-inch hardware cloth, fix-all plaster, cement, mortar mix, and concrete patch. In preparing and sealing an attic, it's important to set the traps last, to avoid the risk of setting them off yourself after having set them for the rats. As Esteban showed me the successfully sealed attic, he wondered why the owner of the house had called Hydrex. But it turned out that her troubles involved rats outside the house.

The owner described rats scampering around the patio, crawling over each other, and dying in the swimming pool. "Some nights, it's quite a show," she deadpanned. But there was nothing Hydrex could do. "We can't seal your whole back yard," Esteban told her. "They'll still find ways to get in." Then pointed out the possible entry points: holes under fences, spaces between slats, thick bushes, power poles, and lines. In a crunch, the rats could simply climb over the fences

themselves. The owner — a dog-lover — was left with the option of securing a rat-killing cat.

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A week later, I accompanied Esteban and

Zaludek to Oceanside. Our destination, they assured me, was a house that really did have a rat problem. Before the real work began, they showed me more telltale signs of a serious rat infestation. Rats blacken

the places where they walk; the Oceanside home was covered with their grease stains. Next, they had me poke my head up into the attic and take a deep breath. The smell of rat musk isn't a horrible one, and

it occurred to me that its purpose is to attract other rats. But the smell is unmistakable, earthy, and 100 percent animal.

Upon entering, I saw that parts of the attic were slathered in droppings, while most

of the other attic areas — wires, wooden ledges, holes, and cracks of many sorts — had been blackened by rats. The marks reminded me of the time I'd spent stretching in the living room of my old white-



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walled apartment. When I stretched, I'd put my hands on the wall in the same place every day, then lean forward to stretch my calves. After a few weeks, I noticed that the spot I was touching had turned black. (After that, I'd broken the habit of touching my face with my fingertips.)

Rats leave the same blackness everywhere they go, and walking around the Oceanside house, I saw trails so clear that I could visualize the paths these rats had taken during their nightly travels. Esteban followed one track with his flashlight, showing me how, in one covered space outside the house, rats had jumped on certain boards, scampered over a rope and a wire, climbed up the stucco wall, and chewed through an area of old mesh. In the study, rats had gnawed through a window screen and walked right over the



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owner's desk. To illustrate the rat's ability to squeeze itself into the tiniest spaces, Zaludek showed me a decomposed rat skeleton, which he'd found in a corner of the attic. The bones looked collapsible, and much smaller than the rat they had once held up. "This place has a big rat problem," Zaludek said,

employing a good bit of understatement. "As we speak, there could be more than ten rats within earshot of us. And tonight, after we seal all of this up, they'll start trying to come back through their old holes. Unless they put out poison boxes, and try to knock down the exterior population, there'll probably be rats

living in and around this house forever, whether they can get inside or not."

As if that weren't enough, this Oceanside house also had termites. Zaludek showed me the signs: tiny "kickout holes" that are caused when termites kick out their fecal pellets through holes in the wood. After Zaludek

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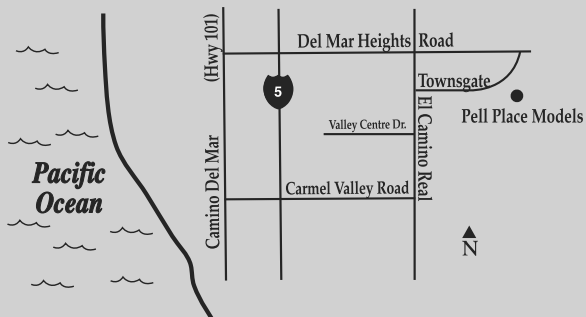
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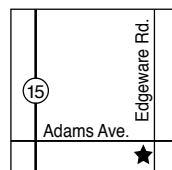
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had spent a few minutes telling me what termites can do to a house, and describing actions exterminators might perform to get rid of them, I realized I would never look at a hollow wall the same way again. Rodent control makes up only one-third of the business for Hydrex. Termites account for most of the rest. Zaludek told me that termites can take years to become detectable in a house, and by the time you can tell that they're there, the house may already be structurally compromised. Huge colonies can chew through beams, nest, reproduce, and chew through the remaining beams. And, unless you know what to look for (kickout holes, for instance), you might not even realize that termites are there.

There are some effective options for termite control, and chemical, gas, and electro-gun treatments can significantly reduce termite populations. But, having listened to Zaludek talk about termites clicking their heads together inside hollowed pieces of wood, I began to wonder if termites aren't the true heirs of our households, with the rest of us just passing through. Up in the attic, Esteban was screwing hardware cloth into sheet-metal frames and closing off openings where rats had been getting in. As he ducked under a low beam, he placed his flashlight down, facing it in the right direction to help him see. I asked if he could use a miner's helmet, the kind with a light on it. Esteban laughed and said he'd gotten nail-ends stuck in his head at least a dozen times over the years. "I usually wear a baseball cap," he said.

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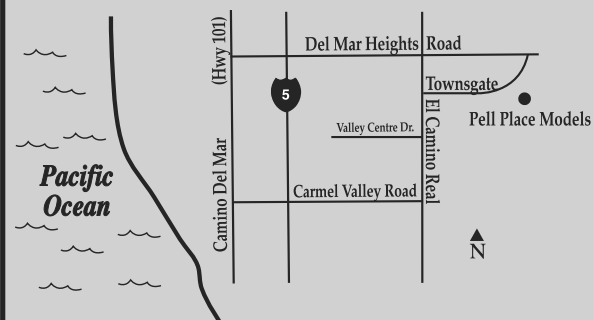
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traps. "I don't know any other companies who draw maps," he said. "But it's a really good idea. You don't know how long it might be before you come back to a place where you've set traps. And you also

don't know if another technician is going to come back instead of you. But these traps can hurt if you trip one accidentally, so hopefully the maps help." A few minutes later, Esteban and Zaludek were both

outside, perched atop six-foot stepladders, cutting and screwing hardware cloth over rat-blackened holes. They talked and joked a bit, discussed meshing techniques, then turned to the state of the pest con-

trol industry.

"It's hard for me to find good workers," Zaludek said. "We've got an ad in the paper right now, and they say there's an unemployment problem in this country, but I've got so much

trouble finding and keeping folks with good work ethics. That's all you need to get into this trade, really. You come to me with a clean driving record and a good work ethic, and I'll teach you all the rest."

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"That's why we're out here today, Paul and I," Zaludek continued. "The guy who was supposed to do this job called in sick, and there was no one else to cover for him, so we had to juggle all the routes and come out here ourselves." A bit later, in the course of screwing yet another piece of wire mesh over a hole, Zaludek said, "I could hire guys who don't work hard, who have bad appearances and who aren't friendly with people, and then I could really grow the business. But that's not the way to do it. Then, our customers wouldn't come back to us, and they wouldn't tell other people about us, and it would only be a short-term-gain situation. I can't work like that. So instead, we've got a shortage of good folks working for us."

Walking around the house's perimeter, sealing up vents, holes, and potential crawl spaces, commenting on the hot weather, and humming to themselves, Esteban and Zaludek seemed almost like surgeons, with steady and skilled hands that patched and sewed and cleared the home of outside infections. At times, they even sounded like surgeons: "Hand me that staple gun, will you?" Or, "Do you have an extra piece of mesh?" Without another word, they'd pass the tools of their trade to each other.

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tightly that no new rats could enter. A few days later, Zaludek or Esteban would return to check the traps. "That's the lit-mus test," Zaludek said. "If the traps are filled, we'll empty them. We'll keep on setting, emptying, and reset, until the traps come up empty, and that's how we'll know that there's no more rats inside the house. Afterwards, we'll come to clean things up a little. We'll use sanitizer and deodorizer, vacuum cleaners — that's when we get to wear those cool Tyvek suits." He laughed. "Those suits are scary," he said. And then he had an idea: "Maybe that's how we should do it. We could show up in full Tyvek on the first day of a job and scare people into thinking that the rats are an even bigger, more dangerous problem than they really are. That would be one way to grow the business!" ■

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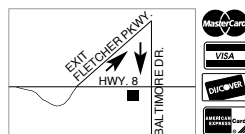
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This year, near the end of my senior year, I got a cell phone. My parents had become concerned that without one I would become unreachable in college. I was glad to get one, but I still have trouble remembering to bring it with me.

I like the idea of being free and not at the end of a phone. I don't like to be bothered during inappropriate times. My phone has gone off in class, and though I should remember to turn it off, it slips my mind. However, people don't pay much attention to such disturbances.

I used to hate it when people would come to my workplace and be on a cell phone while ordering food; it was a hassle to have them try to place their order without being there mentally. It's awkward and annoying to have to interrupt the people when reading back their order or when telling them the price of their meal. It creates a lot of messed-up orders. These people don't have the decency to tell whomever is on the line that they'll call them back later.

With the availability of instant messaging and cell phones, people now get in touch with others right away; it doesn't matter what else they might be doing. This habit is probably permanent. There are times when I will be out and see something I want to immediately share with my best friend. I try to wait until I get home because I don't want to go over the minutes paid for every month.

— Honora Swanson Bober,
Point Loma H.S.

I was 16 when I got my first cell phone. I loved being able to talk to anybody whenever I wanted. Plus, my siblings were all jealous. I think everyone should have a cell phone. They are convenient to have, especially when you get lost. (I get lost a lot.)

Cell phones do have their drawbacks. The worst thing about cell phones is that many people don't concentrate on their driving! The other day, a woman on her cell phone almost hit me when she changed lanes without looking or using a turn signal.

Other bad things about cell phones: (1) If you don't get the right service, you may be overcharged or the phone won't work when you need it to. (2) Some people talk on their phone no matter where they

are (movies, restrooms). (3) I recently heard that if you live near a cell-phone tower, you are more likely to develop cancer than you would if you didn't live by one.

Overall, I think cell phones are good to have. Instead of blaming cell phones for all the driving problems, authorities should crack down on the cell-phone users who refuse to use headsets.

— Angel Sonada,
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Cell phones are one of the greatest devices ever created. I was 14 when I got my first one, and it made me feel important. Now — four years and two phones later — it's not that big of a deal. I love my cell phone, but there are times when I wish they didn't exist.

For instance, I was at the local Starbucks reading the latest issue of *Sports Illustrated* when I recalled that my mom wanted me to call her. Only one problem: those little bars at the top of the phone that indicate signal reception had disappeared from the screen.

Cell phones ruin movies, dates, and relaxing dinners with the family. And they stress out a majority of the population. How many times have you dropped it or forgotten it somewhere? How many times has the SIM card gone crazy on you? Sometimes I wish my cell phone would get lost forever at the bottom of a river.

But, as much as it can bug me, it has saved my ass many times. Once, I was driving back home after a Friday-night joy ride. My father had told me he wasn't going to be home until the next morning, but his plans had changed. If it weren't for the cell phone and my brother calling me with the news that my dad would be home in 30 minutes, I would have been in the biggest mess.

My brother now has a cell phone. He's 15, and by what the bill indicates each month,



he loves it. My sister is 10 years old, and last year — after almost a year of pleading — she got a cell phone of her own to carry around. She really, really loves it.

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I have for some time admitted to possessing what I dubbed a "phone phobia." I had an irrational fear of talking on the phone. To those who know me, I'm sure my desire for a cell phone was ironic.

Our cordless white home phone has terrorized me for years. It sits on its tan perch overlooking the kitchen, living room, and dining room, threatening to ring and make me talk. It's a sad fact: I'm scared to use the phone.

My lovely T-Mobile flip phone is somewhat less unpleasant. It flashes an exquisite blue light when closed. Its sleek lines make me feel cool when I have it in view of other people. The main people who call me are my friends. Their smiling, goofy caller ID pictures show on the screen as my jazzy ringtone goes off. When my cell phone rings, it means someone remembers I exist and wants to talk

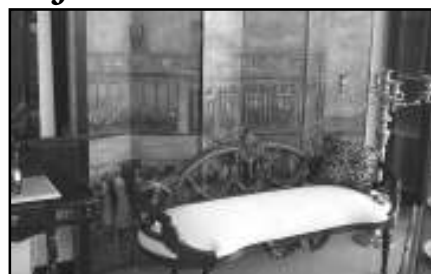
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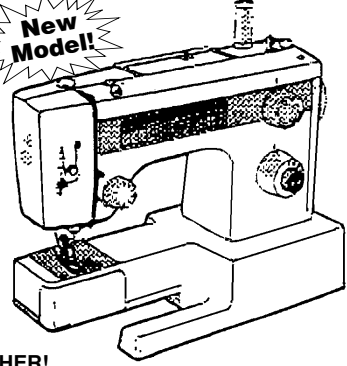
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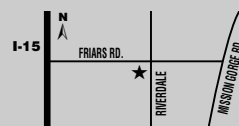
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My 12-year-old sister is jealous of my phone. Many middle-schoolers have them, and she wants to be cool like them. When she asks our mom when she can get one, I turn to her before Mom can answer and say, "When you're 16 and have a job."

No way would it be fair if she got one any sooner than I did.

I prefer Internet benefits such as e-mail and instant messenger over using the phone. Somehow, knowing that I can think and then write rather than just speak makes me think that I might come across as slightly less of a dork. It's wishful thinking, I know.

— Michelle Diaz,
Poway H.S.

My cell phone is my best friend. I use it to plan things for clubs, work, home, and entertainment. It helps me decide where I'm going, what I'm doing, and with whom. Caller ID allows for options, and text messaging makes passing notes child's play. Cell phones let us all stay connected. However, the side effects of cell-phone ownership include car accidents, rude eavesdroppers, loud talkers, ruined movies, and assurance that you will never have an uninterrupted moment while your phone is on.

My first cell phone was my father's beat-up Nokia that I shared with my little sister. We were given the phone because it was decided that it would make it easier for us to contact our parents for rides home. The phone lasted two years. Two years is longevity for a Culley phone, due to the fact that many of our phones have been the casualties of rain, bus rides, and cars driving over them.

The Nokia was lost during a field trip. My parents could have killed me, but six months later, they bought a second phone. My sister and I shared that phone for another year, until her 13th birthday, when my parents bought her a phone and in the process traded mine in for a new one.

Being on my third cell and at the age of 17, I can contact people in more ways than my parents could. Give me access to a computer, and I can e-mail, forward pictures, and instant message a person to death. I can do all of this without coming home. I can be active. I can work two jobs, travel to the other side of the world, stay up-to-date with my friends, and check my stocks. Face-to-face conversations are becoming nonexistent. Everyone is handing out his or her AIM names and cell-phone numbers because physical contact is a thing of the past. Stimulating conversations are held at two o'clock in the morning through text messaging or on a cell phone in a supermarket.

I would love to protest this lack of real conversation. I would love to throw out my cell phone and be free from the rings during meetings, but I can't. I've become too connected. Without the instant gratification of having all of my 78 contacts a phone call away, I don't know how I'd manage.

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As a young man, William Ellsworth Smythe followed Horace Greeley's advice and went west — but couldn't recommend it for everyone. There are Western and Eastern temperaments, he wrote 100 years ago. "The man with the Western temperament loves the unbuilt homes and virgin soil. He wants to live in a land where things are being done."

"The Eastern temperament prefers civilization ready-made. He loves the old home, the old associations. He loves the ivy, too, but wants to know that it was planted by his great-grandfather. When this man goes West he is homesick."

And when Western man goes east, he appreciates the old ways, but soon hungers for "the sight of the great, rugged mountains, the smell of the desert, the touch of unfailing sunshine."

"If you feel like that, young man, go West! You may not be successful in a pecuniary way, yet you will never regret the move."

Smythe wrote these words in 1905, in a book-lined study with a view, under a "seaward gable," of a growing San Diego, the bay, the Pacific, and the "bold promontory

of Point Loma." His bestseller *The Conquest of Arid America* was coming out in an enlarged edition. He had just completed a new work, *Constructive Democracy*, also published in 1905. Taken together, the books express what had become his calling: the quest for an "irrigated society," which he pursued with religious zeal.

The San Diego *Union* dubbed Smythe "Windy Willie" for his lengthy, sermon-like speeches. To others, he was a Progressive "theory-slinger" advocating "devilish" social reforms. In later years he was accused of real estate, "handkerchief farming" scams. He's a visionary water-tamer in novels by Ednah Aiken (*The River*) and Harold Bell Wright (*The Winning of Barbara Worth*). The latter hails him as the Seer, "ever dreaming of a new moral order created by irrigation."

Carey McWilliams: "Smythe was remarkable. *The Conquest of Arid America* might well be the bible of residents of Southern California. His essay on 'The Ethics of Irrigation' raises issues basic to the economy of Western America. Like most prophets, however, Smythe was largely ignored."

Born December 24, 1861, in Worcester, Massachusetts, Smythe kept pace to a different drummer. At 16, after editing his high school paper, he turned down a Harvard education to become an apprentice newsman.

The decision came, in part, from financial setbacks suffered by his father, William Augustus Smythe, a shoe manufacturer.

At 19, Smythe was editor of the *Medford Mercury*. At 21, he married Harriet Bridge and had his own book publishing company. When it failed, he took Horace Greeley's advice. He moved to Kearney, Nebraska, where he worked for the daily *Enterprise* and, in 1889, became editorial writer for the *Omaha Bee*.

Omaha stood at the edge of two frontiers: parts of the west were still wild; and the 97th meridian — which runs down the Dakotas, through Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma, to Texas — divides the country in half. East of the line, rain falls regularly. But to the arid west, rainfall is often nonexistent (topographical maps of America illustrate the point: the eastern half's in shades of green; the west, beige and brown). In 1889, Minneapolis, Wichita, Tulsa, Dallas, and Houston were expanding east of the line. The Great Plains had no such growth.

Proud Nebraskans resented talk of supplementing water resources. Things were the way God planned them. "Irrigation was an unpleasant word, repellent and depressing," Smythe recalled. Plus, large numbers of Midwesterners literally believed that, as civilization moved west, rainfall would too.

Everyone scoffed at the false-prophets: rainmakers promising artificial cures, like the "Australian genius" who boasted he could "assemble clouds in a clear sky and compel them to weep copious showers." He came up dry. So did the "wizard," a concussion-expert from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He swore that explosives in high altitudes could



William Smythe

bring milk rain from the heavens. He brought his scheme to Texas. "The result," writes Smythe, "was a loud noise. The theory exploded with the dynamite."

Smythe encountered a different water-tamer in the summer of 1889. During a brief vacation in New Mexico, the transplanted Easterner saw irrigation for the first time. A system of canals from the Vermejo River assured gardens and large orchards a constant water supply. "I suppose I had heard or read the word 'irrigation,' though I have no recollection. Certainly the word meant nothing to me until the drought struck Nebraska a year later."

"Only those who have actually felt it can know the terrible calamity of a drought," wrote George Wharton James, Smythe's early biographer, "the Eastern mind cannot conceive it."

QUOTATIONS:

1. William Smythe: "It always seemed that the Pilgrim Fathers were glorified at the expense of the Pilgrim Mothers, and I have often wondered how the Mothers felt as they looked upon the receding shores of Old England."

2. Hindu saying (quoted in *Constructive Democracy*): "Man is rich not according to what he has, but according to what he can do without."

3. Bolton Hall: "Life, to the average man, means hard, anxious work, with disappointment at the end, whereas it ought to mean plenty of time for books and talk."

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The drought of 1890 still ranks among America's worst. Rather than let them die of thirst or starvation, farmers shot their horses and cattle. Smythe watched these executions and became puzzled: crops withered and livestock perished "within sight of streams." He recalled the canals at the Vermejo and thought: Why not Nebraska? "There were the soil, the sunshine, and the waters, but the people did not understand the secret of prosperity, even with such broad hints before their eyes."

He asked Edward Rosewater, his editor at the *Bee*, if he could write a series of articles. Rosewater said fine, but Smythe had to sign his name. In 1890, championing irrigation "was considered little less than libel."

Working without sleep, Smythe gave himself a crash course on the subject. Ancient

civilizations — Sumeria, Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China — diverted rivers and turned barren land into regulated oases. They became, in Karl Wittfogel's phrase, "hydraulic cultures." Smythe even detected biblical evidence. Genesis 2:10, he claimed, proves that the Garden of Eden was irrigated: "A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers."

In time, Smythe became convinced that aridity was a blessing. In humid regions, centuries of steady rainfall wash away the soil's valuable ingredients. While arid lands contain "three times as much potash, six times as much magnesia, and 14 times as much lime. They lie there like an inexhaustible bank account on which the plant-life of the future may draw at will."

The education, and the

articles that resulted, changed Smythe's life. Irrigation became not "merely a matter of ditches and acres, but a philosophy, a religion, and a program of practical statesmanship rolled into one." He quit his job and "went forth" to crusade for his cause. "It was my rare good fortune to find a life-work, while yet on the sunny side of thirty."

For the next 15 years Smythe dove into his calling. He founded *Irrigation Age*, in 1891 ("the first journal of its kind in the world, as far as I know"). He helped organize the first National Irrigation Congress. He stumped like a Presidential candidate, giving speeches and publishing articles in *Atlantic*, *Harper's*, and *Century*. He helped found experimental colonies at New Plymouth, Idaho, and Temaha and Lassen counties in Northern California. These irrigation proj-

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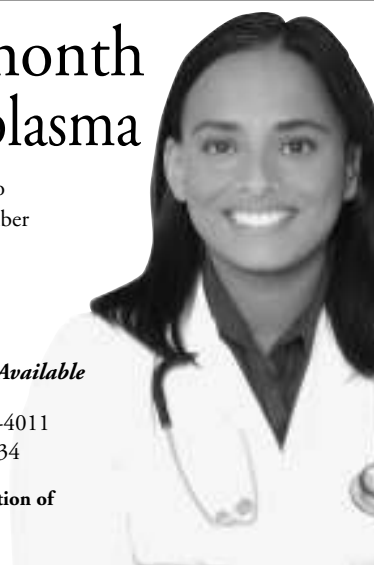
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He didn’t look like a prophet. Sporting a full, trimmed beard, his almond-brown hair parted down the middle, Smythe preferred tweedy suits and stiff collars to cassocks or hairshirts. He looked, in fact, like a confirmed Easterner — a Harvard grad, at that — taking a glimpse of the West. And when he expounded on the subject, his gospel of an irrigated society took on a secular ring.

“The battle of our time is between the people and

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The rise of organized wealth, along with universities turning out an overabundance of professionals, Smythe argued, created a “surplus” population. Unable to work the jobs they trained for, physicians, factory workers, teachers, mechanics — even preachers — couldn’t meet the “indispensable” requirements of life: a living, education, social interaction. “One of the ironies of the existing state of civilization is that it seems far easier to obtain a liberal education than to satisfy the standard of living it creates.”

To Smythe and others,

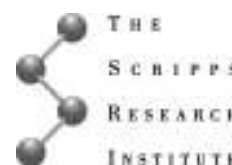
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legions of surplus Americans were a sign that democracy was failing.

As a solution, some proposed Socialism. But Smythe felt that, although it could be the system of the future, "society is not prepared for such a change." His plan combined displaced Americans with his dream of an irrigated society. Donald Worster: "...millions of little farms, in the hands of ordinary people, forming an alternative to the emerging America of industrial capitalist concentration." Linking cooperation and individual effort, the project might also spur "a grand chance for democracy to restore itself."

"There is nothing utopian about these plans," Smythe was quick to add. "They are practicable enough." Anaheim and Riverside had begun along somewhat similar lines. And Smythe dismissed headier schemes, like Brook Farm of the 1840s. Nine miles west of Boston, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Margaret Fuller, Nathaniel Hawthorne and others tried to create an intellectual commune. "At the end of their

first year, they had a surplus of philosophers and a dearth of men who could hoe potatoes."

Everyone at Brook Farm lived under one roof. Smythe proposed farm-clusters with the family as the central unit, owning its home and as much land as it could cultivate without outside help (one or two acres). Individuals would "rise or fall by their industry and thrift." Unlike isolated rural farmers, they would share the benefits of an organized community.

Borrowing an expression from Bolton Hall, Smythe summed up his vision: "A little land and a living, surely, is better than a desperate struggle and wealth — possibly."

In 1905, Smythe envisioned a pilot community of "Little Landers" that would become the model for a national, "colony-planting" movement. Three years passed before it could begin. During that time he campaigned for his "social revolution of the soil." He met with experts, including Luther Burbank, and learned the latest meth-

ods for growing crops.

Smythe also wrote two volumes about his adopted home: *History of San Diego, 1542-1908*. To finance the project, he sold subscriptions to one hundred "prominent" citizens. And though the paper lambasted his Progressive leanings, Smythe did most of the writing in the San Diego *Union's* newsroom.

Published in 1908, *History of San Diego* remains indispensable reading. Rare, hardbound sets now cost \$200. But they, and their priceless photos of yesteryear, are available online at sandiegohistory.org.

Writing the biography of San Diego, Smythe says, made him want to establish the colony nearby. His "surplus place" must be close enough to the city to enjoy its benefits, but far enough — 20 to 30 minutes by horseback — to escape its "hassles." His first choice was Old Town, in part because it was the right distance, but also because Smythe loved the site of so much history. However, a title search going back to the 1830s made the price

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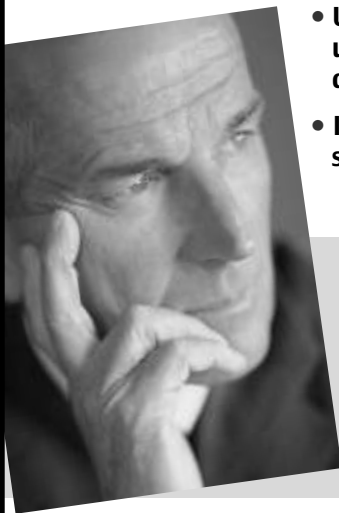
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prohibitive.

For five months Smythe and George P. Hall, San Diego's horticultural commissioner, inspected other possibilities. One day Hall came to Smythe's home, wearing a wide, "eureka" smile. Just this side of the Mexican border, about five miles from the Pacific, he'd found 550 acres on a south-facing mesa that sloped down to a river bottom. During the 1830s and '40s, it had been Rancho Tia Juana, owned by Santiago Arguello. Later it

became a small settlement of Mexicans and Americans, right on the border, but the disastrous flood of 1891 wiped everything out. Mexican residents moved south, to higher ground, and called their new village Tijuana.

When Smythe and Hall visited the site — present-day San Ysidro — few farms remained. Along with seeing a 50-pound watermelon, which they took as an omen, they were impressed with the dark, loamy soil at the Tia

Juana River bottom and lower mesa, perfect for alfalfa, small fruits, and vegetables. Combined with the red, sandy loam on the upper mesa, the place was "favorable for every kind of production."

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The practical prophet had found his Promised Land.

Next time: Rise of the Little Landers.

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The letter writers, American history class of Victor Esquer (in tie)

You Don't Know Us

Copies of the poem "Spic, Spic," reprinted here, were tucked into outdoor lockers at San Diego High School during the weekend before the November 7 election. The unedited letters printed below were written by students in a San Diego High American History class. These 20 letters were addressed to the *Reader*. At the students' request, we have removed their names from the letters.

Hello! My name is _____. I am 17 years old, I have been living in San Diego one year, I study at San Diego High School. I have the honor of write this letter because I would like you to know me a little by this letter. I want to write about a comments about mexicans I read in a flayar at school. It real expresses very badly about of mexicans who live in San Diego. After a mexicans work in bad conditions and the major part of the mexican working picking up crops, dishwasher, house cleaning and gardeners, I think why would American people speak like this about of mexicans. I don't think is right for American people to judges us because little do they know that we're trying to do something good for ourselves is that not normal for anyone. When I hear negative things about our race we feel very bad and at the same time it kills our illu-

sions, dreams and all our struggles seem to be worthless.

Thank you for taking the time in reading this letter.

* * *

Hello! My name is _____. I'm a student from San Diego High School, I'm in 11th grade and I live here in San Diego for about 5 years ago. But I born in Nayarit, Mexico like all my family. I read the flyer and I felt bad about this, because some people said, that illegal are the ones that make California a dirty State, and this is a big lie because illegal are the ones that work in the most dirty places and with the minimum of payment. Illegal all the time are looking for a job, they always go to the places where the owners don't ask for a social security number so they can stay there. I dream to be a Lawyer, so I can help to a lot of immigrants to make them residents so they can be allow to vote and to have the right to vote here in California and any other State of the United States, so nobody can tell them that they are the problem. This is my big dream. Thank you for your attention.

* * *

My name is _____. I am a student of San Diego High School, I am in the 11th grade. I am

17 years old, I am married I have two daughters one is three years old and the little one is three months, well I going to write about the flyer. I learned what some people think about the illegals. I feel sad because I am not a tick, I do not smell, I am a smart person and I have a culture, a pretty culture. A culture with a Rich history of painting,

dance and music. I came here on the United States to move my life forward. I feel I can't do anything, like a example get a good job or a good carrier. Today I am taking welfare of my two daughters but I don't want to stay all my life taking welfare "I want to work."

* * *

My name is _____. I am a student from the San Diego High School. I am in the 11 grade. I am a resident of this county. I have viled here 3 years. I came from Mexico and I be proud of my country. I write this letter because I read flyer. It said really bad things the people writing that don't have feelings, for us. They only care about money. What they forget is the fruit they eat and vegetable they eat are grown and cut by the same people they want to deport. They would do this at harvest time. Americans hate to clean bathrooms holees and many other jobs that make you sweat. What about the white collar criminal moboyos putting flyers at Banks. They steal our land and call us



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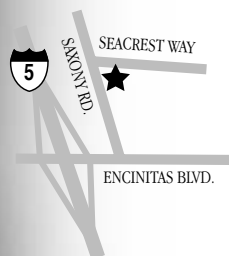
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My name is _____. I live in San Diego. I have lived in San Diego for three years. I study at San Diego High School. I am 17 years old. I

would like to express my thoughts about what was written on some flyer distributed at my school. The flyer describes Mexicans. I think people should not express themselves that way.

We are all children of

God. He has a heart for us. Yes other may say ahead faster in the beginning by doing these things. God will help us because we work hard. God help those who help themselves.

Thanks you for reading

these few short words. I hope I haven't offended anyone.

* * *

Hello! My name is _____. I'm a Student from San Diego High School, I'm in the 11th grade I Live here in San Diego

about 5 years ago. I'm from MEXICO D.F. I feel San Diego Like my second home. I worry about that bad things that happen here in San Diego and all USA, I think that we all do. That's why we should all get together every culture

to get this Country one of the better of all USA. Not at fault immigrants from Mexico that the only purpose is a place to live and a place to work, because if every one tried to at fault some one about the money that all California had lost so every one would have had the fault.

I'm a little sad because some people think that the worse culture and guilty about the bad economy in California. I think that they think that because they don't know this Culture.

* * *

My name is _____. I am from Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. I am 16 years old. I have been here three years studying at San Diego High School. I think that what was said about Mexican is not right. I get the wrong idea about this. This is how people. They are going to think it's true. They put me there at school, why so we could feel bad.

Thank you for your kind attention.

* * *

Hello my name is.... I was born in Cuernavaca Morelos Mexico. I am 17 years old. I am glad to be at San Diego High School. Also I have had a few problems here. I feel bad because parts of this community blame us for problems we didn't create. I feel like they want to throw us out and we immigrated legally.

I feel Americans blame their problems on other parts of the world instead of taking the blame for it. They are quick to point the international finger outside the U.S. We should be pointed inside first.

* * *

My name is _____. I was born in Mexico on December 13, 1977. I moved to the United States in 1991, at that year I enrolled in the eighth grade, now I'm in 12th grade at San Diego High School.

I want to express my feelings about the flyer that were distributed in some High Schools in San Diego, for me this was a disappointed thing, but not just for me but for other people of the Latino race that had read the racist contents of this flyer.

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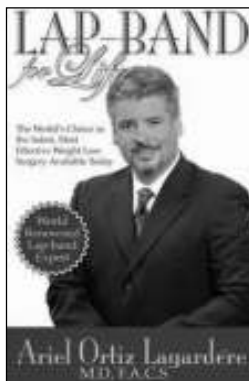


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Thanks for to take your time an read my letter.

* * *

My name is _____. I was born in Mexico City. I'm 17 years old and I been living in San Diego for about 8 years. I think that what they did by writing those papers was wrong about illegal people who come here to the United States to get a better life. I said this because we are not the only ones who are here

illegally here in the U.S. or in California because there are black people who came from Africa and Chinese people too. We are not the only ones who are causing the problems in California or other places of the U.S. There are many white South African that nobody mentions. That makes me feel sad when I heard it. That is

belong to mexico they are the inlegal people Because thaay came from another conuntry they attack mexico because they knen the mex-ico was a wheat country and they stole this states and know they have his proposition the they lont want to gire service the inlidal and they waant to work for the minimum wave they want to do maney

"Mexican families come her to United States looking for a better future. If you stop and think what type of work they do is usually the hardest ones, for example picking up crops, dishwasher, house cleaning, gardeners, etc."

all I wanted to say.

* * *

My name is _____. I going to San Diego high school I came from Mexico, acapulco my opnion is the I could not belive why white people call us inlogal persons or wheat backs before this state was

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When I read in a flyer at School I was border to know what people think about Mexicans families when they come to the United State. If a family is on welfare I personality don't think is because is a need in order to survive. Mexican families come her to United States looking for a better future. If you stop and think what type of work they do is usually the hardest ones, for example picking up crops, dishwasher, house cleaning, gardeners, etc. I don't think is right for American people to judges

us because little do they know that were here trying to do something good for ourself. Is that and not normal for anyone? When we hear negative things about our race we feel bad and at the same time it kills our illusion, dreams, and all our strug-

My name is _____ and I am Mexican and I am a student here at San Diego High School and I live here in San Diego. I like to listen to music in my spare time.

Well, I don't really like that they said in this [cartoon] that we're smelly and

"I'd really like to understand all this racism. Don't they realize that the United States wouldn't be anything without Mexicans?"

gles seem to be worthless.

Thank you for taking the time in reading this letter. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

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uncultured and illiterate. I'd like to tell these people that yes, we do have a culture, a culture that comes from some of the greatest cultures in the world — the Aztec, the Maya, and others. I'd like to know

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if these people know where they come from. We may not know how to read and write, but we're not lazy like white and black Americans.

I'd really like to understand all this racism. Racism is really no joke. I'd really like to understand why they're always picking on Mexicans, and on other immigrants. Don't they realize that the United States wouldn't be anything without Mexicans? Who would work in the fields? Who would take care of all the gardens? I'd really like to all this racism to end. And I'd really like to tell these guys would really think about what they're doing and saying, because, compared to a Mexican, they're nothing.

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My name is ____ and I'm a student here at San Diego High School. I've lived in San Diego for five years. I'm writing you this letter to set you straight on a few things. When I came to the United States I didn't come across the *border*. I, like many others, came across through the desert. And when I came to the United States I came with money —100,000 Mexican pesos.

And speaking of smelling bad, most of the time I try to wear clean clothes. I don't know you, but I bet you don't always wear clean clothes. And about my race — everybody comes from one race or another. And you don't have to have any contact with us if you don't want to. After all, you don't pay our rent, or buy our food. That's all I really have to say to you. I've included my address so you can call Immigration and report me any time you want.

* * *

I am a student here at San Diego High School. I'm Mexican and I've been living here for some time in San Diego. I never thought that there were racists like you here in California.

I don't know why you complain that you and other gringos pay the rent for my people. You don't know that my people work twice or three times as hard as your people do, and that you gringos hardly pay us enough for us to eat. You know nothing about my culture, and you should try to learn something about it before you sit down to write about it.

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My name is _____ and I'm 16 years old and I'm Mexican. I'm a student here at San Diego High School. I've lived in San Diego for four years. I'd like to talk to you about the illegal aliens here in San Diego, about how they're physically abused by their bosses and by other people, often out of racism. I believe that no one has the right to discriminate against anyone, regardless of his nationality. We're all human and have the same rights.

These problems have

been going on for many years, and I don't understand why. Latinos are doing the heaviest work, and they're capable of doing any kind of work, in order to have a better life, come out ahead, and give their children the kind of education that they need.

Mexicans are today the most discriminated against people in the United States. They say we have many children that are supported by the government. This is not true because we pay taxes, too. And we are the people who are the least paid. I wonder what [gringos] do with all the money they save by hiring undocumented workers. They also accuse our children of being drug addicts. Maybe this, in part, is true, but if it's anyone's fault it's the government's for not enforcing the drugs laws strictly enough.

This is all I have to say about undocumented workers. Thank you for listening to my words.

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My name is _____. I'm 16 years old and I'm a student

at San Diego High School. I've been in San Diego for four years. I'd like to talk about the problems of illegal immigrants here in California. The majority of undocumented immigrants are discriminated against because they're not citizens of this country, where there are many racists.

I think that all Latinos are very hard workers compared to gringos, and do more for this country than you gringos do. I'm not saying this to offend you, but it's true. Even though you discriminate against us, we work as hard as we can. However, Americans hardly work as hard as we do.

In truth, proposition 187 is discriminatory. If Wilson really wanted to get rid of all the illegal aliens in California, don't you think he could? But even if you did get rid of them, you'd want them back because you'd really need workers, even though Wilson says that he doesn't want them. Do you think that white people would work at the kind of jobs that Mexicans do?

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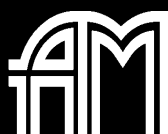
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gressed a lot since Latinos started working here. The truth is that every day we feel worse because there's more and more discrimination against us. We feel bad because of the things that are said about us: that we steal, that we're just here to steal from Americans. I think that we help Americans in many ways. Some American bosses are very tough and take advantage of us. For example, many of us who need very badly to work take whatever salary we can get in factories and in the fields. All for the good of California.

Excuse me if I have offended you. I did not intend to offend anyone. I wrote only what I feel about the situation. Put yourself in my shoes, put yourself in our situation, and try to imagine how we feel. Imagine what it would be like to go to another country and be discriminated against. You would feel bad about how you were treated. There would be some people who would say good things about, and others who wouldn't.

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us an education, which is one of the most important things for advancing in this country. Many people supported proposition 187 and it is the most prejudicial law against we Mexicans living here.

Thank you for your attention and for listening to my opinions and feelings about all the illegal alien situation. I think this new law hurts all of us. I hope I haven't offended anyone.

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My name is _____. I've been in San Diego for three years. I study at San Diego High School and I'm 17 years old. I would like to express my thoughts about what was written in those flyers that were distributed at my school. That flyer said many things about Mexicans. I don't think people should say things like that without knowing any Mexicans. I know the people who made this flyer don't have anything to do with our problems, but we are all children of God and I think that even they have the heart to understand this. It's easy for

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I'd like to thank you for taking time to read these few words. I sincerely hope that I haven't offended anyone.

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I'm _____. I was born in Mexico in Jun 8 1979. I want to say some things about one flyer that my teacher show as or better I want to express my feelings about that.

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Fulton is unlike the archetypical Latin bullfighter, who is raised in abject poverty in an either illiterate or semiliterate environment, and who views his public confrontation with a one-ton horned beast as a means of escaping the hopelessness of Latin poverty. Fulton's middle-class, Philadelphia boyhood had hardly prepared him to deal with the politics of the bullring (where Machiavelli looks like

Mary Poppins). But rather than be easily discouraged and slink back to Philadelphia as a guest on a TV show of the *What's My Line?* ilk, and meekly open a bar (standard m.o. among one-shot, flash-in-the-pan heroes), Fulton has persevered.

A small but volatile coterie of well-wishers has put together a razzle-dazzle affair to honor him on the eve of his latest moment of

truth in the bullring. The press releases promise prominent celebrities — Conrad Janis, Barnaby Conrad, and Gilbert Roland. Although none show up, their names are bandied about frequently. All the local TV stations are invited but none appear. Greg Dumas turns up for a few minutes — minus cameraman — then leaves.

Nevertheless, it's a scintillating slice of Hollywood, circa Cecil B. De Mille and Sam Goldwyn, and it is spectacular. The *mise en scène*, highlighted by red and pink fresh flowers and taurine art in varied media and sizes, complements the script. Although the chariots are missing, the grandiose banquet hall on the second floor of the Andalusia restaurant in La

Jolla hums with a supporting cast of one hundred, all eager to commemorate an event to be recorded for posterity in the annals of taurine history.

A subculture of second-echelon celebrities and sycophants travels midweek to La Jolla from Burbank, Redlands, Los Angeles, and Sacramento (lots of locals, too), garbed in a curious collage of *baja couture* — floor-length white gowns adorned with diamonds, minks, leopards; red golf sweaters, black sequined gowns next to wool pullovers, polyesters, '60s genre beads and turtlenecks. One fellow turns up in a gray-and-white striped tux and tails, a 19th-century morning coat. The aristocracy, the leading players, all



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The Andalusia crackles with expectations of vicarious high adventure, with prodigious appetites of epic proportion. Whenever some new personage passes through the portals, there's a flurry from the cast and stage whispers and asides from Pat White and Bertha Kelly, the PR people from Los Angeles. "That's Seymour Heller; he's Liberace's manager," and "Here comes Bob Vavra; he's Michener's photographer." (Vavra's twin brother, Rod, is in the room, too, creating a double-vision effect which adds a pleasant sort of confusion.) "Here comes Federico," someone whispers. "He's John's Gypsy boy.... Isn't he beeyoooteeful...."

Amid the mild hulla-baloo and no-host margaritas, our 20th-century hero, this contemporary slayer of dragons, strides in to light every corner of the large hall with his neon smile

and his aura of *wunderkind*. Appropriately costumed for canonization in a gray *cor-doban* hat that fastens under the chin, and a custom-cut, form-fitting *traje corto* and high leather boots, the swash-buckling presence of 47-year-old John Fulton immediately fills the room.

This American killer of fierce bulls, however, also has a sensitive side. As an internationally renowned painter whose work, primarily taurine subjects, hangs in the Yale art gallery and in the private collections of James Michener, Peter O'Toole, Baroness Von Trapp, and the late Adlai Stevenson and Ernest Hemingway. Fulton, clearly an original, has devised a unique formula of bull's blood combined with oil, which he developed after his visit to the caves of Almeria. These bull's-blood paintings are sold in his own art gallery in Seville, where he lives a great deal of the time, and are displayed in the Andalusia's lobby (where they're also for sale) along with a lush evocation of Lorca's immor-

tal poem commemorating the death of Ignacio Sanchez Mejias. Some say that it is Fulton's painting that keeps his bullfighting alive, that he promotes the glory of the *corrida* through his other art forms. (Fulton is also the author of three books. *Bullfighting*, published in 1971 by Dial Press, is an illustrated guide to the history, practice, and art of the *fiesta brava* and is considered the world's best layman's guide to bullfighting.)

Fulton regards bullfighting, with its dominating theme of man against nature, as a ritualistic, symbolic rite with religious and historical overtones, rather than as a mere sport (although his achievements have been acknowledged by *Sports Illustrated*). The somewhat xenophobic American press, however, seems to view bullfighting solely as barbaric sport, and Fulton, by his involvement, has been treated by journalists as something of a pariah. This is most probably due to the traditional North American perception of the bull-

ring's lack of relevance to American life, especially mainstream American life. But he is an engaging performer in every sense of the word. In fact, it might be said that he is in the entertainment business — the consummate artist, the purist whose taut, disciplined, perfectly proportioned body and rosy complexion is every mother's dream, every woman's fantasy.

Del Mar photographer Helen Drysdale, who wears an 18-carat gold impressionistic bull around her neck, describes Fulton as a "man for all seasons," and without prompting tells of their first meeting in 1963 backstage on the Regis Philbin show in Los Angeles. Drysdale was invited to photograph Fulton dressing for the *corrida* (considered a great honor in the taurine world). Donning the suit of lights has been equated to a ceremonial, ritualistic preparation for death. It can take an hour or more. "I watched the metamorphosis on John's face with every article of

clothing he put on. It was fascinating," recalls Drysdale. "You could feel the tremendous amount of tension in the dressing room — the perspiration, the intensity, the electricity — it was all there, down to putting on the religious medallions and lighting the votive candles." (Every bullring in the world contains a chapel complete with a priest supplying wafers — just in case.) "It was a memorable experience just being in the same room witnessing his perfection — in the Greek sense of the word. I was awestruck," continues Drysdale. "I thought, 'Now, here is the classic fulfillment of the American Dream — choosing a culture alien to his own and chasing it.'"

According to Drysdale, Fulton has designed several sets of *trajes de luces* (suits of lights), the traditional spangled outfit that the matador wears in the ring. One is an Aztec design, another is a Mayan one, plus his own *traje de luz*, featuring a Greek motif. This is a throwback, of course, to

ancient Greece, where young males with beautiful physiques fought wild beasts in order to prove their strength, and it reveals Fulton's continuing scholarly fascination with history.

Del Mar city clerk Mari Slater is a member of the Taurino Club of Chula Vista, and she is thrilled to press the flesh with Fulton. She tells of the next big taurine event in town — the National Association of Taurine Clubs convention to be held in August right here in America's finest, where aficionados from all over the U.S. will assemble in Old Town at the Padre Trail Inn. "As a body, we'll go to Tecate to run with the bulls, and then, of course, we'll visit the Bustamonte ranch," she says eagerly.

Wally Burdge, the Andalusia's banquet manager, is responsible not only for the 60-dollar-a-plate menu, a nine-course Spanish gourmet feast in which beef is noticeably absent, but for the innovative place settings, which include a signed, limited-edition lith-

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ograph by Fulton (the subject matter? Fulton in full costume with a big, brave bull of course) with a printed Barnaby Conrad explanation of Fulton, as a souvenir for each paying guest. Wally, too, is an original. He's the world's only English-language bullfight broadcaster; every season he calls the veronicas for Tijuana's bullfights — at both the old bullring and the new one.

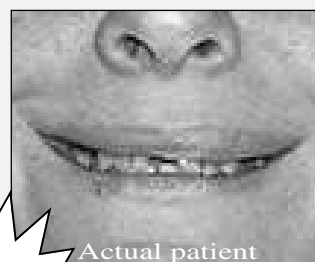
Formerly a jazz musician (he toured Spain playing trumpet in a Dixieland band), Wally claims he was bitten by the bullfight bug after watching movies in Spokane, Washington, where he grew up. "I moved to San Diego to be closer to the bullring — just for the fun of it. I saw my first bullfight in 1958 in Tijuana and I was hooked. From then on my life was centered in the taurine world. I joined bullfight clubs — I was president of the Mulateros — took lessons [in those days they taught bullfighting at certain San Diego night schools], gave lectures all over the country, and of course I got into the ring. I started with a calf and then progressed. One of the bulls I killed in TJ is stuffed and mounted downstairs in the bar," he says, pointing below. "But being an amateur bullfighter is becoming a very expensive hobby. You've got to buy your own bull, and they cost between \$400 and \$500 now. That's a lot of money to blow on a scary thrill that lasts only 20 minutes."

So Wally Burdge turned his talents to taurine art. He's now known throughout the United States for his pen and inks and his surrealistic, Daliesque bulls. A fine example of his taurine sculpture is encased in glass in the John Fulton memorabilia shrine (containing a bloodstained cape, *banderillas*, Spanish *pesetas*, and other fetishistic artifacts) in the Andalucia's bar. On the opposite wall is a life-size John Fulton *corrida* poster from the Real Maestranza Plaza de Toros in Seville, dated 1963. Considered the La Scala of the bullring, the Real Maestranza arena has promoted such notables as Manolete and Joselito.

Last summer Fulton the artist accepted a \$5000 commission to create a 20-by-26-foot montage of Spain,

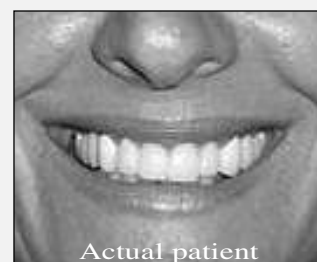
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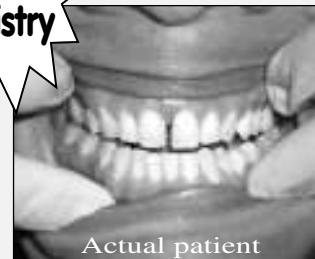
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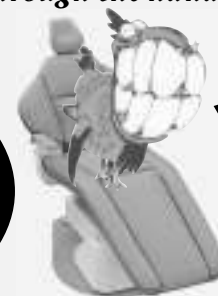
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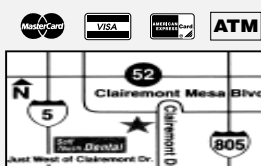
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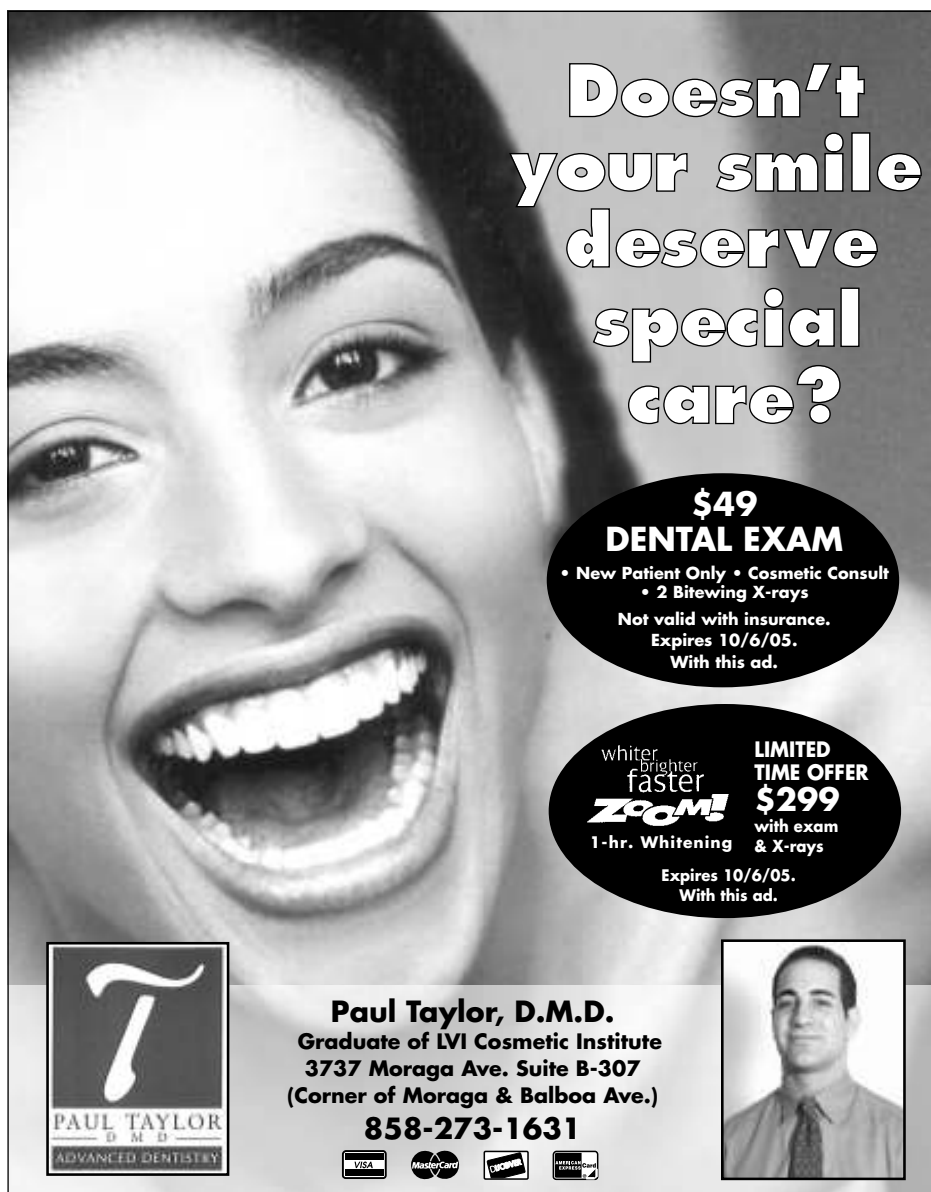


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and it now graces the Andalucia's lobby. "I flew in from Seville and had the time of my life doing it. The camaraderie was great — just like in Spain," grins Fulton.

Paul Dobson, Fulton's pal and part-owner of the Andalucia, and who has recently become a *práctico* (amateur bullfighter—Dobson killed his first bull in Tijuana several months ago), says that while the mural was in progress, he accompanied Fulton on his breaks out to the parking lot, where they practiced veronicas with a cape and took turns being the bull. "You should have seen the looks on the faces of the people who were in their cars driving past on La Jolla Village Drive. They must've thought we were nuts! Two mature men playing torero! The practice was great, though. It really loosens up the muscles. It takes lots of practice," says Dobson.

Another guest, Bill Lindsay, a 54-year-old San Diego-based customer service employee for United Airlines, is a member of the

Mulateros, an association of amateur bullfighters, and also a member of the Tau-rino Club of Chula Vista. He has flown to Spain eight years in a row ("Starting when I was 46 years old, mind you," he laughs) just to run in the streets of Pamplona with the bulls. Lindsay plans to fly again in July for the festival of San Fermín. "I got inspired from reading *Argosy* and *True* magazines. It's the most macho thing to do that I can think of," he explains earnestly. "Why do I do it? Because it's exciting! You run in the streets and the bulls *run* after you."

"The high point of my life is being here tonight," he continues. "I've seen Fulton fight in Pamplona, and I've filmed it. But matadors seem to be staying away from *here* in droves. There's a lot of jealousy between them, you know."

No sooner are these words spoken than Adrian Romero appears in the doorway. Several women shriek, "Adrian, Adrian!" They wave. He nods. Reputed to be one

of Mexico's top matadors, Romero, a pragmatist, says it's a hard way to make a living. "You've got to fight 80 bulls a year to make it pay," he claims, "due to all the overhead and the competition." His import business in Tijuana is more lucrative; he supplied all the Andalucia's wrought iron.

An atypical matador, Romero, although born in Mexico, spent his childhood in Battle Creek, Michigan, and then fell in love with a native San Diegan from a wealthy family, got married, and became enchanted with San Diego. Now that he and his wife are parted, the 31-year-old matador-cum-businessman shares a La Jolla condominium with Paul Dobson.

Enter Federico, known affectionately in Fulton's close circles as "John's Gypsy boy," although he is 22 years old. With grace, agility, and a ruffled shirt, he mixes easily with the guests, charming them by telling of his plans to return to Seville with Fulton so that he can pursue his own career in

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the bullring. Secondhand stories circulate that Fulton, who's been in Spain on and off for almost a quarter of a century, had heard about an extremely talented artist who happened to be only ten years old. Fulton sought him out, which was no easy task since the boy was roaming across the Iberian Peninsula in a Gypsy caravan, leading a nomadic life. The pursuit paid off; Fulton eventually found him, tutored him in art, took him under his wing, and showed America to this pre-pubescent son of Gypsies. Upon their return to Spain, however, Federico disappeared. Legend has it that he was kidnapped by the Gypsies.

After a long, Kafkaesque search, an almost mythic travail replete with imagery of galloping horses and lost little boys in deep, mysterious, alluring España, Federico finally turned up again, abused and mistreated.

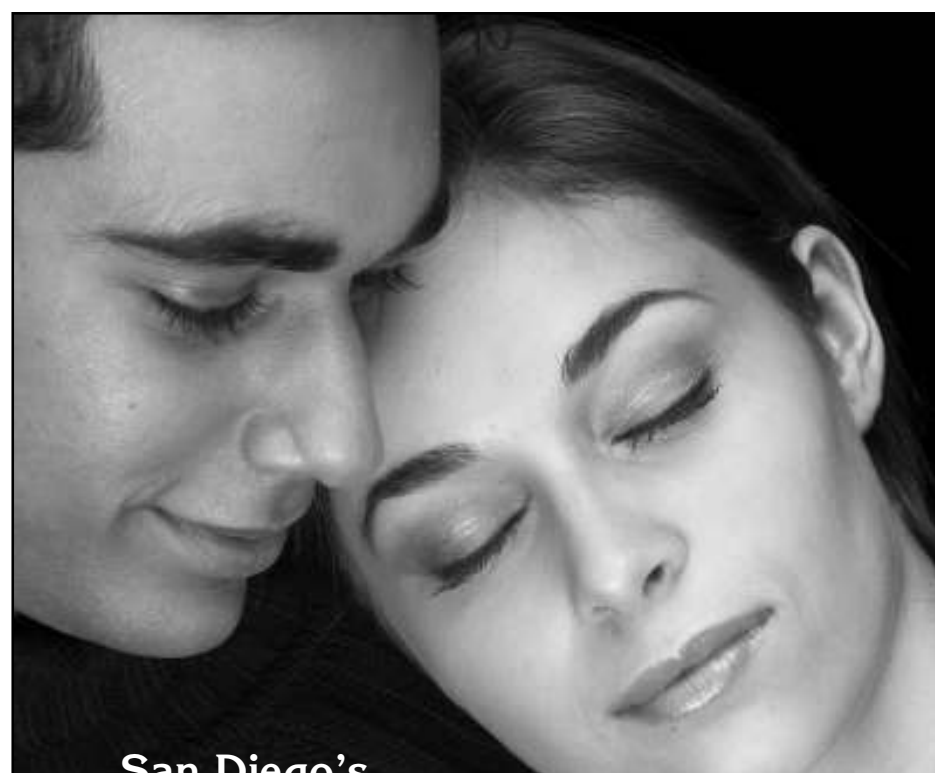
The story goes that Fulton petitioned the Spanish courts and, after a lengthy series of legal battles, succeeded in adopting Federico, who was by then 13 years old. Now, nine years later, they live happily in Fulton's three-story Seville villa with photographer Robert Vavra.

Table talk: A Sacramento art dealer and a Red Cross nurse from Lakeside sit next to latecomer Noel

Meadows, the doctor who tested and certified the blood content of Fulton's bull's-blood paintings for customs officials upon entry into the United States. Archrivals Norm Clarke from the Associated Press (who, incidentally, has also run with the bulls in Pamplona, and, more recently, in Tecate) and UPI San Diego bureau chief Stu Slavin ignore much of the fanfare, concentrating instead on the room-temperature Spanish wines, vintage 1977, as they laud the *L.A. Times's* recent spectacular scoop on the Escondido Sperm Bank.

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preens, table hops, blows a few kisses, and displays a solid-gold bull on a chain (it's dated 1963, the year he became an official *matador de toros* in Seville), and other elegant finery. As a *coup de gras*, a final display of his humanity, he reveals his makeshift cuff links, which are paper clips.

Between the seafood course and the strawberries Romanoff, demicelebs make the rounds at a few tables, either introducing themselves or being introduced. During coffee, a Hollywood-style roast in the Dean Martin tradition begins. The

boyish-looking Vavra, who admits publicly to being 45, leads the pack. He lays on a thick layer of Hollywood hype, dropping names irreverently (both Bogey and Hemingway are invoked several times: e.g., "When we were at the Hotel Mirador in Malaga with Hemingway"), and not missing any opportunity to plug his own photo exhibition, opening the following day at the Circle Gallery in Old Town.

Vavra weaves the expatriate tale deluxe, of the lean days in Spain and the first encounter with Fulton on a Seville street, peppering pic-

aresque reminiscences with sentimental metaphors, double entendres, and philosophical clichés. Finally he introduces veteran screenwriter and director of 58 epoch-type films, academy award nominee Budd Boetticher. The septuagenarian former *practico* (Boetticher's another who has fought in bullrings all over the world) tells Fulton vignettes and achievements and engages in film industry shop talk, which seems to please the audience; applause spontaneously bursts forth at the mere mention of an incident or the name of Anthony Quinn, Lee Marvin, Katy Jurado, and other big Hollywood names he directed. Inducing the cult of personalities with a Hollywood of the Forties theme, Boetticher recalls the first film he directed, back in 1935. "This film wasn't released — it escaped," he jokes. Boetticher is, of course, another original. At home in San Diego Country Estates, he breeds Andalusian horses and maintains the only stable of its kind in the entire United States.

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warming up all night and now they're hot. Boetticher presents the star to the audience. Fulton walks like a hero, he talks like a hero, he's charming, he's charismatic, he gets a standing ovation before he ever opens his mouth. He's got them in his pocket. "This is heady stuff," he announces with a disarming smile. He moves to the topic of inspiration. "My mother sent me to the movies on 'dish night.' She wanted a gravy boat. [Chuckles of recognition from those members of the audience who recall the Great Depression.] She's since regretted it. [More chuckles.] The film showing that night was *Blood and Sand*. It was presented as an antibullfight propaganda film, but I was 13 years old at the time and I was fascinated by Tyrone Power and the cape. I couldn't take my eyes off him. I was totally taken in by the swashbuckling stuff. I still am," he grins.

"My first lessons were in a barbershop in Philadelphia. The barber showed me some passes, some veronicas with the striped barber's towel, and that's how

I got started. I got a lot of haircuts, too."

Fulton proceeds to describe his first journey to Spain in 1956 on a ship called the *Independence*, where he paid his passage across the Atlantic by dancing flamenco. Then there's the magic mention of Michener and Hemingway (both of whom chronicled his life in their books) and a meandering Hollywood trip down memory lane while everyone in the room is loving John Fulton and loving each other in a bond among strangers unified instantly by their common idolatry.

Now the *jerez de la frontera* is poured. Someone shouts, "¡Venga los flamencos!" Fiery Juanita Franco begins dancing to the accompaniment of two guitarists and singer Remedios Flores, who is straight from Málaga (Juanita is from Solana Beach). As a teenager in Seville, Juanita had given command performances for Generalissimo Franco and Prince Juan Carlos (now King of Spain), and just a week ago for Marry Milner (of "Route 66") at a private party in his Del Mar home. And now, ladies and gentlemen, she dances for John

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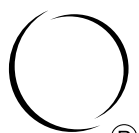
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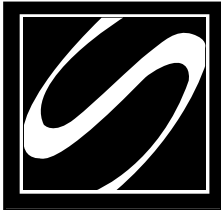
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Soon Federico joins them. His dark intensity adds another dimension to the already dramatic performance. Suddenly the room sizzles, as the eternal guitars play and the movements of the dancers seep into the souls of the aficionados and into the flavor of the wine, making the

gathering vibrant and explosive.

Fulton's expression changes from playful adversary to one of total domination. He's in the arena with beads of perspiration under his eyes and above his mouth. He holds his short jacket as if it were a cape. He clenches his teeth as the circle tightens and as the crowd closes in. The dancing reaches a fevered pitch.

Juanita Franco bows out. PR person Pat White, in flowing red chiffon, takes her place on the wooden platform, playing toro to

Fulton's matador. Federico bows out. He picks up a guitar from Rod Hollman, a.k.a. Rodrigo De San Diego, who was at one time Federico's guitar teacher in the little town of Ronda, in Spain. What a reunion! What histrionics!

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really worked on it.' So there's a lack of motivation sometimes."

THE DOG'S FINE, BUT THE DIRECTOR NEEDS WORK

"In general, directors want a dog that's well socialized, comfortable in any situation," says JoAnne. "Not afraid of crowds and noise and activity and things moving around. Like the crew, when they're moving part of the set. And you obviously want a dog that's intelligent, cooperative, that picks things up quickly, because sometimes you don't have a lot of time to teach a new behavior."

"We try our best before we get them on the set to get information from the director, but it's sort of like the game Telephone. The director tells the first assistant director what he or she wants, the first A.D. tells someone else, and on and on and on. By the time it gets to you, what the director wants and what you're told the director wants are two different things."

"Or they'll say, 'Well,



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the dog is just in the scene. He really doesn't do anything.' They neglect to tell you that what they really want is a sit-stay while there's a fight going on behind them, with people throwing things. Now that's completely different. It isn't just a dog sitting there. You have to prepare the dog for that sort of thing."

"Oftentimes when you get on the set the director

gets a little creative and wants to change things, and it's your job as a trainer to adapt as best you can and try to please them, because time on the set, with all the crew and equipment, is very expensive. But sometimes you have to say, 'He's an animal, and we haven't prepped for this. He's not a human; he has to be trained.'

"Breeds that have a willingness to please are going

to be easier to work with. Hound breeds are more difficult because they're very independent. Bulldogs can be too. They will work for just so long and then say, 'Uh-uh, no more.' Some of the toy breeds... Yorkies. Although we have a wonderful Yorkie. Golden retrievers have good natural tendencies — outgoing, like people, pretty much take things in stride. But eventually production

companies get sick of golden retrievers. Jack Russells [*Frasier's* "Eddie"], they're still popular, but I have had some situations recently where clients have said, 'No, no, they've been used too much.' So they go in waves. There are fads. Now, of course, it's chihuahuas.

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SAPPHO, THE STARLET

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Door opens. Four-year-old fawn boxer named Sappho, huffing and wiggling, straining at her collar, which is tightly gripped by Kithie

Gateley, her smiling, enthusiastic owner. "Hey, Sappho — Saphie! Hi! C'mon in!"

Once released, the dog becomes a shameless, wanton ball of wriggling, hopping, panting, licking, woofing welcoming committee. Having only a stub of a tail, she compensates by wagging every other part of her body, a typical representative of her breed.

"Daffy Saphie" (as only her very best friends call her) is a Hollywood hopeful. She has a professional portfolio of 8-by-10 glossies to prove it: a close-up mug shot; a standing, full-body profile; and a "trick" shot — paws, chest, and chin on floor, backside in the air.

Says Kithie, "I hadn't really thought about it until I just happened to be walking by Camera One, and there was a flyer for a trick-training class. My mother has been in obedience work with Belgian sheepdogs, and she'd been urging me to get the dog in obedience class." Sappho still prances, hops, wondering where the spot-

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light has gone.

"But the trick-training appealed to me, so we signed up." Saphie had honed her sit-stay and off-leash skills through the San Diego Obedience Club.

"Saph?" Dog tilts head, waits for cue. Kithie forms sock puppet with her hand; thumb and fingers open and close. "Grrarf!" says Sappho. "Good speak! Good girl!" Saph swallows another treat, reinforced with the sound of a clicker. "We work a lot with hand signals. If they're recording sound on the set, you can't have some voice from off camera giving dog commands.

"Hurt-paw, Saph. Can you do a hurt-paw? No, Saph. That's a — stay, stay! Hurt-paw, Saph..." Refocused, Sappho lowers her head, lifts one paw limply, her sad boxer eyeballs looking up at her owner. Heartbreakingly cute. "Good girl!" Click.

On command, Sappho backs across the room with a playful kind of hopping gait; shakes her head, dewlaps whapping wildly; follows an object with only her eyes;

shuts the front door; goes to a mark, waits, then whaps a bell with her paw; lowers her head, covers her nose with her paw, as if she's ashamed. "Good Saph! Good girl!" Click.

"There's a whole list of tricks we learn. She has so many by now. When she was learning, you could work on something until you get frustrated and wonder if she'll ever learn, and then all of a sudden she does it. But she probably learned all the basics in three or four sessions.

"What we're doing now is the skateboard." Sappho bounds to the door when the board's brought out. On the sidewalk, she briefly considers running at the neighbors' dogs that are yelping and crashing against their chain-link fence. Instead, she flops her front feet on the end of the board, sending it flipping in the air. "Okay, try it again, Saph." This time she gets it right and propels herself down the street with her back legs. Kithie trots alongside. "Good Saph! Good girl!" Click.

Back inside, Kithie pulls

out a colorful toy piano, with levers in place of keys. "Sit, Saph." The dog's riveted and immediately begins banging a paw on the levers, sometimes two or three keys at a time. "We're supposed to begin working on our own tricks. She loves to use her front feet, that's a boxer characteristic, so I thought this would be a fun thing to do. I think there's potential here, but we need one with wider keys." Sappho still bangs away contentedly.

"She's done real well. She has an eagerness to do what I want her to do. And I love that boxer energy, that joy of life. The only thing about her personality that makes it difficult is, she's so interested in life that when we're trying to focus on tricks there are times that — 'No, I want to see what's going on over there!' So when we get to Hollywood, this may be a problem."

SMART DOG TRICKS

Eight of JoAnne's trick-rich clients gather for their weekly class. A springer spaniel, Australian sheepdog, dalmatian,

Great Dane, three golden retrievers, and Sappho.

Pre-class chatter: "All the hours we spent there, and you see Pepper for maybe two seconds in the background."

"Hey, guys, I need glossies. I can't get your dogs jobs if I don't have pictures on file."

"Oh, yeah, we auditioned for that, but I guess they picked another dog."

"He used to be freaked by everything. But now he's so fixated on the treats, he'll do anything—ring the bell, stick his head in the garbage can...anything."

The Dal is learning the head shake. His handler gives the command, the handler's father, sprawled next to the dog, blows in the Dal's ear, the dog shakes his head, then gobbles his treat. Click, click click. "Good girl!"

The silent signal for "scratch" makes the owners look like they're auditioning for a role as a rib-scratching gorilla. If the dog won't scratch, apply cellophane tape lightly to his side.

The retrievers, of course,

are stars at holding things in their mouths. Sappho and the Dal look miserable the whole time. They finally replace the big rubber bone in the Dal's mouth with the handle of an Easter basket. At any trick involving waiting for a cue, the Dane is a standout. It never shows any expression. It's simply big and extremely self-possessed.

On a head-down stay, the retrievers look cute, the shepherd looks sly, the Dal looks cool and aloof; with all her wrinkles and jowls, Sappho looks adorably gloomy.

JoAnne tries a coordinated eight-dog rollover. "They have to be able to do it immediately on command. Like when the director says 'Action!'" Sappho and the Dal flip on cue. The others follow at their leisure. "It's important to get these on cue," JoAnne emphasizes.

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Humane Association a copy of the script and the animal action," says JoAnne. "Then the AHA sends out a representative to the set to oversee all the action, document each scene, and make sure the dog has food and water and shade, make sure they're working under proper conditions, that they're not working on hot pavement or something. Of course, we would step in, too, in that kind of situation, but it's nice to have an ally there, because it's the law. The AHA has the power to stop production then and there.

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and the behaviors to see what they were looking for. It wasn't really, really clear, so I spoke with the director. One of the things they were looking for was a Yorkie to chase a kite. We have a Yorkie who loves to play tug-of-war, so I said I'd have to get back to them, because I wasn't sure if the Yorkie would be afraid of kites. You have to check these things out. So I had the owner get a kite and work with the dog and get back to me as soon as possible.

So she called back and said, 'Oh, yeah, he thinks it's great.'

"The other dog, first they wanted a silver poodle, but the silver poodle was unavailable. So I submitted other poodles I have, and they picked an apricot miniature. Then they sent us a call sheet telling us where to be and when we had to be there.

"The first day of shooting I was on the set. The poodle was on a sit-stay under a dining room table, and

they were feeding him food. I guess they neglected to tell us that part of the scene was where the character of Michael Landon came over by the dog, picked up the child who was sitting in the chair next to the dog, and flipped him over. When you think about it, that required a very solid sit-stay. Lots of dogs would have been scared and out of there. But luckily the dog just stayed there.

"The next day — here's where we get the director changing things before a shot. It was supposed to be the poodle in a sit- or down-stay on the grass in front of a house while movers were going in and out with fur-

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niture. Then they added a go-with on a hand signal, where the dog had to go with the children, I believe, then the father met up with them, and the dog had to go with all of them. And this was all in one continuous shot. I wasn't there; thank God the trainer was able to handle it. I'd just talked to them days before — 'Oh, yes, it's just a stay, on the grass.'

"For the Yorkie's scene,

we were on the set for maybe four hours, even though the shot only took about 20 minutes. Most of the time, you're just sitting around. We always tell people to bring a very comfortable chair and a book.

"It was just incidental background action. The dog was just supposed to run down the beach one way and stay at the other end. They didn't tell us it was a 150- or 200-foot run, so the dog's

away from the trainer, running toward strangers, holding a piece of roast beef. So *dadun-dadun-dadun-dadun*, he's running one way down the beach like the script calls for, then suddenly *dadun-dadun-dadun-dadun*, he comes back the other way, right through the shot. It was pretty funny. It was like she decided, 'The roast beef is nice, but I'm going back to Mommy.'

There's no union scale for dogs, says JoAnne. "Some simple print jobs that may take an hour or so, you might get \$50. If we're paid to prep the dog, they get a fee for that. It depends on how much the dog works and how much prep time is required. Say \$50 to \$200 for a day's work. So if you're working multiple days and you're getting that, you might be making more money than you would at your regular job. But you can't retire or put your kids through college on your golden retriever. Unless you own the Taco Bell dog, of course. See, they want that specific dog now. They have to have that dog. So then you have a bargaining point."

CAN THE TACO BELL DOG DO THIS?

As the class rounds up leashes, dishes, and dogs, JoAnne tells everyone she'd like to start working on getting the dogs to open a refrigerator door and remove a can or dish. The Dane has already mastered that; the problem now is keeping her from immediately eating what she takes out. One retriever owner isn't sure she wants her dog knowing how to get into her refrigerator.

"And we'll be having a crew from Animal Planet filming the class. And next week, it's backflips!"

All eyes turn to the Great Dane....

A STAR IS BORN

In the current Fruit of the Loom catalog, two studly guys in plaid boxers are shown on a lawn, trying to bathe a dog. One, limbs akimbo, mouth agape, appears to have taken a seat-first fall into an empty metal tub. The second crouches nearby, laughing at the merry mixup, as a brown boxer leaps free of their grasp. The dog is Sappho in her professional debut. The shoot went smoothly. Sappho was a pro. ■

— Linda Nevin

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Trolley Dances 2005

A wall provides three dimensions. When we're on a stage, we just get the floor. If there's a wall there, you can balance against it, lean on it, run up it, push a dancer against it — walls provide an architectural opportunity," says Jean Isaacs, artistic director for the San Diego Dance Theater. Isaacs is the originator of Trolley Dances — choreographed dances performed at a handful of trolley stations. Over the next two weekends (September 24 and 25 and October 1 and 2), Isaacs's production of Trolley Dances will see its seventh year.

LOCAL EVENTS

"You look at the place and you see what the original intention of the site is and what it's like when the light changes throughout the day," Isaacs says.

"Yolande Snaith did a piece in the Mission Valley Library on a balcony that looks out over Mission Valley. The light during the day changed dramatically, with blocks of light which moved throughout the day depending on where the sun was," Isaacs remembers. "The piece looked so different from one showing to the next because the light was moving. [Yolande] knew exactly where [the light] was going to be at every time of the day and utilized it. Dancers used books in an inventive way [linking the square shape of the books with the square spots of sunlight]."

Each year Isaacs works with employees from the Metropolitan Transit System to select which part of the trolley's route will be used. Then she brings the choreographers to view each of the stops. "One year [the trolley employees] wanted us to go out through the new east trolley line through Euclid because ridership was not up on that part of the line,"

says Isaacs. "We avoided using the line to Mexico until last year because it was used so much, but then we just decided that we had to do it."

For the piece at the border, choreographer Jorge Dominguez had to go through a lot of red tape to gain permission to use the border wall. When the day came to perform, Dominguez was stopped on a technicality — he had seven dancers, but the paperwork only approved six. "They wouldn't let him do it," Isaacs recalls. "He scrambled around and found a messy warehouse place and made costumes for the dancers out of magazines. He had the dancers hidden amid cartons and papers. I went up and said, 'Where are the dancers?' and then the papers began to move. The space was much more interesting than the border wall."

This was not the first time choreographers were forced to improvise at the last minute. One year, while setting up to perform at Thirteenth Street and Imperial, Isaacs had to move her dancers because "somebody peed on the wall and the ammonia smell was overwhelming to the dancers."

One of the most memorable pieces for Isaacs was choreographed by Kim Epifano from the Bay Area and performed along the San Diego River in Mission Valley. "She assembled a group of people who were good at speaking as well as dancing. A percussionist played on those big yellow drums that sit under the freeway. He hung chimes in the trees and played those." Performers spoke as they danced. "They led people through the traveling site where they saw the river, saw some of the trash, saw the beauty. [Performers] talked about the homeless. They worked for a months on the site and came to know the people [who lived there.] It wasn't just a dance, it was a piece that had a real goal,

which was to make people understand the value of the river."

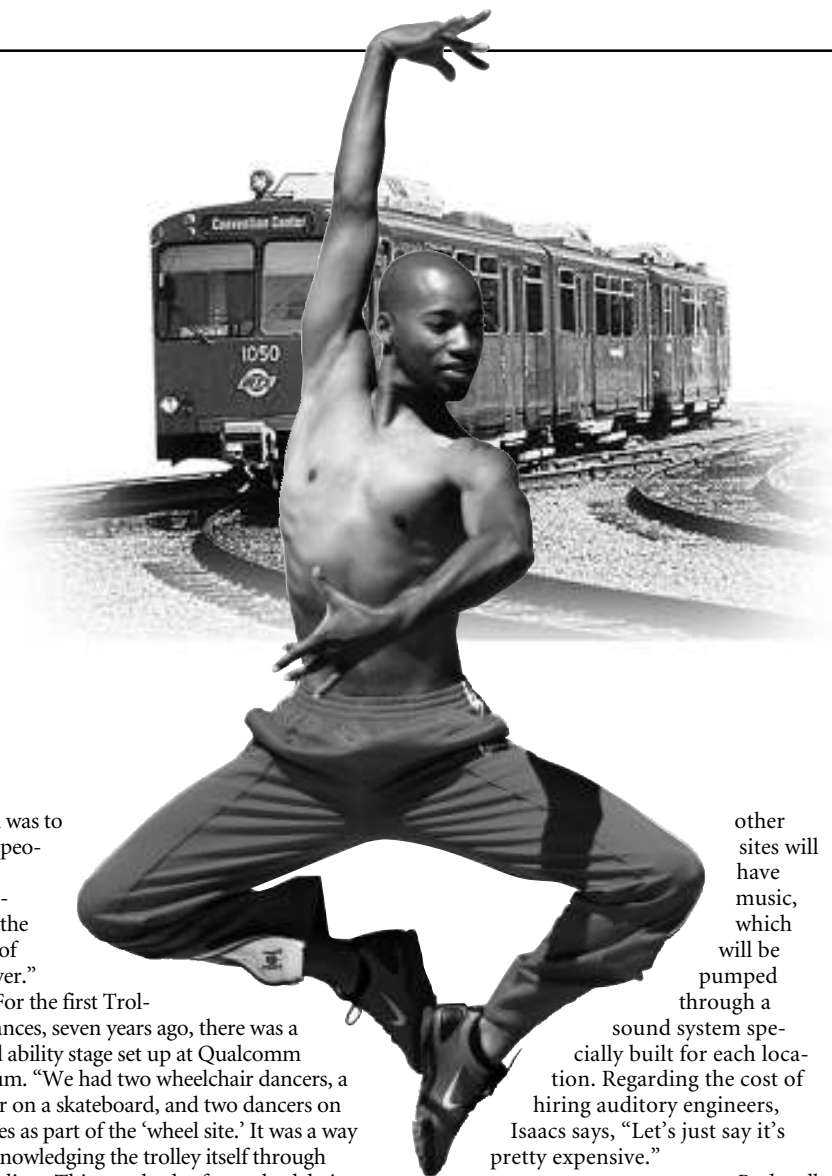
For the first Trolley Dances, seven years ago, there was a mixed ability stage set up at Qualcomm Stadium. "We had two wheelchair dancers, a dancer on a skateboard, and two dancers on bicycles as part of the 'wheel site.' It was a way of acknowledging the trolley itself through symbolism. This year both of my wheelchair dancers have left town. I am looking for more," says Isaacs.

About a third of the audience is families and seniors. Last year 1956 people attended 24 guided tours, or about 80 to 90 people per tour. Dancers perform six times a day.

Choreographer Wendy Rogers is planning a piece without auditory aid. "Wendy is going to do hers in silence in the tunnel at San Diego State. The tunnel is full of different sounds," says Isaacs, adding that when she was there to see the rehearsal, she heard "some little ticking sound" in addition to the echoing noise of the trains. Each of the

other sites will have music, which will be pumped through a sound system specially built for each location. Regarding the cost of hiring auditory engineers, Isaacs says, "Let's just say it's pretty expensive."

— Barbarella



Trolley Dances 2005
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BAJA

"Moonlight Poems" by Delfina Ramirez Solórzano, Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Piano Recital by Gema García Grijalva, Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura Avenida (Paris #5, in Colonia Altamira). Free. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

"South America in Concert" by Orchestra of Baja California, Thursday, September 22, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Gabino Palomares in concert, Thursday, September 22, 8 p.m.,

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TRIBUTE TO GUTY CÁRDENAS

by Classical Orchestra of México, Friday, September 23, Salón Teotihuacan.

(SEE BAJA)



at Antigua Bodega de Papel (on 11th Street). 011-52-664-633-9174. (TIJUANA)

Palomares also plans concert, Saturday, September 24, 8 p.m., at

Teatro Benito Juárez, UABC. 011-52-646-176-3005. (ENSENADA)

Jazz Festival, Thursday and Friday, September 22 and 23, 7 p.m., at Multiforo ICBC (Caldada Cen-

tenario, Zona Río). \$5 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Photographs in Journalism discussed by Maya Goded, Friday, September 23, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center

(Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street; 011-52-664-687-9636). Free. (TIJUANA)

Opera Music promised when mezzo-soprano Lupita Paz presents recital on Friday, September 23, 7:30 p.m., at Casa de la Cultura Avenida (Paris #5, in Colonia Altamira). Free. 011-52-664-687-2604. (TIJUANA)

See the Play *Divorciadas, Evangelicas y Vegetarianas* on Friday, September 23, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Peruvian Singer Carmina Canavino in concert, Friday, September 23, 9:30 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TIJUANA)

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Rock Concert by Fermin IV, Saturday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$9 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Mexican Gala by Orchestra of Baja California, showcasing classical and Mexican music, Saturday, September 24, 8 p.m., at Teatro de la Ciudad. \$12 U.S. (ENSENADA)

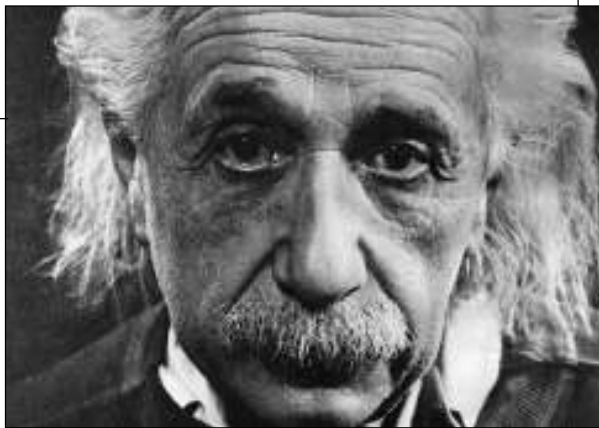
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International Bridal Show, Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Camino Real Hotel, in Zona Río. 619-347-7520. (TIJUANA)

Raul de Blasio in Concert, Monday and Tuesday, September 26 and 27, 8:30 p.m., at Tijuana

Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Nicho Hinojosa in concert, Wednesday, September 28, 8 p.m., at Casa de la Trova, Pueblo Amigo Mall, Zona Río. \$25 U.S. (TIJUANA)

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Equal Days and Nights everywhere on Earth, 12 hours each, are only one noticeable consequence during the time of equinox, either autumnal or vernal (spring). Another consequence is that the sun at equinox always rises from a point on the horizon due east and later sets due west. You could calibrate a compass this way if you had access to a true (unobstructed) horizon. Another very subtle consequence is that at mid-latitudes like ours, morning and evening twilight periods are shortest during equinox. >From San Diego, the duration of twilight this week is about 80 minutes; last June it was about 100 minutes.

The Smoggiest Days of the Year are most likely to occur during the next two or three months. Persistent temperature inversions (warmer air overlying cool marine air) are frequent this time of year. These inversions conspire with the mountainous topography of East County to trap locally generated air pollution under a low-lying lid. During the worst episodes, San Diego County's coastal area is the hapless recipient of additional smog sneaking down from the Los Angeles Basin. This often occurs when a Santa Ana wind condition begins to weaken: L.A. smog blown offshore by a Santa Ana may get pushed back our way when the normal sea breeze returns.

Chinese Flame Trees are starting to display colorful clusters of orange, reddish, or salmon-pink seed pods. Good specimens line the south end of Balboa Drive in Balboa Park, and Lake Murray Boulevard through San Diego's San Carlos district. Most of the remainder of San Diego's ornamental trees will continue to remain drab until November, the onset of "autumn" botanically.

The Art and Science of wildlife tracking and nature awareness is subject when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginner training on Thursday and Saturday, September 22 and 24, at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. \$50. Registration: 760-715-4102. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Look for Wildlife during night walk in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Friday, September 23. Outing starts at 7 p.m. at 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. Wear hiking boots, insect repellent, bring water. Free. 858-484-3219. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

Windansea Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper on Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m. Meet at end of Nautilus, next to shack. Free. 619-758-7743. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Hike Van Nuys Canyon and learn of canyon fire safety, Saturday, September 24. Hike starts at 9 a.m. at corner of Van Nuys Street and Cass. 858-488-4839. Free. (NORTH PACIFIC BEACH)

Bizarre Trees, cacti, and succulents star when Offshoot Tours hosts its monthly hour-long guided stroll to the desert garden on Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m., starting from park's Visitor Center. Free. 619-235-1122. (BALBOA PARK)

Rediscover Downtown Escondido during historic walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, September 24, 11 a.m., start-

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Learn About Mission Trails Regional Park during leisurely walks led Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, September 24, 25, 28, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Visitor Center (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Free. 619-668-3281. (MISSION GORGE)

Help Remove Invasive Plants and refuse along San Diego River — from I-5 west to river mouth — with Audubon Society volunteers, Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m. to noon. Wear work clothes; bring work gloves and weeding tools if you have them. Free. Directions: 858-273-5242. (MISSION BAY)

An Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Trekking the Refuges, view migratory waterfowl and wildflowers of Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, September 24, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Fire Recovery, naturalist Carol Stanford leads moderate 4.5-mile hike in Daley Ranch to see gains plant communities have made

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Observe Nature Restoring Itself in San Diego Audubon Society's Silverwood Sanctuary, which was burned extensively during 2003 wildfires. Guided walks offered at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sundays by reservation (619-682-7200). The sanctuary is located at 13003 Wildcat Canyon Road (five miles from Ashwood-Mapleview turn). Free. (LAKESIDE)

Spot Tricolored Blackbirds with Audubon Society birders in Lindo Lake Park on Wednesday, September 28, 8 a.m. Easy hiking.

Free. Directions: 619-280-7710. (LAKESIDE)

DANCE

East Coast Swing (Jitterbug) taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, September 23, 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)

Spinning, Flying, Leaping — Diavolo performs "on a variety of apparatus," Saturday, September 24, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$36, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

"Trolley Dances 2005" presented by Jean Isaacs' San Diego Dance Theater and Metropolitan Transit System, September 24 and 25, October 1 and 2. Six new works by featured choreographers in-

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“Bollywood Combos — Form and Attitude” offered by Samantha Riggs for Tribal SD Style fall bellydance workshop, Saturday, September 24, 2:30 p.m., at Stage 7 Studio (3980 30th Street). Original Bollywood combos taught, plus footwork, body postures, hand positions to create your own. \$30. (NORTH PARK)

Evening show follows workshop, with dancing by Samantha Riggs, Kami, Urban Tribal, Subee Djinn, Devadasi, many others, 8 p.m., at Kava Lounge (2812 Kettner Boulevard). \$5 donation benefits Oxfam relief efforts in West Africa, New Orleans. 619-519-1879. (DOWNTOWN)

Oktoberfest 2005 sponsored by San Diego International Dance Association folk dance clubs runs September 24 and 25 in Balboa Park Club. Saturday’s dance workshops run 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday’s Oktoberfest dance festival runs 12:30 to 5 p.m., with costumed dancers performing dances from all over the world, Polish and Lindy hop demonstrations, food for sale, arts and crafts. Free. 619-286-0355. (BALBOA PARK)

Free Dance Classes offered on Saturday, September 24, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., to celebrate two-year anniversary of Culture Shock Dance Center (2110 Hancock Street, Suite 200). Free.

Anniversary party begins at 8 p.m., with live entertainment from Culture Shock, Majesty in Motion, Heatwave Productions, Social Ballroom Company dancers. Open floor social dancing follows entertainment. \$30 per person, \$50 per couple. 619-299-2110. (OLD TOWN)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, September 24, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Latin and ballroom plus request dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. 619-275-3533. \$7. (BAY PARK)

All Things Swing Dance Party with music by Chicago 6, workshops, dancing, performances, games, on Saturday, September 24, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate “swing Charleston” workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginners: 8:30 p.m., open dancing 8:30 to midnight. Dance only: \$13; additional fee for lessons. 619-291-3775. (ENCINITAS)

Contradance to calling by Graham Hempel, music by Old Twine String Band, Saturday, September 24, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner’s workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak

Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instructor is Judee Pronovost on September 25. Beginner’s instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

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 Boule-

vard). \$5 per night, \$10 for series. 858-689-8947. (BALBOA PARK)

Wednesday-Night Club, mid-week dance break for West Coast swing and New York hustle, plus ballroom and social dance mix, September 28, 7 to 11 p.m., at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (upstairs above Valley Tavern, 875 Hotel Circle South). \$7. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

FILM

2005 San Diego Film Festival continues through Sunday, September 25, at Pacific Gaslamp 15 Theater (701 Fifth Avenue). Showcases more than 75 American and international feature, documentary, and short films; workshops, conference. Fees, locations, times: 619-582-2368. (DOWNTOWN)

Scandinavian Film Series at San Diego Museum of Art continues with *Pelle the Conqueror* on Thursday, September 22; *Elling* on Thursday, September 29. 7 p.m. \$8. 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Lady from Shanghai,” starring (and directed by) Orson Welles and Rita Hayworth, screens for Cinema Under the Stars, Thursday through Saturday, September 22–24, 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the 1948

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

The Animated Japanese Fantasy *Spirited Away* screens for International Film Series at MiraCosta College, Friday, September 23. See film at 1 p.m. in room 204 at MiraCosta’s San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Film also screens at 7 p.m. in room 3601 on campus at One Barnard Drive. 760-795-6612. Free. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

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"Surfeando la Linea," about surfing the border region, and *Letras al Margen: The Story of Fanzine Precursors in Tijuana*, *Aerosol Art*, *Mayra Carea* all promised during "inSite 05 Video Screening," Saturday, September 24, 6:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Subtitles. Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Poison DUST: A New Look at U.S. Radioactive Weapons" offered during Sunday Matinee on September 25, 2 p.m., at San Diego



Public Library (820 E Street). Filmmaker Sue Harris reveals "truth about radioactive Depleted Uranium weapons" used by U.S. in Iraq. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, September 25, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then dis-

cussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x125. (GOLDEN HILL)

Up for an "Outstanding Study of Catholic Guilt"? Lucrecia Martel's *La Niña Santa (The Holy Girl)* screens for Film Forum on Monday, September 26, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. In Spanish with English subtitles. (DOWNTOWN)

Premiere of "The Park" with director Tony Okun, Monday, September 26, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. What is value of urban parks? Who benefits? Reception follows. \$10 fee benefits San Diego Friends of Parks and Recreation Foundation and museum. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

In Honor of Banned Books Week, *Fahrenheit 451* (1966) screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series on Wednesday, September 28, 6 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, Hurricane benefit screening of *Forces of Nature*, Tuesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m. Minimum donation: \$10.

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

"Women Traveling Solo" illuminated by Paula Goldfarb, Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m., at Le Travel Store (745 Fourth Avenue). Tips, strategies, resources. Free. 619-544-0005. (DOWNTOWN)

"Einstein's Greatest Theory" illuminated by astrophysicist Kim Griest on Saturday, September 24, 1 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Five Genealogical Mavens Present Case Journeys" for North San Diego County Genealogical Society fall seminar, Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at

Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). \$15 for nonmembers. 858-453-8469. (CARLSBAD)

"Human Rights: Labor Speaks Out" — labor activists Jennifer Badgely, Elizabeth Maldonado, Brian Polejes discuss human rights as related to wages, job security, health care coverage, and pensions for Museum of Human Rights. Panel discussion starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 24, at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. 619-223-8074. (MISSION VALLEY)

Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls workshop offered Saturday, September 24, 3 p.m., at Back from Tombocou (3564 Adams Avenue). Participants learn to make sugar skulls with mold, complete decorated skull. \$15 fee includes materials, tools. Reservations: 619-282-8708. Classes on various dates through October 29. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

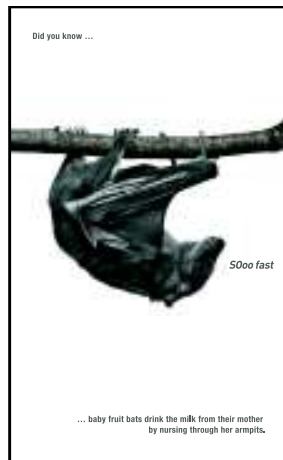


"Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget," landscape designer Jan Tubiolo demonstrates why xeriscape is not "zeroscape," Saturday, September 24, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Lecture, garden tour. \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Constellation Work: The Field of Knowing in Action" is subject when Anne Beversdorf offers lecture, demonstration for Cadent Cross Institute on Saturday, September 24, 1 p.m., at Joyce

Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

Could an Earthquake Wreak Havoc on San Diego to the extent



New Orleans has been affected by a hurricane? SDSU geology professor Patrick L. Abbott examines "Earthquakes" and answers questions when Association for Rational Inquiry meets, Sunday, September 25, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-421-5844. (HILLCREST)

"Living in Secular Europe: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" — panel discussion by individuals who've lived there, Sunday, September 25, 2 p.m., at Philosophical Library (507 South Escondido Boulevard). Donation: \$5. 760-745-2724. (ESCONDIDO)

Celebrity Chef Dave Lieberman (*Young and Hungry*) prepares some signature dishes, Sunday, September 25, 1 p.m., at Macy's School of Cooking (Mission Valley shopping center, 1555 Camino de la Reina). Free. 619-299-9811 x4231. (MISSION VALLEY)

Plumeria Expert Richard Eggenberger (*The Handbook on Plumeria Culture*) speaks for Southern California Plumeria Society on Sunday, September 25, 1 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 207. Free. 619-443-4795 or 760-451-1472. (BALBOA PARK)

Sample Rooibos Blends during monthly tea tasting, Sunday,

September 25, 4 p.m., at Infusions of Tea (8750 Genesee Avenue, suite 258). \$5. Required reservations: 858-450-6500. (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)

"Ultimate Relaxation and Recharge" offered by Rose Stanfill and Kathy Lee Kappmeier, Sunday, September 25, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Rancho San Diego Yoga Center (2940 Jamacha Road). Participants learn yoga techniques, herbal strategies to "achieve true restfulness." \$50. 619-299-2897. (EL CAJON)

Refresher and Beginning Genealogy course taught by Margaret Read for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Mondays through 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)

"Educational Equity Crisis in Higher Education Forum," Monday, September 26, 6 p.m., at San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive). Panelists Andrea Guerrero, Sharon Elise, Joe Farmer, Jorge Mariscal, Isidro Ortiz, Gwen Patrick-Bui, Jarad Sanchez explore issues and concerns for low-income families, people of color. Free. 760-750-3500. (SAN MARCOS)

"Report from Israel/Palestine" promised when Voices of Women review recent events with Doris Bitar, Nader Elbanna, Miko Peled, Monday, September 26, 5:30 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Free. RSVP by September 24: 858-642-6770. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Living With Urban Wildlife: Co-Existing With Coyotes and Other Critters" — seminar examining coyote biology and behavior, teaching children to respect wildlife, back yard habitats, Monday, September 26, 6 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). Demonstration of "coyote rollers," printed materials. Free. 619-794-0248. (ENCINITAS)

First Amendment Attorney Randal Morrison examines "frontier cases" now in lower courts when Atheist Coalition of San Diego gathers on Tuesday,

September 27, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

"Using Your Computer as a Research Tool" is topic when Barbara Renick speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical



Society on Tuesday, September 27, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

Modern-Day Indian Communities in northern Baja California and archaeological remains located around those communities examined when SDSU anthropology professor Lynn Gamble speaks for San Diego County Archeological Society, Tuesday, September 27, 7:30 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Ranch House. Free. 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"The Changing Face of Marriage" explored by Maggie Gallagher and Jonathan Rauch for "Current Issues Forum of San Diego" series on Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free; for required reservations, call 619-594-3095. (BALBOA PARK)

Best Fall Day Hikes illuminated on Tuesday, September 27, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); and on Wednesday, September 28, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Gear, nutrition,

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“New Zealand Birds: Past, Present, and Future” illuminated when SDSU geography professor emeritus Phil Pryde speaks for Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Japanese Flower Arrangements by teachers from various schools of ikebana showcased when Ikebana International gathers, Wednesday, September 28, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Flower arranging workshop follows. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

“Bread and Circuses — Staples of Western Culture?” Discussion and debate, Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

“Navigating With *National Geographic*,” Jeff Caufield demonstrates how to use GPS with a map for planning backcountry adventure. Talks on Wednesday, September 28, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); and on Thursday, September 29, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)


“Hook Down, Cleared to Land: Experiences of a Female Naval Aviator” offered when Vicki Fischbeck speaks Thursday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., at San Diego Aerospace Museum. Fischbeck joined U.S. Navy as an aircraft mechanic, earned her wings in 1985, currently flies for UPS. \$15. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

Meet the Paw Paw Fruit when California Rare Fruit Growers gather on Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. The fruit originated in America’s East-

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Autumn view of Doane Pond

This easy tour of Palomar’s Lower Doane Valley and French Valley is good to explore first. Start walking at the large parking lot at Doane Pond, which is located about two miles beyond the state park entrance. Pick up the Doane Valley Nature Trail, following Doane Creek downstream. Along the bank grow box elder trees, creek dogwood, wild strawberry, mountain currant, and Sierra gooseberry — uncommon flora for such a southern locale. You sidle by a massive incense-cedar tree towering well over 100 feet, easy enough to mistake as a sequoia redwood.

After 0.3 mile, the nature trail curves and climbs around a hill to connect with Doane Valley Campground. That’s the way to go for a quick return, but for a longer (three-mile) walk, stay left and continue on the Weir Trail. Ahead you follow Doane Creek through white fir and incense-cedar forest. Continue to a confluence of streams, where Pauma Creek, flowing lazily at this time of year, sets a course down a hidden canyon toward Pauma Valley — the valley of the San Luis Rey River.

There’s a small weir just below the confluence, plus the remains of a stone-and-mortar gauging station used in the late 1920s to evaluate the hydroelectric potential of the stream. Today, the silted-in dam holds barely enough water to soak your feet in, and the flow of water — while enchanting to the eyes, ears, and skin — seems entirely insufficient to turn a turbine and generator.

From the weir, backtrack 0.2 mile on the Weir Trail, and take the short trail on the left that crosses Doane Creek. Hook up with the French Valley Trail

and ramble northward into French Valley. The setting is idyllic: rolling grasslands dotted with statuesque pine trees, surrounded by hillsides clothed in oaks and tall conifers.

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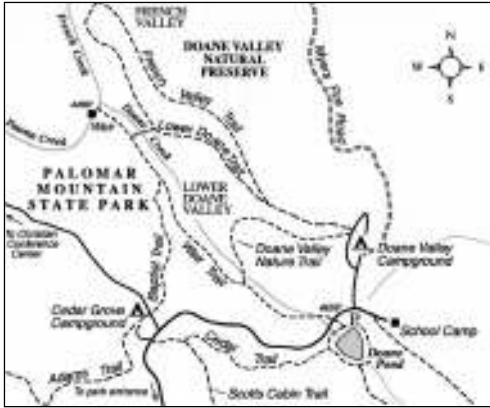
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French Valley Trail to traverse back across Lower Doane Valley, and head for Doane Valley Campground, which is near your starting point. Return by way of the Doane Valley Nature Trail — especially if you’ve managed to obtain an interpretive leaflet for that trail.



ern forests. Take home seeds to grow! Fruit tasting follows. Free. 619-866-0575. (BALBOA PARK)

“Traveling in the Imaginary of the Other: Collaborations on

Bookmaking” presented by poet Sandra Alcosser and artist Michele Burgess, Thursday, September 29, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall

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The Fercos Brothers present “Las Vegas-style magic and illusion show,” September 22–25, at Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way). Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with 2:30 p.m. matinee on Thursday, 4 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. \$25. Tickets: 619-659-3380. (DEHESA)

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)

End-of-Life Struggles examined in play *Vesta*, presented Thursday, September 22, 7 p.m., at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6611 University Avenue). Community resource exhibits, art display at 6:30 p.m.; audience discussion at 8:30 p.m. Free. 858-635-1224. (ROLANDO)

San Diego Poet (and *Reader* contributor) Geoff Bouvier reads from his new book, *Living Room*, Friday, September 23, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Scottish Crime Writer Peter May may divulge “best way to eat a Shanghai hairy crab” when signing and discussing *The Firemaker* on Friday, September 23, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Tibetan Bowl Sound Healer Diane Mandle conducts program on the ancient bowls, moon gong, *gantas*, and *tingshas*, on Friday, September 23, 7 p.m., at Well Within (555 2nd Street). Expect to hear story of the instruments, and a concert. \$20. 760-944-3441. Bring something to lay on. (ENCINITAS)

A Tribute to Louis Prima planned when Screamin’ Primas perform for Concerts on the Green at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street), Friday, September 23, 5 p.m. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

Self-Described *Wide-Eyed Wanderers* Amanda and Rich Ligato quit corporate jobs and traveled the world in their 1978 Volkswagen bus. Ligatos sign and discuss their book, Friday, September 23, 6:30 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

Award-Winning Composer, pianist Marvin Hamlisch kicks-off season on Saturday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Hamlisch will entertain audience on a “musical journey.” \$60. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

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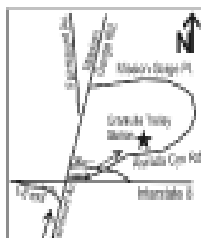
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"An Evening With Leiber and Stoller at Smokey Joe's Café" opens season on September 24 and 25 at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Leiber and Stoller themselves appear along with cast of seven, including two Tony-nominees from original Broadway production.

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Author Pamela Bitterman signs and discusses *Sailing to the Far Horizon: The Restless Journey and Tragic Sinking of a Tall Ship*, Saturday, September 24, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center Mall (5500 Grossmont

Center Drive; 619-667-2870). Free. (LA MESA)

Hula Dancers will be on hand when Emel Kay signs *KeAloha the Keeper*, Saturday, September 24, 2 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). 858-618-1814. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

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Peggy Watson and Friends plan concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage on Saturday, September 24, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Nine "Old-Time Vaudeville Acts" on program on September 24 and 25 at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$14 at door. 619-647-4958. (NORTH PARK)

The Big City Hicks plan concert, Saturday, September 24, 7 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$5. 619-660-0614. Bring picnic, lawn chairs, blankets. (EL CAJON)

Mystery Author Margaret Coel signs, discusses *Eye of the Wolf*, Sunday, September 25, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Jazz 88 Ocean Beach Jazz Festival is Sunday, September 25, noon to 7 p.m., "where Newport Boulevard meets the ocean." Performers include Dee Dee Bridgewater, Red Holloway Quartet, Bonerama, others. \$35 general. 619-388-3037. (OCEAN BEACH)

Murphy Canyon Choir, a group comprised of spouses of military personnel, presents concert in conjunction with inSite_05, Sunday, September 25, 3 p.m., at Jean Farb Middle School/Murphy Canyon Youth Center (4867 Santo Road). Compositions are based on the women's experiences, musical tastes. Free. 619-230-0005. (TIERRASANTA)

"Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes" celebrated by Jason Petty and company, Sunday, September 25, 4 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$20-\$35. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Koto Demonstration by Masayo Norikura, Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m. to noon, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Included in admission. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Virtuoso Jazz Pianist Steve Baker and vocalist Katie Davey perform blues, ragtime, jazz standards for Lemon Grove Historical Society's "member mixer," Sunday, September 25, 2 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). \$5. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Caballero Verde Latin Quintet performs for miniconcert at noon on Monday, September 26, in Horton Square at Horton Plaza. Free. Bring your lunch. 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

Open Mic Poetry hosted by Greg Gerding, Monday, September 26, at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m.,

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Poetry Reading by SDSU professor Fred Moramarco and Alliant University professor Al Zolynas, Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Secrets of Successful Gambling divulged by David Valley and Diana Lindsay in their book *Jackpot Trail: Indian Gaming in Southern California*, which they'll sign, Thursday, September 29, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

Renowned Trumpet Player and jazz legend Maynard Ferguson plans benefit concert for music program at Mission Hills High School, Wednesday, October 5, 7 p.m., in Grizzly Pavilion at 1 Mission Hills Court. \$15. 760-290-2729. (SAN MARCOS)

Drew Carey and the Improv All-Stars perform Sunday, October 16, 5 and 8 p.m., at Pala Casino Resort (15 miles north of Escondido, 5 miles east of I-15 on Highway 76). Tickets: \$45, \$55, \$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (PALA)

SPORTS

The End Is Near, San Diego Padres are in Colorado for baseball game against Rockies, Thursday, September 22, 12:05 p.m. Road trip continues with matchups against Diamondbacks in Arizona, September 23-25, at 6:40 on Friday and Saturday, 1:40 p.m. on Sunday.

Pads host San Francisco Giants in Petco Park at 7:05 p.m. Monday-Thursday, September 26-29. Tickets: 877-374-2784. (EAST VILLAGE)

The 33rd Annual Poway PRCA Rodeo runs September 23-25 at Poway Valley Riders Association Arena (at Twin Peaks and Tierra Bonita Road). Rodeo performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Dances, variety of entertainment, food for sale. Tickets: 760-736-0594. Parade from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, on Poway Road from Pomerado to Bowron. (POWAY)

Ground-Pounding Action! Nissan Off-Road Nationals presented Saturdays and Sundays, September 24 and 25, October 1 and 2. Short-course format racing runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Otay Ranch (on Heritage Road). Tickets: \$30-\$50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). 866-501-2677. (CHULA VISTA)

San Diego Dressage Show, Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, at Del Mar Horsepark (14550 El Camino Real). 858-794-1171. (DEL MAR)

Bicycle the Tijuana River Valley with Knickerbikers on Saturday, September 24, starting in Pepper Park at 9:30 a.m. Cycle 30 miles to San Ysidro, along border, over to Imperial Beach. To reach start, take I-5 to Bay Marina Drive exit; go west to Tidelands Avenue, south to park. Bring money or lunch. 619-426-2043. (NATIONAL CITY)

Light the Night Walk, two-mile fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is Saturday, September 24, at Del Mar Fair-

grounds. Registration: 3 p.m., walk at 6 p.m. Donation. 858-277-1800 x227. (DEL MAR)

Make-a-Wish Tuna Challenge with over 500 anglers in 150 boats competing, is Saturday, September 24, at Silver Gate Yacht Club (2091 Shelter Island Drive). Lines in water, tournament begins at 5 a.m. on Saturday; weigh-ins 4 to 10 p.m. Saturday, 7 to 10 a.m. on Sunday. Fee: adults \$90, children \$30. 858-707-9474. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Sorrento Valley, Highway 56 Bike Path, Escondido, Del Mar — you'll hit them all on ride led by San Diego Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists, Saturday, September 24. The 55-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road at Nobel Drive). 619-253-8751. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

San Diego Chargers host New York Giants at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 25, in Qualcomm Stadium. Tickets: \$41-\$84, avail-

able through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). Broadcast on ESPN. (MISSION VALLEY)

La Jolla Cove Ten-Mile Relay, Sunday, September 25, 7 a.m., at La Jolla Cove. Check-in at 6 a.m., swim of one-mile triangular course starts at 7 a.m. \$75 fee. 619-234-9897 x7432. (LA JOLLA)

Spreckels Cup Competition, Sunday, September 25, 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)

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

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

San Diego Tandem Club holds rides for tandem bicycle enthusiasts on ongoing basis. Rides are free. 858-509-9808. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

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Poetry

ODE TO THE MANY VOICES OF NORTHAMPTON On the Occasion of the City's 350th Anniversary, 2004

*What living and buried speech is always vibrating here,
what howls restrain'd by decorum.*

— *Walt Whitman*

Crickets through my window, prisms
and a whining saw, sparrows
in a tangle of brambles.
What moves, lives.
What lives, sings.
Children on bikes circle
the block, voices spinning
Spanish and English like spokes
of the same wheel.

The street forks and the full moon
seen and unseen, pearl and coal,
perches in the cleft of an elm
where an old man used to stash
peanuts for the squirrels.
I trim the bittersweet remembering
he offered me his long-handled clippers.

On a breeze the tinge
of barbeque smoke, a saxophone
unwinds tendrils of the blues.
Around the corner the sun
warms a copper beech
then slips away. Someone
kneels in the garden.
Sparks still whisper in the grass.
Sally Maminash was not the last
shimmer of Algonquian here.

and the drum awakens
and the light arcs

and the bells chime

A crow flies west
over goldenrod and crimson-
tinted maples, sumac thick,
barbed wire coils of the jail glinting
near Hospital Hill. Over the Mill River,
over the flat roofs of brick factories
the loud bird soars.

In a clearing the statue
of Sojourner Truth, shadows
and light, branches, wings
swirl in a chorus
around her, heart true
as the print of a leaf,

and the lost voices rise

through sidewalk cracks and broken glass.
They are not finished
calling, echoes
like fish swimming under ice.
Though his fingers burn
cold, a boy picks up his flute
and plays a lullaby.
A prisoner writes a poem
and her life opens
and the gate slams.
Sun shouts in the darkest cells
What sings, moves.
What moves, lives.

At the courthouse citizens
bang on pots and pans, flash signs.

Candles flicker in the freezing wind.
Flags wave, opinions clash.

Listen to the ground.
A root splits stone. Love frees
the calm, the storm. I'm whole
again in her embrace.
Wake up, move, though the body aches.
Wake up, sing, though salt stings
the throat, the eyes. Hearts broken
beat tender, wild.

and the shofar sounds
and the choir swells
and the Koran's chanted
and the gong calls forth
and the grove shimmers
and the Oxbow ripples
and the lone coyote
lifts its trill to the sky

As crocuses open
and the swans return, the long
tidal river floods its banks.
Connecticut. Named in a language
fragile, tenacious, memory fractured
as the land. We are fed
as its currents and fields
are fed, held as the hills
and mountains hold
the sky. Here I offer

my one voice
as I am blessed by the many,
dissonant, harmonious as a riot



Janet E. Aalfs

of crows, distinct
and blurred, breath
by breath, bold, reticent,
aching to unfold.

Through streets and byways,
archways, courtyards, doors
flung wide to the wind,
thistle howls
redwings blaze
corn shivers
thunder quakes
calling me out
into the bluster and raw
scent of rain, starlings
and gulls wheeling toward the river,
lightning in their wings.

— *Janet E. Aalfs*

Poet Laureate of Northampton, 2003–2005

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SPECIAL

San Diego Festival of Beer, Friday, September 23, 6 to 11 p.m., at Columbia and B Streets. Over 50 microbreweries serve 100 different beers. \$25 tickets include ten tastings, live music. For those 21 and older. 858-672-3972. (DOWNTOWN)

All-California Campout and Jam, Friday through Sunday, September 23–25, at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum (2040 North Santa Fe Avenue). Bluegrass jamming, "semi-dry camping." \$12 per night. 858-566-4594. (VISTA)

Enviro Fair 2005, September 23 and 24, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Exhibition and comprehensive seminar highlights environmental challenges, advances in renewable energy, environmentally friendly products, business and consumer

conservation services. Saturday is family day; kids may create three-dimensional art projects using items they choose to reuse.

Fair opens at 10 a.m. both mornings, closes at 4 p.m. on Friday, 5 p.m. on Saturday. 858-792-4298. Admission: free. (DEL MAR)

Originals Art and Craft Show (formerly the Harvest Festival), runs September 23–25, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Clothing, crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, and *objets d'art* offered by artisans and craftspeople. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8.50 general, \$7.50 seniors, \$4 for those 13–17, free for kids 12 and younger. 800-321-1213. (DEL MAR)

Adams Avenue Street Fair, 24th annual festival runs September 24 and 25 on Adams Avenue, between 35th and Bancroft streets. Eighty

musical acts perform on seven stages. Over 400 vendors' booths: arts and crafts, food; carnival rides. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. 619-282-7329. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

33rd Annual Bonitafest, Saturday, September 24. Parade starts at 10 a.m., with bands, equines, classic cars, more. Food, craft booths, entertainment, more. Free. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

Used Book Sale, Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Lemon Grove Library (8073 Broadway). 619-463-9819. (LEMON GROVE)

Menghini Winery Arts and Music Festival, Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Art by local artists, live music. Free admission. Find Menghini at 1150 Julian Orchards Drive. 760-765-2072. (JULIAN)

"Aerial Bridge," aerial performance by Polish artist Maurycy Gomulicki, presented for inSite_05 on Saturday, September 24, 3 p.m., in Tijuana riverbed (about one-quarter mile from San Ysidro border crossing). Piece brings together members of model airplane clubs in San Diego and Tijuana through process of personalizing model airplanes and co-creating a flying event at border. Free. 619-230-0005. (SAN YSIDRO)

Ocean Beach Antique Fair, the 4800 and 4900 blocks of Newport Avenue host classic car and antique show, Saturday, September 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appraisal tent, food vendors, live music. Admission: free. 619-222-8686. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Arte en el Barrio" exhibit and art sale at three locations on Saturday, September 24, noon to 8 p.m. Movie and poster art sale, in

conjunction with San Diego Latino Film Festival, at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). 619-230-1938. (GOLDEN HILL)

Other spots to hit: Chicano Perk Café y Cultura (129 25th Street; 619-702-5414); and Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 Cesar Chávez Parkway; 619-232-1793). Details: 619-230-1938 x101. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS, BARRIO LOGAN)

Asphalt Art Gallery! ArtSplash 2005 transforms Armada Drive (between Cannon Road and Palomar Airport Roads) with chalk street paintings created on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Professional and amateur artists create paintings; entertainment, readings, face painting, more. Free.

Sunset concert on Saturday, 6:30 p.m., with performances by Grammy Award-winning guitarist Wayne Johnson, Treja' Vu. Tick-

ets: \$15 general, \$5 for kids under 12. 760-436-2828. (CARLSBAD)

40th Annual Fall Bonsai Show hosted by San Diego Bonsai Club, Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Bonsai demonstrations at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. Bonsai trees, pots, accessories, plants for sale. Free. 619-460-0386. (BALBOA PARK)

Annual Gem Show sponsored by San Diego Lapidary Society, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte). Gems, fossil specimens, jewelry, minerals, lapidary-related items for sale. 619-295-6905. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Men's Gourmet Competition, Saturday, September 24, 6 to 10 p.m., at San Marcos Community Center (3 Civic Center Drive).

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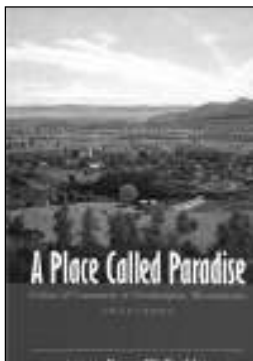
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A Place Called Paradise: Culture and Community in Northampton, Massachusetts, 1654–2004



Edited by Kerry W. Buckley
Historic Northampton's Museum and Education Center, published in association with the University of Massachusetts Press, Amherst and Boston, 2004; \$39.95; 523 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

In 1790, President Timothy Dwight of Yale offered this description of Northampton, a town situated on the banks of the Connecticut River in western Massachusetts: "The inhabitants of this valley possess a common character," he remarked. "Even the beauty of the scenery, scarcely found in the

same degree elsewhere, becomes a source of pride as well as enjoyment." For Dwight, the appeal of the place lay in its proportions, which epitomized 18th-century ideas about the proper balance between the natural world and the built environment.

Northampton evoked equally powerful visions in others. To minister Jonathan Edwards it was a stage for the enactment of God's drama of saving grace and redemption, while to Swedish soprano Jenny Lind it was simply a "paradise." During the 1920s Northampton became Main Street USA — a reassuring backdrop for the presidency of the city's former mayor, Calvin Coolidge. But for Smith College professor Newton Arvin, it was the dark side of small-town America that surfaced during the early decades of the Cold War. From witchcraft trials to Shays's Rebellion, from Sojourner Truth and the utopian abolitionists to Sylvester Graham and diet reform, many of the main currents of American life have flowed through this New England river town.

To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the founding of Northampton, *A Place Called*

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past decades." — Emma Rothschild, University of Cambridge and Harvard University

ABOUT THE EDITOR:

Kerry W. Buckley is executive director of Historic Northampton. He is author of *Mechanical Man: John Broadus Watson and the Beginnings of Behaviorism* and coeditor of *Letters from an American Utopia: The Stetson Family and the Northampton Association, 1843–1847*.

AN INTERVIEW WITH KERRY W. BUCKLEY:

I am a Southern Californian whose grandparents came here in 1903. They must assuredly have called this place Paradise. Three-quarters of a century later, I would uproot and move east where I have spent 17 years in Northampton. When I went to New England, my uncle, in what was then

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"The attractive thing about Northampton is that it has maintained the village atmosphere that everyone dreams about. It's not fake. It's not a museum."

Calypso-themed all-male cook-off is scholarship fundraiser for African American Women's Association. Guest speaker is "Etiquette Lady" Elaine Swan, who will provide a "humorous view of dining etiquette." \$35 fee includes food sampling, music for dancing. Suggested reservations: 760-754-9991. (SAN MARCOS)

"Greetings of the Pacific,"

11th annual San Diego Pacific Islander Festival, Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, at Ski Beach. Cultural booths, foods, crafts, artifacts, singing and chanting, dancing and storytelling. Free. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. 619-426-1953. (MISSION BAY)

San Diego World Guitar Show, September 24 and 25, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Buy-sell trade show with guitars, amps, banjos, mandolins, memorabilia, sound gear, parts, builders, retail stores, more. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: \$10 general, free for those under 12. 918-288-2222. (DEL MAR)

Karaoke Sing Festival benefiting leukemia patient Marilyn Wong, Saturday, September 24, 2:15 to 5:30 p.m., at Spreckels Organ Pavilion. Singing, Chinese Shao-Lin martial arts performances, multicultural dances,

more. Donation: \$10 open seating, \$50 for VIP seating. 858-483-6085, 858-405-7402. (BALBOA PARK)

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offers artists a chance to pursue life drawing and painting — every Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at Arts College International (840 G Street). Bring drawing, painting supplies. No formal instruction. \$10. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

The House of Germany hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, September 25, 2 p.m. Music, dance, cultural costumes. Food for sale. Free admission. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

Louis Rose Kosher Picnic hosted by Louis Rose Society for Preservation of Jewish History, Sunday, September 25, 4 to 7 p.m., at foot of Womble Street in Lib-

erty Station. Fee: \$10 adults, \$5 for children, includes food, costumed characters, balloons, performance of 19th century music by Colette Thomas. RSVP: 619-265-0808. (POINT LOMA)

Encinitas Oktoberfest, community-based festival, Sunday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Mountain Vista Road (between El Camino Real and Wandering Road). German music, dancing, "heritage-inspired contests," German food, family fun zone, arts and crafts. Admission: free. 760-753-6041. (ENCINITAS)

The "Miniature Book Society's Traveling Exhibition" opens with reception on Sunday, September 25, 5:30 p.m., in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Eileen Cummings presents "Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover." Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door. Reservations: 619-291-

8800. Exhibit continues through November. (DOWNTOWN)

Behind-the-Scenes Tour offered Monday, September 26, 1:30 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). Tour includes buildings, grounds, discussion of history of California mission system. \$7. 760-757-3651 x115. (OCEANSIDE)

Tuaca Mix Games pit local bartenders and servers against counterparts from throughout California in competition, Monday, September 26, at Humphrey's by the Bay (2303 Shelter Island Drive). Bartender relay, 1 p.m.; hula hoop toss, 2 p.m.; mixology contest, 3 p.m. \$5 donation for spectators benefits Make-a-Wish. 310-420-4315. (SHELTER ISLAND)

Portrait Artist David Humphries Miller has exhibit on view through September at Rancho Santa Fe Li-

brary (17040 Avenida de Acacias). Reception for artist, Tuesday, September 27, 5 p.m. 858-756-4780. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Closing Night festivities planned during Cajon Classic Cruise, Wednesday, September 28, 5:30 to

8:30 p.m., along Main Street. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Puerto Rico — ¡Borinquen!"

Tower After Hours series continues with focus on Puerto Rico at San Diego Museum of Man on Thursday, September 29, 6 p.m. \$20 fee

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Czechoslovakia, found Northampton on a map of the U.S.A. and wrote to us that it seemed to be the furthest possible spot from San Diego. True, it was far away and a foreign territory to me when I arrived there in 1988, but as I got to know the Connecticut River Valley, I found that I had exchanged one paradise for another.

I asked Mr. Buckley, "Why is Northampton called 'Paradise'?" This may seem all too obvious to you, but I've asked several people out here and they don't seem to know."

"Well, actually, it's not. The usual story is that Jenny Lind called it Paradise. 'This place is paradise,' she said. She sang here a couple of times and returned here for her honeymoon. Now, whether that was the reason she called it paradise or not, I have no idea. But that's how the name came to be — at least that's the usual story. But there also happen to be geo-

graphical paradises in Northampton. Paradise Pond is part of the Mill River, which runs by Smith College. There's also a place near Florence [a part of Northampton, named for Florence, Italy, due to its silk mills] called Paradise, a picnicking spot along the Mill River. The area around here has been called 'Paradise' since the early 19th Century, but the Jenny Lind story is still a good point of departure."

"I've heard the area called 'the Pioneer Valley,' but notice that throughout the book the region is spoken of as 'the Connecticut River Valley.'"

"Right, but 'the Pioneer Valley' is a totally made-up term. It was cooked up in the 1940s as a public relations gimmick, a branding opportunity. Pioneer Valley has nothing to do with anything except public relations."

"Well, Connecticut River Valley is a beautiful name and a beautiful place."

"Certainly one of the points I want to make in the book, and I think the origin of the title Pioneer Valley, which I think is unfortunate, is that the Connecticut

River Valley really was the first frontier — at least of European settlement. After the Pilgrims and Puritans settled the coast of Massachusetts, there was a wave of migration from England in the 1630s, and there began a trickle of settlers up the Connecticut River. The Dutch, who came up to Hartford, were here first and they were mostly interested in trading. The first settlements at Springfield and then at Northampton were basically trading posts. They were company towns owned by William Pynchon, who founded Springfield. The population skipped the interior of New England, which remained unsettled, and moved up the Connecticut River Valley. The area from Deerfield and Mount Hermon and Northfield, down to Old Saybrook became the last outpost of European civilization. That's one way to see it in terms of 'the Pioneer Valley.'"

"In terms of pioneering, Northampton is credited with a lot of 'firsts.' The Academy of Music was the first municipal theater in the country, where Sarah Bernhardt and others came

from Europe to perform. Too, women's basketball had its start at Smith College, and Smith has recently established the first women's engineering program in the country."

"Yes," said Mr. Buckley, "and Northampton's baseball team, the Florence Eagles, won the first World Series."

"You're kidding!"
"No, they beat the Army of the Potomac in 1865. Actually, Northampton had a professional baseball team right up to the 1930s and the Depression. They would play Boston and win 31–0. Those were the rip-roaring days of barnstorming baseball."

"Our readers would be interested in knowing what it was like to live in Northampton 350 years ago."

"Imagine that, at least at first, there was a trading relationship between the Europeans and the Native Americans. As long as the Native Americans had fur and food to trade, the relationships were actually fairly even and fairly balanced. Except, I mustn't forget to mention that

the Europeans carried smallpox and basically decimated the Connecticut River Valley in the 1630s, which made it possible for the Europeans to settle there. The Native Americans remain to this day, however. They didn't disappear at the end of the smallpox epidemic or at the end of King Philip's War. [King Philip was a Wampanoag leader who in 1675 started a rebellion against English settlement that resulted in a retaliatory massacre a year later of 400 Native refugees.]"

"Yes, that corroborates what Margaret Bruchac, Abenaki, writes in her essay, 'Native Presence in Nonotuck and Northampton,' where she dispels four erroneous myths created about the local Native Peoples; i.e., that the area was only wilderness before colonial settlement, that non-farming Native sites were temporary and nomadic, that the Algonkian peoples were inferior to their Iroquoian neighbors, and that local Indians had abandoned these lands."

"Isn't 'Nonotuck' Northampton's original name, an Indian word for 'in the middle of the

river?'"

"Yes, and in those early days, you see an agrarian community, a transferal of rural England to the banks of the Connecticut River. You begin to have artisans like blacksmiths and joiners, who also farmed for a living. The land was very fertile and so there was certainly something that drew people to live here, but it was still a Puritan society. There were century laws regulating dress and behavior, and the eyes of the community were always on one. Things like hard thoughts and jealousies could land you in trouble. Joseph Parsons was himself accused of things like 'lascivious carriage [to some women of Northampton]' and use of inappropriate language."

"So if you want to think about a society, a faith-based society, you might want to look at Puritan New England where witches were burned and people were thrown in jail for their attitudes and the clothes that they wore. There was a kind of thought police or behavior police that existed during that time."

"In terms of what daily life

includes food and drink. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

Viking Festival 2005, share and "sample all things Viking and Norwegian" on Saturday, October 1, noon to 9 p.m., at Norway Hall (2006 East Vista Way). Viking log toss competition, axe throwing, Viking battles and encampment, live music, arts and crafts, foods. Admission: \$5 general, free for those 12 and younger. 760-630-4428. (VISTA)

Savor Chocolate Martinis, Chocolate Fountain, dessert wines, microbrews, and more during fifth annual Jer's Handmade Chocolate Experience, Saturday, October 1, 7 p.m., at Wyndham Hotel (400 West Broadway). Tickets: \$65, benefiting Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. 858-792-2287. (DOWNTOWN)

Going Solar, over 25 homes demonstrate photovoltaics (solar electricity), water- and pool-heating technology during sixth annual self-guided solar home tour throughout the county, Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. 1-866-SDENERGY. (SAN DIEGO)

Old Timers Day hosted by California Surf Museum on Sunday,

October 2, 1 to 4 p.m., in community room at Oceanside Library (330 North Coast Highway). Guest of honor: Emil Sigler, who began surfing in 1926; other pioneers expected. Old photographs, surfboards, stories, hula dancers, Moonlight Beach Ukelele Strummers. Admission is free. Luau buffet: \$12. 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Downtown by Design home tour, Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tour showcases seven privately owned homes in downtown neighborhoods. Event starts at Tin Fish (at Fifth Avenue and L); participants will board shuttle buses for tour. \$25. Required reservations: 619-233-5008. High-heeled shoes not allowed. (DOWNTOWN)

"Rose Canyon: A Walk through History," San Diego Archaeological Center has researched and installed interpretive exhibit for viewing through October at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FOR KIDS

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

"Funny Fables and Modern Myths" presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble through Sunday, September 25, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Next up: *Emperor's Cloak* by Puppet Express, September 28–October 2.

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)

"Footloose" — youth-cast production presented by American Rose Theater for Plays in the Park series on September 23–24, 28–30, October 1, at 8 p.m., in Kit Carson Park amphitheater (3333 Bear Valley Parkway). \$12.50. 760-489-2496. (ESCONDIDO)

Celebrate "Ubuntu" on Saturday, September 24, 1 p.m., at Escondido Children's Museum (in studio 1 at California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 North Escondido Boulevard). Cultural dancing, creating peace medallions, African-style cloth printing, painting animals. Event culminates with "interactive African drum celebration," with African dancers. Fundraiser for Synergy Art Foundation. \$5. 760-739-9513. (ESCONDIDO)

Fishin' in the Pines, kids' fishing derby, Saturday, September 24, at Lake Cuyamaca. Fishing: 6 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Registration: 8 a.m. Prizes awarded for largest trout caught by kids divided into three age categories. Weigh-ins by 12:45 p.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. (free). Awards: 1 p.m. with Congressman Duncan Hunter. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 800-770-1540. Free. (JULIAN)

"Charlotte's Web" screens for family program, Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. After animated film, do buggy crafts, and enjoy "a delicious caterpillar de-

light." For those six and older. \$13. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pig Tales" told for storytime on Saturday, September 24, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (1040 North El Camino Real; 760-943-6400). Free. Craft: pig ears. (ENCINITAS)

"Lions, Spiders, and Snakes, Oh My!" Be prepared, not scared, after wildlife program on Saturday, September 24, 5 p.m., at Blue Sky Ecological Reserve (on Espola Road, one-half mile north of Lake Poway Road). Free. Required reservations: 858-668-4781. (POWAY)

Family Solar Energy Day is Sunday, September 25, noon to 4 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. "Interactive activities for children and adults to understand solar energy together." Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

Leapin' Lizards! Enjoy a "brand-new song" by composers Martin Charnin and Charles Strouse when *Annie* is presented, September 27–October 2, at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; 7 p.m. on Wednesday; 8 p.m. on Friday; 2 and

8 p.m. on Saturday; 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$19–\$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

"3 Jungle Adventures" promised when Disney on Ice presents *Disney's The Jungle Book*, *Tarzan*, *The Lion King*, October 12–16, at iPayOne Center at San Diego Sports Arena.

Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday; noon and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m., 3:30, 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; 1:30 (in Spanish) and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$14.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the

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was like, you get a real sense of it from John Demos's chapter on the Goody [short for Good-wife] Parsons witchcraft trial. If you ignore the sensational aspects of it, it's about gossip, according to Demos. It's about the declining fortunes of one family and the rising fortunes of another, and the fact that a woman from a good family in England who found her fortunes plummeting, looked at a woman from much humbler circumstances in England, not only marry well but be extremely productive in terms of having children, and all the kinds of things that symbolized prosperity."

"I found the essay by Kevin Sweeney on 'the river gods' fascinating. Can you tell our readers who they were?"

"This essay," said Mr. Buckley, "is describing patterns of ownership and social patterns in a colonial era. Reinforced by all the values of a colonial society, it was all very hierarchical so that those who became powerful in the community passed that power along to their children and shared it with their families.

These were the large landowners, who had connections with the royal authorities. They were the magistrates, the ministers, the captains of the militia, and sometimes also the merchants. They were all interrelated. They controlled society from top to bottom — family connections, court connections, that's how you got your jobs, your appointments and this kind of thing. The river gods epitomized that kind of colonial society. When the Revolution occurred, the world turned upside down because those who lost power were precisely those river gods, the landed squirearchy. You have the story of one of them, Israel Williams, being thrust into the smokehouse and basically nearly suffocated overnight.

"Interestingly enough, after the Revolution you have nostalgia about it, looking back at the river gods as a kind of easier way of life where a man's word was his bond and where a debtor wasn't pressed to the wall if he were a few years late on paying back his workload to the squire. In the new society after the Revolution, if you couldn't pay your

taxes in cash you lost your farm, which led to Shays's Rebellion. So there are two sides of a divide there. The river gods reflect the colonial way of life, for better or for worse."

"In speaking of the American Revolution, I think that all those currently reading 1776 by David McCullough and those interested in the Civil War would enjoy the essays 'Revolution in the Neighborhood' by Gregory H. Nobles and David W. Blight's 'When This Cruel War Is Over,' for they bring the larger realities right home to Northampton and its surrounding towns and countryside."

"The point I wanted to make about so-called 'local history' is, paraphrasing Tip O'Neill, that all history is local. I'm convinced that one way to get at the big-picture issues is to cast down your bucket locally and look at historical experience through the lens of your community. There are all kinds of stories that people can find to illustrate these larger issues. I mean that even in a fairly recent statehood like California, there's a history going

back thousands of years. "On our website, www.historic-northampton.org, we are experimenting with developing each of the essays in this book, unraveling the layers of primary sources. For example, if you click on 'windows in time,' you'll go to the Goody Parsons witchcraft trial website. There you'll find all the primary documents from the 17th Century relating to the trials and their transcripts. You'll find some context on the trials, the stories, and the background. It's a kind of virtual exhibit. "But then if you take it one step further, there's also a place where teachers can get curriculum materials for the appropriate grade levels, 3, 7, and 10. They can take the case studies as windows into the 17th Century. I would like to see all 21 chapters of the book have that kind of layering as well."

"The essay 'The Communitarian Moment' discusses the Quaker influence in the mid-1800s and the Northampton Association of Education and Industry that brought together Sojourner Truth, Frederick Dou-

glass, George Benson, and others working for peace and for the abolition of slavery."

"The Northampton Association of Education and Industry was really unusual, which is an understatement. It embodied concepts and attitudes far ahead of its time in terms of gender equality, racial equality, and religious toleration, all of those things in the Constitution, equality of educational opportunity and of wealth. It was a commune organized around silk production and around a silk mill. Chris Clark, in his essay, says it was 'the road not taken in the industrial process.'

"I think we have to remember that when we look back in history with the benefit of hindsight, it looks like the inevitable history train moving down the tracks with the agrarian community, industrialization, and postindustrialization. Well, there are so many possibilities and so many branches and so many forks in the road. The process of industrialization could have taken many forms. It didn't have to take the form of capital and wage

earner. It could have taken the form that it took in the Northampton Association, which was cooperative ownership, but that road didn't work for a number of reasons — not just economic but due to events out of their control, the national economy. The Northampton Association of Education and Industry was certainly an attempt to subvert the cotton-based slave economy of the South by producing through collaborative work a superior product that could make a dent in the southern economy."

"In 'Love Across the Color Line,' Kathy Piess, through letters recently found in a black silk stocking hidden under some floorboards, pieces together the love affair between Alice Hanley, an Irish-Catholic coachman's daughter, and Channing Lewis, an African-American who came north to Springfield, Massachusetts, after Reconstruction."

"That essay suggests that the color line was not as sharply drawn as we might have thought around the turn of the century or in the late 1890s when Plessy

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area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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

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

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

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a

Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego, glimpse San Diego's

colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-

2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 A.D.) are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dynasty (206 B.C. to 221 A.D.), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square

and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer). Ongoing.

The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures.

The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110 Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post

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v. Ferguson was enacted and segregation was established in the South. In other words, if you established segregation laws it may have been because those racial boundaries were more commonly crossed than we think about now, raising the eyebrows of the elites who wanted to maintain control.”

“Piess writes, ‘I believe that Northampton at the turn of the century and now up to a hundred years ago, gained a reputation as a center for social reform and women’s education and was a vigorous manufacturing base and commercial hub for surrounding agricultural areas.’ Do you think, a hundred years later, that these descriptions are still apt?”

“Yes they are. Smith College was part of the avant-garde in terms of women’s education and women’s opportunity. You also had things like the ‘Home Culture Club’ in Northampton and the gothic ‘Female Academy,’ which had a fairly rigorous curriculum

for women back in the 1830s. Also, there was Sojourner Truth, an African-American and a woman with a voice, which was extremely unusual in the 1840s because the Garrisonians and the American Anti-Slavery Society split over women holding office and speaking in public.

“There was a ferment of reform taking place in Northampton. You can certainly go back to the Revolution or to Shays’s Rebellion to see that radical politics had taken root and that questioning of authority was not something that was unheard of. But in the 1820s and 1830s you had something called the Second Great Awakening, which was a religious revival. What it did was to change people’s ideas about reality, and the Second Great Awakening emphasized a sort of spiritual perfection, that one could, by taking action or by withdrawing from the world, perfect one’s self and become more holy or more righteous. And that began to translate. Well, if you could perfect yourself, what about society? What about perfecting your neighbor? What about

reforming social institutions? So you begin to have things like prison reform, mental health reform, and dietary reform.”

“Yes, and few probably know that that dietary reform was promulgated by Northampton’s Sylvester Graham of the graham cracker.”

“All of these things, this idea of reform, this idea of perfectibility, and the idea of progress with a capital P, held that by taking action you could actually improve the community, the nation, the quality of life for your generation and for posterity. That was a radical notion, particularly if you consider the previous view, that of the Puritans, that human beings are depraved and the best you can do is hope for grace, just get along with your daily life, and not have much hope for the future. Or, consider the time before the American Revolution. If there were an ideal place, well it was in the past, it was classical Rome and Greece, and we’d all fallen from grace. We got kicked out of the Garden of Eden, but the American Revolution and even the Declaration of Inde-

pendence and the Constitution began to say, ‘Yet you can form a more perfect union, you can improve society.’ So the Second Great Awakening was going along with that. We sometimes forget that our whole notion of progress and the idea of reform had its roots right there.”

“One of Northampton’s residents was President Calvin Coolidge, and your own essay, ‘The Man Nobody Knew,’ shows the commodification of the presidency and the role of advertising and the mass media in electoral politics. Is there a relation between then and now?”

“Absolutely. It was quite relevant to the last election. You know, political scientists don’t always have a long memory. They look at the Kennedy debates or other kinds of presidential mythmaking of the last 30 years. The interesting thing about Coolidge is that if he’s an image at all in our minds, a sort of icon, we know the sourpuss, quiet New Englander. Advertiser Bruce Barton took those images, polished them, and created this man of character, and it was all smoke

and mirrors. Coolidge’s candidacy was as carefully scripted as George Bush’s ever was. Barton wrote his speeches. He ghostwrote a lot of his articles. He coached Coolidge on using the radio, developed negative advertising, and staged pseudo-events. Dwight Morrow, a partner in J.P. Morgan and one of Coolidge’s fellow Amherst College alums, brought Barton in, paid him, and bankrolled the campaign. The kind of deep-pocket, big-money contributors able to buy advertising drove the presidential candidacy and the administration. It bypassed the old party structure, the ward workers, the party bosses, and the people on the ground, making an endrun around them. What made it possible was the real shift in 20th-century mass media. The interesting thing to me in this is the ‘personality politics,’ that shifts the debate away from the issues in order to talk about character and personality. There’s a negative value to that and that’s why they always will do it.”

“You mentioned Amherst College, and Helen Horowitz

has an essay on Smith College. What effects do you think the Five Colleges [University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, Smith, and Amherst] have had on the town of Northampton and the surrounding Connecticut River Valley?”

“They’ve certainly had a tremendous effect just in terms of the faculty that they have brought. They have created a critical mass, not only of students but also of those whose work has national and international stature, and that certainly contributes to the quality of discourse in the community and the kinds of services that support those sensibilities. That has been important since the 1870s and, of course, Amherst has been around longer than that. Northampton, where Smith is, is more than a college town, but certainly without Smith it would have had a different story.”

“Basil Hall’s accounts of Northampton in 1829 apparently prompted many people to travel to the Connecticut River Valley. I think that your book will

office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway’s past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587. (POWAY)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Victorian House, the city’s original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery family on exhibit. The museum is

located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes “one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad.” Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the over-

all history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women’s clothing and accessories from 1700

to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644. (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in “100 Years of Aircraft Engines,” including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the *Spitfire* and P-51 *Mustang* fighters; and a rare German Junkers *Jumo 004*, one of the world’s first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see “The History of Commercial Aviation in America.” A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline’s first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

“P-51 *Mustang*” celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum’s *Mustang* is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which “saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s”; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS *Yorktown*, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

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

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for

tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain’s sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff’s Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff’s department is highlighted at the museum, which is located “just feet away” from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment, uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue; 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with “the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit” in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the “San Diego County Relief Map” exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, “Backyard Monsters” features giant robotic insects, up to 11 feet high and 22 feet long, paired with interactive learning displays and “one of the world’s largest private

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Leader of the Flock
Bishop Cordileone Says Mass for, Leads Priests in Procession
BY ANNE KOSCHUT
Bishop Salvatore Cordileone celebrated a special Mass on Sunday, July 16, for the unborn and those who pray, witness, and provide medical counseling at abortion clinics. The Mass was held at Holy Precious Blood Church in Chula Vista and was concelebrated by Father Frank Wagner, the pastor. At approximately 110, 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 on behalf of the unborn."



East Meets In West
Conference of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Rite Catholics held in San Diego
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Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore

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also inspire people to visit. Can you tell us what they might see and what it is like to live in Northampton today?"

"Interestingly enough, Northampton was one of the first tourist destinations in the country. The view from Mount Holyoke was a 'must-see' for travelers. And on the subject of traveling, if you remember Samuel Johnson and his trip to the Hebrides with James Boswell, you know that almost nobody traveled in the 18th Century. Travel was harsh and nature was to be avoided. The best thing to do was to live in cities. In fact, people on the seacoast built their windows away from the sea. They didn't want a view.

"You begin, after the Industrial Revolution, to have those who find nature to be romantic and wild nature to be kind of thrilling. You see it in literature, in the words of Jane Austen. And in America the same thing happened. For those who could afford to travel, and when travel became more possible through improved roads, the top of Mount Holyoke became a destination.

It was the perfect balance between wild nature and civilization. It was the middle landscape. People like Thomas Cole and Basil Hall went up there and then told people what to see, what to expect. They described the view. Thomas Cole painted it, and people learned how to look at nature, through the artist's representation.

"The visitor today, from the top of Mount Holyoke, would see little unchanged. You'd see the valley. You'd see the river and you'd see I-91 coursing through the valley. I've seen Northampton undergo a number of transitions. I think the attractive thing about Northampton is that it has maintained the village atmosphere that everyone dreams about. It's not fake. It's not a museum. It's a real place and it still works like a village. If you look at American history, around the turn of the last century, not the 21st but the 20th Century, you begin to see little pockets of artists and intellectuals grouping together in little areas of urban places, little bohémias. Greenwich Village is

one. They were trying to re-create the connection at the personal level of the small country village they had left, as quickly as they could. I think of Northampton like that. It has that kind of sensibility, and over the years it has drawn writers, artisans, poets, those who wanted to live out their lives on a scale, a human scale.

"The setting of natural beauty is also important. Jonathan Edwards as a minister has his own reputation of hurling lightning bolts, but he had a real appreciation of nature. He would write about it and he would actually go out into the meadows to watch lightning play on the mountains."

"Yes, Ronald Story's essay, 'Jonathan Edwards and the Gospel of Love,' does bring out Edwards's often overlooked writings on nature and beauty and love, in contrast to his image as the stern Puritan."

"Exactly. Yes, I think that that's a good way to frame it. We have a lot of people who come into Northampton who are very interested in Jonathan

Edwards and almost to a one — I won't say to a one — they are preachers and they're drawn to Edwards. I finally figured it out. It's because they are drawn to his bravura performance of the preacher. That's something they aspire to, having that preaching facility. That's what they like about him. They're interested in the pulpit repertoire, but a studied examination of Edwards's thought and writings and who he was over a career and a lifetime tells quite a different story."

"Yes, as Story points out, the wall sculpture at First Churches on Main Street, where Edwards preached, shows not only the shadowy judging eyes of Edwards, but the warm, loving hand as well, reflecting the preacher of not only 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God,' but also of 'Heaven Is a World of Love.' Edwards concluded one of his 'charity sermons' with '...as heaven is a world of love, so the way to heaven is the way of love.'

"After Edwards was dismissed from Northampton, he spent the rest of his life preach-

ing to the Native Americans in Stop Ridge."

"I know you have Native artifacts in the Historic Northampton museum. Can you tell our readers in San Diego what they might find in your museum, or something of your current projects?"

"Our permanent exhibit is the title of the book 'A Place Called Paradise,' and it's a chronological history of Northampton, telling the story through artifacts, documents, costumes, and textiles. A current exhibit, 'The Class Act on Main Street,' features the democratization of silk through women's fashion from the 1830s to the early 1900s. Silk was a very exotic fabric, but as it began to be manufactured locally and marketed, it became accessible to ordinary people to wear every day. In October, we'll have an exhibit on the Round Hill School, established by George Bancroft and Joseph Cogswell, as a groundbreaking departure in American education in the 1820s. It was the first school to offer physical education, to offer a sort of modern curriculum. So we're interested in that."

"These 21 essays invite the reader into many cultural realms, each with its locus in a town on the east side of paradise. For this recent 350th celebration, you thank Professor Neal Salisbury and the Smith College History Department for their collaboration in bringing scholars to lecture about Northampton. Are you planning a sequel? It's probably none too soon to begin work on the next anniversary celebration."

"That's right. As they say, every generation rewrites history and that's not because the facts change but because we all have different questions. Every generation has different questions to ask, you know. The questions will change."

"I'm curious how long you've lived in Northampton."

"I've only been here since 1972. It's very funny. I found out that I'm actually descended from one of the protagonists in the Mary Parsons witchcraft trial, which is very interesting, although my father came from Michigan. Anyway, that's a different story."

— Elizabeth E. Carr

specimen collections." Visitors may build a bug, create a bug orchestra, take a robotic insect for a walk. Through December.

The "Wildlife Art Exhibition" continuing through December includes wildlife-themed artwork in a range of media and styles. "Hundreds of nationally and internationally recognized local artists are expected to participate."

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through January 2006, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern Cali-

fornia's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

Serra Museum, "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on

July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is

a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Pacific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef

Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum, the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short

films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)

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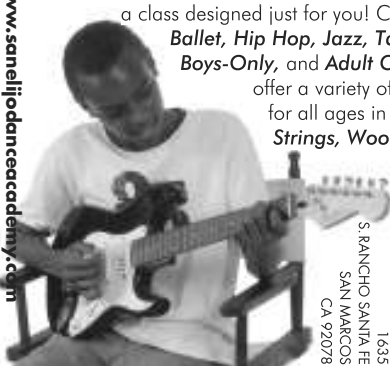
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All-Beethoven! The master's "Sonata in E-Flat Major no. 3," "Sonata in A Minor," "Sonata in A Major (Kreutzer)" may be heard when violinist Henry Gronnier (violin) and pianist Rina Dokshitsky perform opening concert for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music

Society, Sunday, September 25. Concert begins at 2:30 p.m. in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

Old Masters in Music and Art, classical guitarist Fred Benedetti performs favorite selections from different eras, Sunday, September 25, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Third Annual St. Andrew's Alumni Organists Recital, Sunday, September 25, 4 p.m., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (4816 Glen Street, at Lemon). Program includes selections by Buxtehude, Bach, Widor, Ellsasser, Purvis. Offering. 619-668-0803 or 619-460-7272. (LA MESA)

Junior Music Honor Society Concert, Sunday, September 25, 1 p.m., at Villa Encinitas (480 South El Camino Real). Performers, all under 15 years old, will perform solos, duets, trios, led by piano instructor Hui-Wen Harrison. Free. 760-944-7623. (ENCINITAS)

An "Eclectic Concert of A Cappella" and accompanied choral music" is on program when San Diego Master Chorale performs in concert on Sunday, September 25, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio

South). Requested donation: \$15. Childcare by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, September 25, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

The Silvergate Trio performs classical music on Sunday, September 25, 4 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-6031. (SDSU)

"Meet the Oboe," enjoy baroque music demonstrating rich sounds of oboe, oboe d'amore, English horn when Susan Barrett performs Wednesday, September 28, 1 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). Making of reeds discussed. Free. 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

Argentine Composers Showcased during classical guitar concert by Michael Nigro for Concert Hour series on Thursday, September 29, 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)

The Miró String Quartet performs San Diego premiere of new work by Brent Michael Davids on Saturday, October 8, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Program includes Beethoven's

"Quartet in B-Flat Major no. 16 (La Malinconia)," "String Quartet no. 1 in E Minor" by Smetana. Tickets: \$34, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"inSite Mobile Transborder Archive" visits Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, beginning with reception on Friday, September 23,

6:30 p.m. Photographs, archival material, documents, newsletters, books, videos, ephemera on view through Saturday, November 12. Athenaeum, 1008 Wall Street; 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Wall Candy," painting and sculpture by 20 local artists in exhibit opening with reception on Friday, September 23, 7 p.m., in Brokers Building Gallery (402 Market Street). Show continues 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25. 619-602-3801. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

"Eminent Remains," site-specific installation by Joe Mike Yorty opens with reception on Saturday, September 24, 7 p.m., at Axis Mundi Gallery (635 Seventh Avenue). Through Friday, October 14. 619-813-5063. (DOWNTOWN)

"Expressions of Wonder," youth art show with work by artists 3-15 years old opens with reception on Saturday, September 24, 4 p.m., at Mixed Media Art Gallery (4576 Federal Boulevard). 619-527-2508. Through Saturday, October 15. (SAN DIEGO)

ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, 100 black-and-white photographs are gathered in "Live With History: Photographs from

the New York Times' Photo Archives." Exhibit boasts iconic images by Alfred Stieglitz, Edward S. Curtis, Berenice Abbott, Andreas Feininger, among others.

Concurrently: "Piece Me Together With a Needle and Thread: Quilts by Patrice Longmire," "10 North: An Artists' Group," and "Alcancia de Coco en Mexico," a collection of carved coconut shells displaying motifs ranging from memories of loved ones, mythology, more.

All four exhibitions close on Saturday, October 1. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," 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 Guddenrath, 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)

Retablo Workshops

Saturday, September 24, 2005
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New Mexican woodcarvers Felix Lopez, and his son Joseph Lopez will demonstrate woodcarving, demonstrations included with general museum admission.

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Police Crackdown at Pizza Party During the Mister and Misses Tribute to Ugliness set at Che Café's "Ultimate Pizza Party," a Che

equipment and said, 'Okay, we're unloading.' He was upset by this and said he was still going to write me a ticket. I started yelling for someone to get a video camera on us, so I would have proof that he was writing a ticket despite my unloading. There was some type of continued arguing;

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staffer hurried onstage to tell any bands who had parked their vans in the "unofficial" loading area next to the building that a UCSD police officer was writing tickets. Tribute drummer Grm Graham had to move his van, which caused a delay in the middle of their set.

Rose For Bohdan's Brian Miller, from Los Angeles, was outside. He got into a verbal confrontation with the police officer because the officer had initially told Miller his van was okay where it was...then the officer began writing him a ticket.

"I reminded him that he had just instructed me to put my car there, and he took it as back-talk," Miller wrote in a recent e-mail conversation. "So I opened my van up and started taking out the

[he was] more concerned with me speaking to him in a



MILLER MAKES POINT WITH COP

personal manner, rather than with the respect of him being my 'authority figure.' I told him that it was he who was disrespecting everyone involved with the event."

Somewhat surprisingly, the conflict did not escalate.

(At this year's *L.A. Weekly* Music Awards, Miller dumped his drink on an *L.A. Weekly* staffer during an altercation.)

"The officer just asked me why I considered his actions disrespectful," Miller said. "I told him that this was a very large and logistically complicated event, and that he really should be flexible about the parking situation and not to force everything to a halt and bum everyone out with the threat of tickets. I think he really did want to be serving and not punishing because he kinda mumbled about 'responsibility' to his sergeant at that point and then left."

Jessalyn Aaland, one of the Che's volunteers, said the parking situation is a continuing problem, but that all the tickets were voided. She's not sure whether there will be another "Ultimate Pizza Party" but said the Che is interested in making it an annual event.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Define Punk Power Chords singer/guitarist John Hammer isn't bummed that his band didn't win "Best Punk" at the San Diego Music Awards, however...

"They botched the category of punk," says Hammer. "[Other nominees] Kill Me Tomorrow is indie rock. The Parker Theory is for softer ears. They aren't

rebellious at all." And, regarding The Plot To Blow Up The Eiffel Tower, who won: "Their attitude is punk, but their sound is indie. I'm



POWER CHORDS ENDORSE THE POGO TEST

sure the Plot would feel the same way.... A lot of San Diego punk bands aren't playing punk. Punk, to me, is one-two-three-four. You have to be able to pogo to it."

Power Chords guitarist Eliseo Parra says the local punk scene has been driven down by venues such as Soma and the Epicentre.

"We don't have any all-age venues except the ones that demand you bring in 100 kids who pay \$10 each to buy presale tickets. [The now-closed] Club Xanth [in North Park] was great. You could hang there all night. And [UCSD's] Che Café used to be there for the youth. Now I get dragged out by the neck because I didn't pay. Back in the day, when the punk scene at the Che was a little more alive, you could go work in the back for an hour and they would totally let you in."

Parra says the stagnant scene has driven the Power Chords and other punk

bands (such as the Sess, Sentient Manifesto, and Long Live Logos) to stage illegal shows in Bonita and Chula Vista. So far, they've done about six.

"It's a lot of work. We get a generator and we make a stage on the beds of three trucks. We sell concessions at cost. It's just a free event for youth.... We did one on the end of Eighth Street. Once, we played in a tunnel underneath Telegraph [Canyon Road].... One time we took power from Starbucks and played in the alley.... We've never been busted by the cops. Everyone knows not to act rambunctious and insane."

The Power Chords appear Saturday at Scolari's Office in North Park with And His Trusty Goat and Pinwheel. Must be 21.

— Ken Leighton

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"I heard the Rolling Stones played here for sure," says Saad Mattia, owner of the Royal Palace in El Cajon. The 750-capacity hall, built in 1932 and named the Bostonia Ballroom, recently became active again. Over the years, the venue has been known as the Red Mill, El Amigo, Club 911, and Marco Polo. Promoter Dave Raynes says 450 people came to see Buck-O-Nine, Sprung Monkey, and four other bands on September 3. A Hurricane Katrina relief benefit is set for this Sunday.

A number of El Cajon locals at the September 3

show said that Johnny Cash, Elvis, and the Rolling Stones have played the room. Eldonna Lay, author of an El Cajon book of history and curator of the Knox House Museum, says those Elvis/Cash rumors are not true.

"It was the first dancehall on the West Coast to have a floating dance floor," says Lay. "The floor was built on cork." She says the place hosted big-band orchestras in the '30s and '40s. "Smokey Rogers bought it in 1947. He brought in Western-swing bands. He had a music-and-dance show that was carried on Channel 8."

"Elvis showed up," says El Cajon mayor Mark Lewis. "I don't know if he performed there, but he showed up."

"I went there for a Halloween show in 1985," recalls singer Brian Francis of Solis, one of the bands to play on Sunday. "Someone got



DID THE STONES DO EL CAJON?

stabbed in the bathroom. I think the last time they had a show there was 1999."

Owner Mattias says there were no problems at the September 3 show. "We had plenty of security." This

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— Ken Leighton

"The Hurricane Hit Us

dead on [in Miami]," says Gavin Allen, director of Visual Underground. At the end of August, the local firm was in Miami to work MTV's Video Music Awards; they assisted the network's press and production events departments, setting up photo shoots and interviews with celebs.

"I felt bad for the guys laying out the pre-show white carpet," continues Allen, "They had seven hours' notice to tear everything up, right down to the scaffolding and lighting poles.... When they came around [American Airlines Arena at] about 5:30 and told us we had to evacuate, all the locals were saying, 'Oh, it's just a category one. It's nothing to worry about,' so we just holed up at the Hyatt and partied...."

"Winds were upward of 75 miles per hour, and palm trees were bending at a

45-degree angle. The windows in the Hyatt restaurant bowed back and forth, and it began leaking from the ceiling.... The storm had cleared up by the next morning, except for some residual winds, so we were back [to work] the following morning at 9 a.m. There were a few leaks in the arena, but no major damage."

Allen says his job keeps him too busy to mingle with celebrities, but he did chat up Brandon Flowers of the Killers.

"They used to do a lot of gigs with the Displaced [a San Diego band] when they were both in Vegas, and he was asking about them, whether they were still together or if they got a record deal yet. He was a nice guy."

On the last Thursday of each month, the Visual



BRANDON FLOWERS: NICE KILLER

Underground shows short indie films at North Park's Whistle Stop Bar. On September 29, they'll present "The Ninja Campaign" with a musical performance by Campaign for Quiet.

— Jay Allen Sanford

Promises, Promises...

When the House of Blues opened in June, some wondered if the smaller venues in town could survive. This month the Belly Up scored with two choice bookings: the Pink Martini

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orchestra from Portland, Oregon, and kosher rasta singer Matisyahu. Both sold out weeks in advance.

Pink Martini, known for mixing rumba, classical, and carnival disco, has been around for ten years. Before their September 11 Belly Up show (their first in San Diego), the 11-piece band played two consecutive nights at the Hollywood Bowl. The first night they drew 14,000; the second night, 17,000 (a sell-out).

Toward the end of the Belly Up show, Pink Martini lead singer China Forbes said the band would come back to play the venue. The promise seemed unlikely because of the band's popularity; the Belly Up has a capacity of 600.

Pink Martini manager John Brodie was at the Belly Up. I told him that was a remarkable promise for Forbes to make.

"She didn't consult the band," said Brodie. "She is

only speaking for herself."

Belly Up talent buyer Jeff Gaulton said he wouldn't try to hold the band to its singer's promise, but he would love to have them back. "We could do three shows if we had to." He said he'll understand if Pink Martini plays a larger theater venue next time, such as Spreckels or Symphony Hall.

When Gaulton booked



PINK MARTINI: BIG AND GETTING BIGGER

the Bacchanal in the '80s and '90s, he was the first to bring Garth Brooks, Tracy Chapman, and the Smithereens to San Diego. "That's the nature of the job, to break new talent. Any of us [talent buyers] have stories like that."

— Ken Leighton

Cauliflower Blows

When the Foo Fighters play Cox Arena Tuesday, September 27, they request that "if for some reason purchaser [promoter] actually promoted the show with a real live ad campaign and accompanying cool posters or lithos, please have twenty-five set aside for the artist's touring party." The band's hospitality rider is preceded by the instruction "please do not surreptitiously hack through things to save a buck...the first four items are non-negotiable and must be provided." Those items are 36 one-liter bottles of Volvic water ("chilled on ice"), four pairs of white tube socks ("U.S. size 10-13"), four pairs of medium boxer shorts, and six boxes of Marlboro reds ("If you choose to take some moral stance...remember, you are promoting concerts, not saving whales"). They'd also like a box of cereal ("Honeycombs, Lucky Charms [or] Froot Loops"), two cartons of rice or soy

milk ("Edensoy"), a bottle of Crown Royal Canadian Whiskey, a vegetable tray with hummus and pita bread ("remember, cauliflower blows"), and a cheese tray



DAVE GROHL LOVES STINKY CHEESES

("Dave [Grohl] loves stinky cheeses"). From www.smokinggun.com and entertainment-law-attorney.com

— Jay Allen Sanford

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Those a bit more in the know maybe had a few albums by nine-fingered guitar virtuoso Phil Keaggy, whose meticulous picking and McCartneyesque voice would have screamed "cult audience" no matter what he sang about. Some might have followed the careers of crossover artists who left the mainstream for the Christian Bookstore Market (i.e. Kansas' Kerry Livgren) or performers who went from the latter to the former (Amy Grant's wooing of the mainstream was only assisted, perhaps assured, by all the press about members of the Christian rock community calling her a "traitor").

More recently, bands like U2, Creed, and P.O.D. have blurred the lines between Christian rock and plain old rock and roll by bringing faith to some good songs instead of just singing to the faithful.

Local-boys-made-good Switchfoot (their website header reads "Diego Rock USA") earned

double-platinum sales with 2003's *The Beautiful Letdown*, landed two singles in the top-five Billboard charts ("Meant to Live" and "Dare You to Move"), scored gigs on *The Tonight Show* and *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, and sold out arenas all over the country.

Switchfoot is in the CD rack right there between Matthew Sweet and System of a Down, and their *Live in San Diego* DVD has been certified RIAA gold in sales

(no small feat for a music DVD). The band's fifth studio album *Nothing Is Sound* was released September 13. Lead singer/guitarist Jon Foreman provided the following replies to our "Lists" queries:

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3. "Broken nose."



Jon Foreman of Switchfoot

4. "Broken finger."
5. "Several hundred scrapes and bruises would account for most of my other reasons."

IMPRESSIONS ON "THE TONIGHT SHOW" AND "CONAN"?

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Fabulous Thunderbirds [477]: 4th & B, Friday, September 23, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Aaron Neville Quintet: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 23, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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SUNDAY

Ashlee Simpson: House of Blues, Sunday, September 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Foo Fighters and **Weezer**: Cox Arena, Tuesday, September 27, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

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Keane: House of Blues, Thursday, September 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Macy Gray [964]: Palomar Starlight Theater, Friday, September 30, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Little Joe y la Familia [981]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, September 30, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

New Pornographers: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, September 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Etta James [951]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Junior Reid: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 1, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Yerba Buena: House of Blues, Saturday, October 1, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Green Day [268]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 2, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Kenny G [678]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Sunday, October 2, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Soulive [646]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, October 2, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

ZZ Top [587]: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Tuesday, October 4, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Seal: Viejas Casino Concerts in the Park, Wednesday, October 5, 5005 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

The Average White Band [459]: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 6, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Bobby Caldwell [629]: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: Brick by Brick, Friday, October 7, 1130 Buenos Avenue, San Diego. 619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497.

.38 Special [105]: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, October 7, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

Buddy Jewel: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 7, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380 or 619-220-8497.

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Young Dubliners: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 8, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Devo: House of Blues, Sunday, October 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Franz Ferdinand: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, October 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

HIM and Finch: Soma, Monday, October 10, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-226-SOMA or 619-220-8497.

Doves: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 11, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dropkick Murphys [481]: Soma, Tuesday, October 11, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Santana [566]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, October 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

The Bacon Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.


Ellis Paul: Acoustic Music San Diego, Thursday, October 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Dar Williams [813]: House of Blues, Thursday, October 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jesse Cook: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Mark Wills: Viejas Casino DreamCatcher Show Room, Friday, October 14, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine. 619-445-5400 or 619-220-8497.

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Aimee Mann [446]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Fat Joe: House of Blues, Sunday, October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Mariza: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Gwen Stefani 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.

Linda Perry: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Country Joe McDonald: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, October 21, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Simple Plan: Open Air Theatre, Saturday, October 22, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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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O.A.R.: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jason Mraz [824]: Soma, Wednesday, October 26, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

Gov't Mule and moe: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Beck: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, October 27, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Gov't Mule and moe: House of Blues, Thursday, October 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

David Gray: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, October 27, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Spyro Gyra: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 28, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Keb' Mo': California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 29, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Vince Gill [784]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, October 30, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Blues Traveler: House of Blues, Sunday, October 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Bauhaus: 4th & B, Wednesday, November 2, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

The Roots [267]: House of Blues, Friday, November 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Dave Alvin [818]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, November 5,

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Nouvelle Vague looks like something cooked up by a marketing committee in order to get aging hipsters to part with their cash. Here's the concept: A pair of French producers worked out bossa nova arrangements of 1980s songs — ubiquitous classics of new wave nostalgia ("Just Can't Get Enough," "I Melt with You"), cult favorites (the Cure, Joy Division), and a couple of unlikely punk-era choices (the Clash's reggae-ish "Guns of Brixton" and the Dead Kennedys' "Too Drunk to Fuck"). The producers then enlisted the services of a number of sultry-voiced chanteuses too young to remember the original versions.

The resulting album is a novelty, but it's a well-executed novelty. All the singers are good, although some try too hard to sound interesting. (**Marina Celeste**, one of the more tasteful voices on the CD, will handle vocal duties on tour.) The arrangements are not likely to please Brazilian music purists, but they are well done. And it makes for a clever, multilingual musical pun: Both the French "nouvelle vague" and the Portuguese "bossa nova" can be translated as "new wave."

What Nouvelle Vague does is not as inventive as, say, Beatles/Jay-Z mash-ups. It's not as shocking as Paul Anka's big-band version of "Smells Like Teen Spirit." But it will make you smile. You'll feel like a sucker, but you'll smile. As soon as I heard Nouvelle Vague's version of the Sisters of Mercy's "Marian," I went to the store and bought a copy of the



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Rolling Stones [529]: Petco Park, Friday, November 11, 100 Park Boulevard. 619-795-5401 or 619-220-8497.

Arturo Sandoval: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Lou Rawls: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, November 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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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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.

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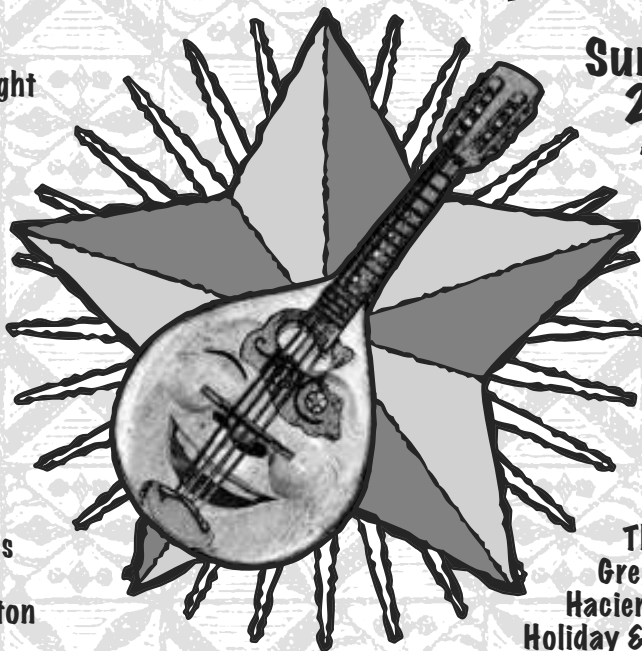
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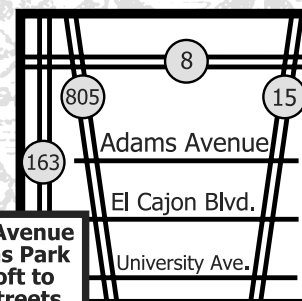


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EXTENSION 4002

ALTERNATIVE

Agent Steel: Brick By Brick, The Jumping Turtle

The Alkaline Trio [345]: Soma

The Alternatives: Surf N'Saddle

The Archons: The Kensington Club

Art Fag: Kadan's

As Cities Burn: Soma

Aspidistra: 'Canes

The Atoms: The Casbah

Azalia Snail: The Casbah

Barefoot: House of Blues

Bellini: The Casbah

Below Average: 'Canes

The Black Keys: 'Canes

Blizzard: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Burnt: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Campaign for Quiet [274]: 'Canes, Lestat's Coffee House

The Cat Empire: 'Canes

Chariot: Soma

Cheva: Dreamstreet

Colored Shadows: The Casbah

Cortical: Brick By Brick

Crystalline: Epicentre

Crydown: The Jumping Turtle

The Daffodils: The Casbah

The Dirty Skanks: Blind Melons

Dirty Sweet: The Casbah

The Displaced [104]: The Kensington Club

Disposable Income: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Downspell: Dreamstreet

Drop Joy: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Earthless: The Kensington Club

The Elephants: Blind Melons

Emery: Soma

Every Move a Picture: Belly Up Tavern

Every Time I Die: Soma

Fifty on the Heels: The Kensington Club

Finding Mercury: Dreamstreet

Fine White China: Blind Melons

FM Revolver: Dreamstreet

Foil: 'Canes

Fono [148]: 'Canes

Free Confusion: Dreamstreet

Full Blown Chaos: Soma

G Tom Mac: The Jumping Turtle

Gatsby's American Dream: Soma

Goodbye, Blue Monday [295]: University of San Diego

Gram Rabbit: The Casbah

The Gym Class Heroes: Soma

Head Wound City: Epicentre

Headtrip Superstar: Dreamstreet, 'Canes

Heiruspecs: Brick By Brick

Helstar: Brick By Brick, The Jumping Turtle

High on Fire: Soma

Higher Minds: Blind Melons

I Like Girls: The Kensington Club

The Infants: The Kensington Club

Jet Motor Crash: Blind Melons

Jezabel: The Kensington Club

Kicking K8: Epicentre

The Kills: The Casbah

Leather Nun: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Lower Definition: Soma

Madball: Soma

Carlo Marx: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Matisyahu: Belly Up Tavern

Maypole [344]: The Jumping Turtle

Mico Mica: Epicentre

The Midas Touch: The Jumping Turtle

Minmae: The Casbah

Misery Signals: Soma

Mishka: 'Canes

The Mobius Band: Belly Up Tavern

Mono: The Casbah

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Shock & Awe: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
Silver Sunshine: The Casbah
Skys of Fire: Epicentre
The Sleeping People: Epicentre, The Casbah
Soda & His Million Piece Band: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
South Psycho Cide: Brick By Brick
Split Finger: Blind Melons
SSI: The Casbah
Stolen [254]: Brick By Brick
Struck by Silence: Soma
Tempernoi: Epicentre
The Award Goes to...: Soma
Thee Shams: The Casbah
The Travel Agents: Tiki House
Tritium: Epicentre
Neil Turpin's Death Riders: The Jumping Turtle
The Verb: Dreamstreet
The Wakeup: Martini Ranch (Encinitas)
The Walls of Jericho: Soma
W.E.F.O.T.: Soma
Zero 2 None: Dreamstreet, Blind Melons

EXTENSION 4003

ROCK

Abigail's Attic [144]: Cat Daddy's
Agape: 'Canes
The BBQ Brothers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Big Rig Deluxe: Tio Leo's Lounge
Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones: Blind Melons
The Bradbury Press: 'Canes

Brothers & Sisters: The Casbah
Johnny Casino's Easy Action: Brick By Brick
CDM: Dreamstreet
The Citizen Band: Coyote Bar and Grill
Custard Pie: Leucadian Bar
The Dead Betties: Scolari's Office
The Detroit Underground: Humphrey's
Dizzy Order: Brick By Brick
Dmonstrations: Che' Cafe
The Mike Doughty Band: Belly Up Tavern

The Dukes of Haggard: The Casbah
Dumbluck: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
The Duontones: The Calypso Cafe
East County's Finest: Brick By Brick

The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
Emerald City: 'Canes
Exit 21: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
The Fabulous Thunderbirds [477]: 4th & B

The Fabulous Woodies: Danky's
Fish Out of Water: Winstons
Full Xposure: Dirk's Niteclub
Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

Gecko: Dreamstreet
The Goosers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Gore Gore Girls: The Casbah
Guerilla Transammo: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Peter Hall [502]: Island Sports & Spirits

Arabella Harrison: The Casbah
Heavy Rotation: Brick By Brick
Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last Resort

Hillstreet Strangers [469]: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Rodney Holmes: Belly Up Tavern
Jane Likes Dick: Longshot Saloon

NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Shortly before his death in 1989 author Bruce Chatwin finished his semi-controversial book *The Songlines*. If I remember correctly, according to the Aborigines featured in the book, all of Australia is, in essence, one giant work of music. Every last grain of sand, every last cactus has been sung. What's more, the ancestral songs work like an invisible map of pathways connecting all over the continent. One can walk about anywhere, provided one knows the right song. Aboriginal Gestalt, says Chatwin, is that singing is how the big things in Oz work. The ancients, it was believed, had sung the world into existence.

Aboriginal songline theory may help explain Australia's vivid and enduring pop

music culture. Known for the crude indigenous sonic flatulence of the didgeridoo (almost every tourist owns one), Australia is a heavyweight music scene unto itself. The short list includes exports such as the Easybeats, the Seekers, John Paul Young, AC/DC, Olivia Newton-John, the Church, Hoodoo Gurus, INXS, Midnight Oil, Dead Can Dance, Silverchair, Men at Work, Jet, the Vines, and more other excellent bands than there is space to mention.

I was surprised to not like **Cat Empire** on the first go-round. Right out of the box I thought there was too much juice in the Empire's sound. Their music? A combination of rock, pop, soul, funk, jazz, hip-hop, and more. The Empire sound very much like an uninhibited Melbourne ska band in search of a party. It took a few listens before the enigmatic singing and rapping of **Felix Riebl** finally made sense. That's when I found that



CAT EMPIRE

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The Prime Ministers: Blind Melons
Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort
Reaganomics: Blind Melons
Reggie & the Full Effect: Soma
The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar and Grill

Rise the Wake: Fannie's Nightclub
The Rocketz: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)
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Rockola: Viejas Casino, Humphrey's
Ron's Garage: Danky's, Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado
Rookie Card [539]: The Kensington Club
She Wants Revenge: The Casbah
Slack: Blind Melons
Sprung Monkey [513]: Winstons
Stellastarr: Belly Up Tavern
The Stilettoes: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

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Thin Will: Longshot Saloon
TNT: Second Wind (San Carlos)
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The Wild Ones: Second Wind (Santee)
Y3K: Woody's Sports Bar

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Jet City: Bub's Whiskey Dive
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Crush: Jimmy Love's

Jesse Davis: Buon Giorno Restaurant

The Edge: Jimmy Love's

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

The Mana Poly Allstars: 'Canes

The Mar Dels: The Calypso Cafe

The New Breed Band: Hennessy's Tavern (Carlsbad)

NRG: Dick's Last Resort

The Presidents of the United States: House of Blues

Ashlee Simpson: House of Blues

Tower of Power: Humphrey's

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

The All-Country Australian All-Star Band: Dizzy's

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

Joseph Angelastro: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, Monroe's Cafe

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Gunnar Biggs: Dizzy's

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo /636/: Patrick's II

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

Amelia Browning /684/: The Westgate Hotel, Turquoise Cafe

John Cain /703/: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and Grill

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos /667/: Onyx

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Barry Allen Cohen: Rock Bottom (La Jolla)

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

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Rick Helzer: Dizzy's

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Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Jazzilla: Turquoise Cafe

Ellen Johnson: Dizzy's

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

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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 Pat Metheny Trio /656/: Humphrey's

The Shep Meyers Quartet /660/: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Duncan Moore: Dizzy's

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Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

The Aaron Neville Quintet: Belly Up Tavern

The Dave Owen Trio: The Adams Avenue Studio for the Arts

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Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

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Jason Robinson: Dizzy's

Calvin Romance: Humphrey's

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

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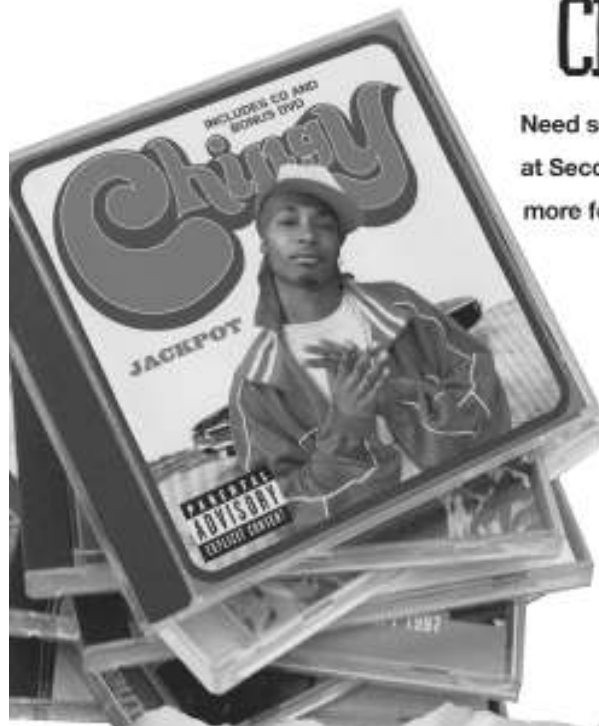
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Jazz Duo:** Harry's Bar & American
Grill

Paquito Villa: Dizzy's

Lynn Willard: Turquoise Cafe

Patrick Yandall [632]: Humphrey's

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Burning Spear [742]: House of
Blues

The Devastators [731]: Onyx,
Winstons

Elijah Emanuel [748]: House of
Blues

Gadfly: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

Jangada: Winstons

NZ Rough: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)

Quinazo: Humphrey's

The San Diego Island Boys:
'Canes

EXTENSION 4007

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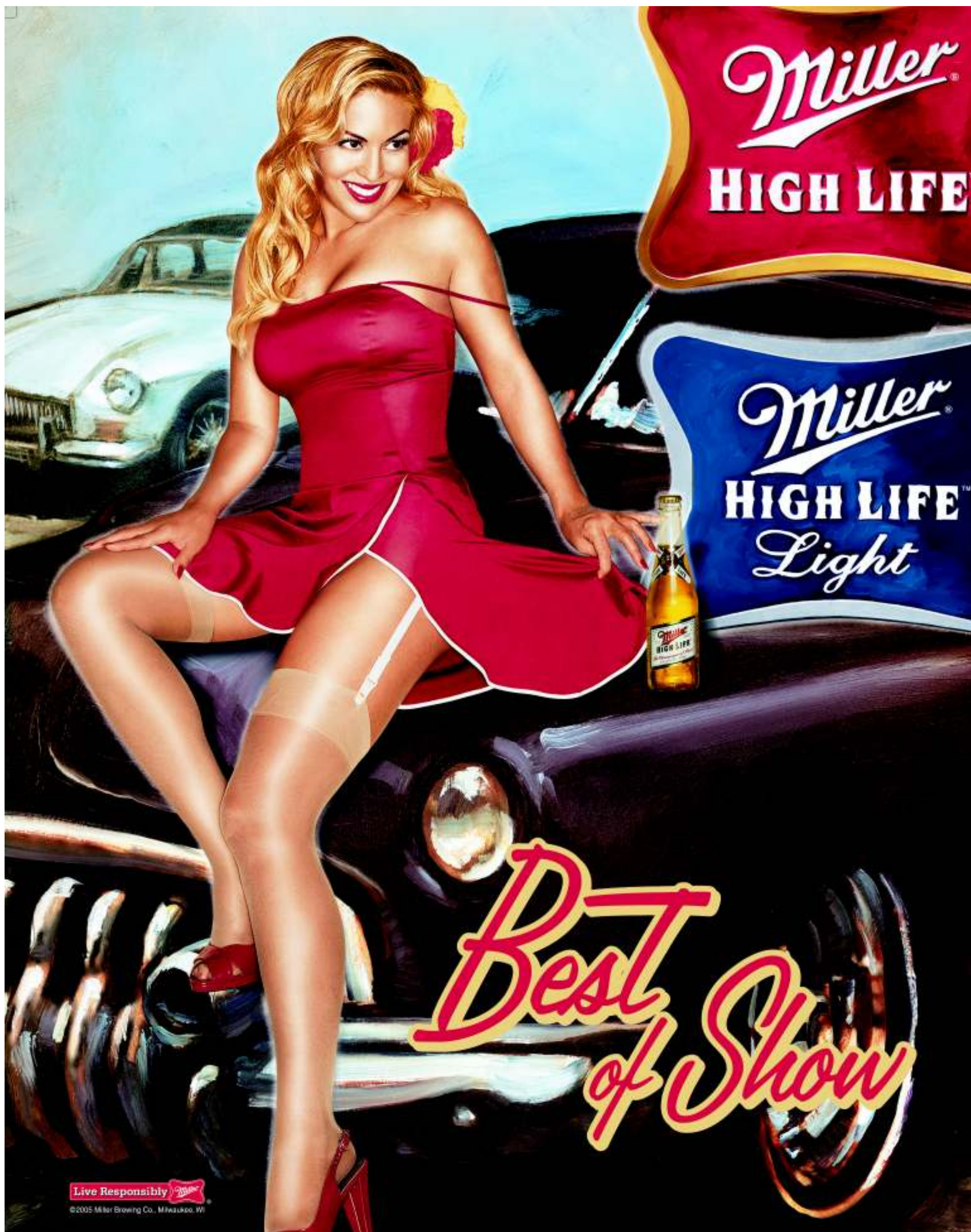
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Basis: Wednesdays, progressive house, breaks, and trance with guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

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 Walkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-517-2030.

Flying Bridge: Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and booty bass in the main room; guest DJs spin reggae and reggaeton on the patio. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Fridays, funk, down-tempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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.

CLUBS BY AREA

If you wish to submit a listing, call 619-235-3000, ext. 405, night or day by 5 pm Friday, the week prior to

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NORTH COUNTY

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers*, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 9 p.m., *the Steve Kimock Band*, *Rodney Holmes*, *Robert Walter*, and *Reed Mathis*, improvisational/rock. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Aaron Neville Quintet* and *the Billy Thompson Band*, jazz/blues. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Matisyahu* and *the Mobius Band*. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Stellastarr* and *Every Move a Picture*. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *the Mike Doughty Band* and *Erin McKeown*.

Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m., *Uptown Groove*, classic 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., *Joseph Angelastro*, jazz duo.

Borders Books and Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Tim Dismag*, folk.

Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, *Jet City*, rock. Saturday, *Guerilla Transammo*, rock.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Runnin' Blue*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Fuerte*, salsa. Sunday, *the Duotones*, rock. Monday, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *3 Dueces* with *Nena Anderson*, blues/jazz. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *the Mar Dels*, pop/Top 40.

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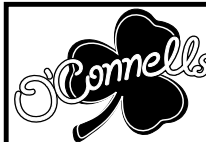
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Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Performances are on the patio. Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Stars on the Water*, acoustic rock. Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Fabulous Woodies*, surf sounds.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *the Bradley Leighton Band*, R&B/jazz.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *the New Breed Band*, pop/jazz. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Pop Rocks*, rock.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Radio 1*. Friday, *Shighlo*, *Maypole*, and *G Tom Mac*. Saturday, *Helstar*, *Agent Steel*, *Neil Turpin's Death Riders*, *Crydown*, and *the Midas Touch*. Sunday, *JAC*. Monday, *DJ Mini Mee*, '80s and '90s Top 40. Wednesday, *DJ Supamario*, *Chinsu*, and *Bodhi Tree*.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, 3 *EZ Pieces*, blues. Friday, *Jazmin*. Saturday, *Plato Soul*. Sunday, *the Blues Brokers*. Monday, *the Charles Burton Blues Band*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Custard Pie*, classic rock.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Loud Residence*, *Thin Will*, and *Jane Likes Dick*, alternative rock.

Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill, 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G7, Del Mar. 858-792-2226. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Blue Shades*, soul rock.

Martini Ranch, 485 South Coast Highway (at D Street), Encinitas. 760-943-9101. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Shock & Awe*, *Soda and His Million Piece Band*, *the Wakeup*, *DJ Scotty*, and *DJ Star*. Friday and Saturday, call club for information. Monday, *DJ Jalil* and *DJ Tone Capone*. Wednesday, *DJ Peril*, reggae.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

Pounders, 125 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-739-1288. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Bill Magee Blues Band*.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, live rock. Saturday, *the Alternatives*. Wednesday, open mic.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. 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, *Y3K*, classic rock.



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Album name: *Wire* (2005)

Artist: The Coyote Problem

Label: Long Road Records (self-released)

Songs: 1) Any Port in a Storm 2) Goin' to Vegas 3) It's Easy 4) Hold On 5) It's Always 4:20 Somewhere 6) Crosses on Fire 7) I'll Let Go 8) Pull Me Through 9) Tattooed 10) My Way 11) Fit to Be Tied 12) You're So Damn Pretty 13) Hold Back and Let It Go 14) We Got High 15) You're Never Alone

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Band members: Peter Bolland (guitars, lap steel, harmonica, mandolin, vocals), Marcia Claire (bass, vocals, keyboards), Danny Cress (drums); with additional musicians Gregory Page (backing vocals), Dave Howard (backing vocals), Doug Meyer (pedal steel), and Sven-Erik Seaholm (organ)

Extra info: The Coyote Problem plays the Peter Bolland Solo Acoustic Show at the Adams Avenue Street Fair on Saturday, September 24, from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Later, from 3 to 4 p.m., they're on the Roots Rock Stage at 34th and Adams

Website: *www.TheCoyoteProblem.com*

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Rolling rhythms and perky guitars make "Pull Me Through" and "My Way" the most memorable tracks on the album. The urgency in the acoustic riffs make the more melancholy cuts (such as "Any Port in a Storm") sting a little more. Navigating smoothly through each folk melody, Bolland and friends create a layered sound with each string instrument.

There is a good balance between the somber and the sentimental. Bolland incorporates local flavor into his songwriting. In "4:20 Some-



The Coyote Problem

where," he sings, "I take I-8 to Sunset and I turn right on Voltaire/ And I'm going to my friend Billy's/ And I know he's always there/ Got himself a big screen and that thousand mile stare/ 'cause it's always 4:20 somewhere."

(To hear a sample from *Wire*, call 619-233-9797, wait for the prompt, then punch in ext. 4848.)

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BEACHES

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *Fine White China*, *Jet Motor Crash*, and *Slack*, alternative/rock. Friday, *Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones*, rock. Saturday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., *the Prime Ministers*, 9 p.m., *the Elephants*, *Split Finger*, and *Zero 2 None*,

alternative rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reaganomics*, rock. Monday, open mic. Tuesday, *West of Memphis*. Wednesday, *Higher Minds* and *the Dirty Skanks*, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Black Keys*. Friday, *Fono*, *Campaign for Quiet*, and

Aspidistra. Saturday, *the Mana Polly Allstars*, *Agape*, *DJ 1 Sippa*, and *the San Diego Island Boys*. Sunday, *the Cat Empire*, *Mishka*, *Emerald City*, and *DJ Buddha*. Tuesday, *the Bradbury Press* and *Below Average*. Wednesday, *Rev*, *Foil*, *Sell Your Day*, and *Headtrip Superstar*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744.

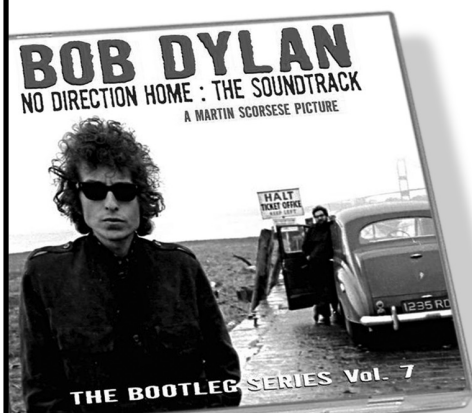
Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Che' Cafe, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Sunday, 8 p.m., *the Chromatics* and *Dmonstrations*, distressed disco/mutant punk.

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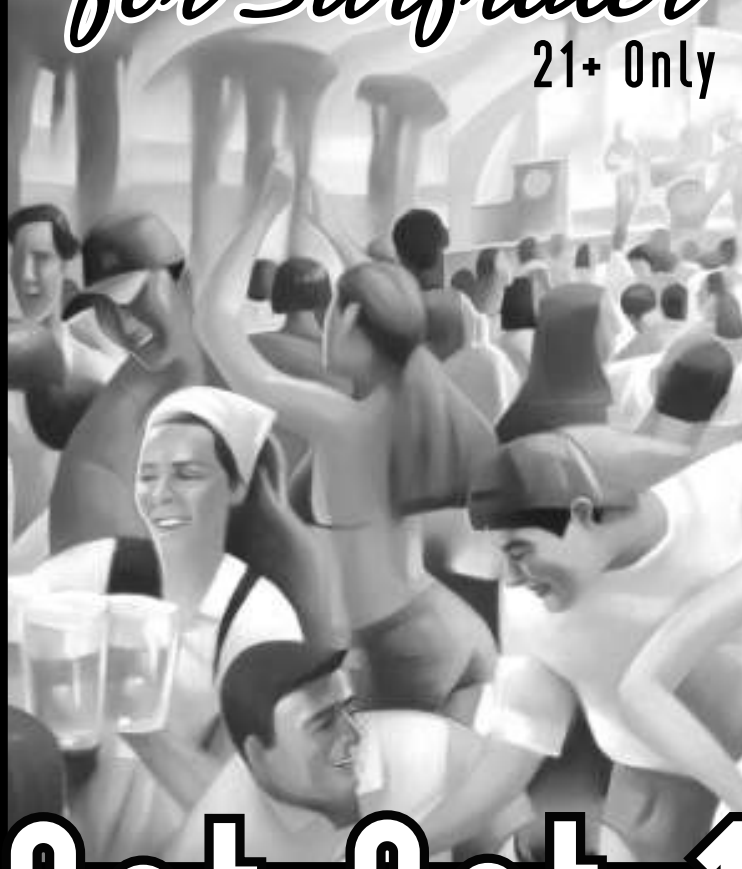
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Fresh Seafood Restaurant & Bar. 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Rob Thorsen-Jaime Valle Jazz Duo.*

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-7625. Thursday, *the Rocketz*, psychobilly. Friday, *Exit 21* and *Way Cool Jr.* Saturday, 10:30 p.m., *Dumbluck*, 11:30 p.m., *Gadfly*, rock/reggae. Wednesday, *Blizzard* and *Carlo Marx.*

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Uplift*, rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough*, reggae.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich*, jazz. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Armenta de San Diego*, world lounge music. Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross.*

Old Venice Cafe, 2910 Canon Street, Point Loma. 619-222-5888. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Nena Anderson* with 3 Deuces, blues/jazz.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, *Nick Fiore, John Giulino*, and *Dave Scott*, jazz.

Qwiigs Bar & Grill, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue, Ocean Beach. 619-222-1101. Friday and Saturday, live rock. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Mike Nelson*, solo jazz guitar.

Rock Bottom, 8980 Via La Jolla Drive, La Jolla. 858-450-9277. Friday, 6 pm, *Barry Allen Cohen*, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734.

Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *the Perks*. Saturday, *the Travel Agents*, alternative. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis* and *Joey Bowen*, acoustic. Wednesday, 9 p.m., *the Adopted Prophets*, hip-hop/emo rock.

Turquoise Cafe, 873 Turquoise Street, La Jolla. 858-488-4200. Thursday, *Amelia Browning* and *Lynn Willard*, jazz. Saturday, *Fred Heath & the Slidewinders*, blues. Friday, *Jazilla*. Saturday, call club for information. Sunday, 7:30 p.m., *Banda Braza*, Brazilian folk. Monday, Greek and Turkish music. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters.*

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Thursday, *New Monsoon*, rock. Friday, *the Devastators* and *Jangada*, reggae. Saturday, *Sprung Monkey* and *Outerspace*, alternative/rock. Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Ocean Beach Jazz Collective*. Monday, *the Electric Waste Band*, classic rock. Tuesday, *Shoestring Strap*, bluegrass. Wednesday, *Fish Out of Water*, rock.

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Acoustic Expressions, 2852 University Avenue, San Diego. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Michael Blea*, acoustic folk.

The Adams Avenue Studio for the Arts, 2804 Adams Avenue, North Park. 619-584-3593. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., *Tokeli* and *the Dave Owen Trio*, jazz.

The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Tuesday, *S.D. Blue*, blues jam.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 p.m., *David Timothy Smith.*

The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, *Nude Blues*, classic rock.

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Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Bay Park. 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Screaming Yeehaws* and *Johnny Casino's Easy Action*. Friday, *Helstar*, *Agent Steel*, and *Cage*. Saturday, *Heavy Rotation*, *Cortical*, and *Stolen*. Sunday, *Lost Hawgs*, *East County's Finest*, *Lenny Hands*, and *Dizzy Order*. Wednesday, *Heiruspecs* and *South Psycho Cide*.

Cornerstone Cafe, 3739 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-516-3455. Thursday, 7 p.m., *Mike McGill*, acoustic folk. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *Anna Troy*, acoustic blues/folk.

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The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, *Billy Watson*, harmonica blues.

Hancock Cafe, 3554 Hancock Street, Point Loma. 619-296-2060. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney* & *the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo*.

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, *the North Mississippi Allstars* and *Chuck Prophet*. Saturday, *the Presidents of the United States*. Sunday, *Ashlee Simpson* and *Barefoot*. Tuesday, *Molotov*. Wednesday, *Burning Spear* and *Elijah Emanuel*.

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Humphrey's, Half Moon Inn, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-224-3577. Backstage Lounge: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., *Patrick Yandall*, jazz. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Detroit Underground*, rock/soul. Saturday, 9:30 p.m., *Rockola*, classic rock. Sunday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Calvin Romance* and *Trina Steward*. Monday, blues jam. Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., *Quinazo*, soul/rock/reggae. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to midnight, *Carol Ames*, original rock.

Concerts by the Bay: Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *the Pat Metheny Trio*, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tower of Power*. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., *Dead Can Dance*, acoustic.

The Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street, San Diego. 619-234-3525. Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., *Rick Lyon*, pop standards/Top 40/variety.

The Inn Suites, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego. 619-296-2101. Wednesday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., workshop/concert with *the San Diego Concert Jazz Band*.

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The Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *the Infants* and *I Like Girls*. Friday, *Jezabel*, *Rookie Card*, *the Displaced*, and *Fifty on the Heels*. Saturday, *Earthless*, and *the Archons*.

Kitima Thai Restaurant, 406 University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-298-2929. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Jim Gala Jazz Trio*.

Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Heathen Kings of Old*. Friday, *Satisfaction*, *J. Turtle*, and *Andrew Foshee*. Saturday and Sunday, *the Adams Avenue Street Fair*. Monday, open mic. Tuesday, *Kim DiVincenzo*.

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Wednesday, *Campaign for Quiet*, alternative.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Disposable Income*, *Leather Nun*, and *the Hill Street Stranglers*, alternative rock. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *the Goosers*, *Oliver Reigns*, *Renata Youngblood*, and *the Jefferson Jay Band*, rock. Sunday, 9 p.m., *Rob Johnson*, acoustic rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Panty Peelers*, retro rock. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Drop Joy*, *War*

& *Cinema*, *Burnt*, and *the BBQ Brothers*, rock.

Pal Joey's, 5147 Waring Road, Allied Gardens. 619-286-7873. Friday and Saturday, *Nite Life*, blues.

Red Fox Steakhouse, 2228 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-297-1313. Thursday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *New Direction*. Monday, *the David Shard Duo*.

Scolari's Office, 3936 30th Street, San Diego. 619-296-3546. Monday, 9 p.m., *the Dead Betties* and *Sugarpuss*, rock/punk.

Second Wind, 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday, *TNT*, classic rock.

Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is heavy rock/alternative. Thursday, *Madball*, *the Walls of Jericho*, *Misery Signals*, and *Full Blown Chaos*. Friday, *Lower Definition*, *W.E.F.O.T.*, *The Award Goes to...*, *the Remedy*, and *Struck by Silence*. Saturday, *Every Time I Die*, *High on Fire*, *Chariot*, and *Red Chord*. Monday, *Emery*, *Gatsby's American Dream*, *the Gym Class Heroes*, *As Cities Burn*. Wednesday, *My Chemical Romance*, *the Alkaline Trio*, and *Reggie & the Full Effect*.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Big Rig Deluxe*, rockabilly. Friday, *the Freemonts*, blues. Saturday, *the Working Cowboy Band*, country.

Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., *the High Society Jazz Band*.

Trisler's Wine Bar, 8555 Station Village Lane, Suite C, San Diego. 619-298-1501. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Nathan Welden*, acoustic folk. Sunday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Suzanne Shea*, classic covers/original folk.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Capriccio String Quartet*, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Jaime Valle Quartet*, Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, *Aaron Bowen*, *Trevor Hall*, *Sam & Dave*, and *Alex Esther*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Lenny & Ben Ingraham*, *Eric McCarley*, *Kenny Sacks*, *Liana Piper*, *Kethro*, and *Michele Shipp*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Anna Troy*, *Raj*, *Tim Corley*, and *Carlos Olmeda*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, *Guy Swimer*, *Jane Lui*, and *Simeon Flick*. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *the Celtic Ensemble*, folk. Wednesday, open mic.

University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. 619-260-4600, extension 8742. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Goodbye Blue Monday*, rock.

Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant, 3025 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-282-7040. Thursday, 8 p.m. to

11 p.m., *B-3 Four*, jazz, featuring vocalist, *Halina*.

DOWNTOWN

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Fabulous Thunderbirds*, rock. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Lt. J Bukem*, *MC Conrad*, and *Marques Wyatt*.

Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Friday, 8 p.m., *Aaron Bowen*, folk.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Arabella Harrison*, *Brothers & Sisters*, *Minnae*, and *Azalia Snail*. Friday, *Dirty Sweet*, *Silver Sunshine*, and *the Atoms*. Saturday, *the Kills*, *She Wants Revenge*, and *Radio Vago*. Sunday, *Mono*, *Bellini*, and *Sleeping People*. Monday, *Colored Shadows*, *Thee Shams*, and *the Daffodils*. Tuesday, *Nouvelle Vague*, *Gram Rabbit*, and *SSI*. Wednesday, *the Legendary Shack Shakers*, *the Gore Gore Girls*, and *the Dukes of Haggard*.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the David Patrone Quartet*. Friday, *Yavez*. Saturday and Sunday, *the Archtones*. Monday, *Dave*

Scott. Tuesday, *the Shep Meyers Quartet*. Wednesday, *the Jorge Camberos Quintet*.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, *Fuzzy & the Bluesmen*. Saturday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Jimmy Lavello*, pop American music.

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Thursday, *Private Domain*, rock and roll. Friday, *NRG*, high-energy dance. Saturday, *Night Shift*, classic rock. Sunday and Monday, *Hera's Olive*, rock. Tuesday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. Wednesday, *the Atomic Cowboys*.

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8:30 p.m., *Jason Robinson*, *Rob Thorsen*, and *Paquito Villa*, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., *Fred Benedetti* and *George Svoboda*, classical guitar. Saturday, 2 p.m., *the All-Country Australian All-Star Band*. Sunday, 4 p.m., *Ellen Johnson*, *Peter Sprague*, *Rick Helzer*, *Gunnar Biggs*, and *Duncan Moore*, jazz.

Fat City, 2137 Pacific Highway, San Diego. 619-232-9303. Friday, 10 p.m., *Rico Tumbao*, salsa.

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, *Masterpiece*, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., *Crush*, disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *the Edge*, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time*, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Mystique*, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Revue*, jazz/dance/Top 40.

Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-5670. Thursday, *DJ Pinky* and *DJ Laka*, house/dance. Wednesday, *Basis*, DJ event, progressive house/techno/techno/trance.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown. 619-235-6100. Thursday, 9 p.m., *Planeta Energy* with *DJ Kahlil*, Latin grooves. Friday and Saturday, Top 40/'80s music. Sunday, *DJ Hektik* and *DJ Tek*. Tuesday, *DJ Mada* and *DJ Beatnick*. Wednesday, *Bus Stop* with *DJ Charlie Rock*, *DJ Mada*, and *DJ Cros I*.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Thursday, 9 p.m. *Hooked on Onyx*, underground, hip-hop. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, *Half & Half*, house/hip-hop. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, *Gilbert Castellanos*, jazz.

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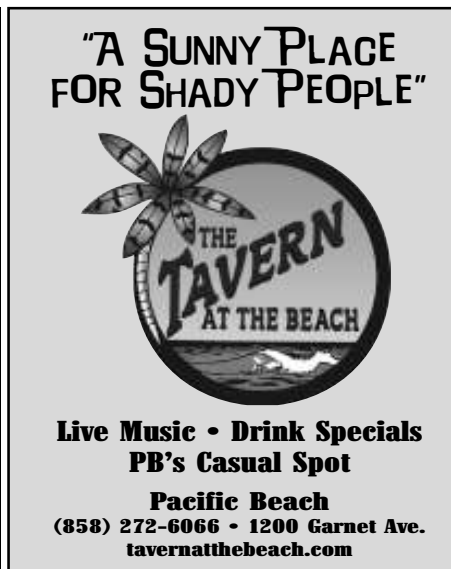
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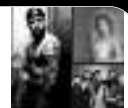
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FIELD NOTES: Cygnet Theatre's *Invention of Love* closes this weekend. It's about the roads taken, and avoided, by the poet A.E. Housman, whose literary status of late tends to flip about like a tailless kite. One of Housman's most important, though rarely acknowledged, influences was on American musical theater. His terse, personal poetry became a template for "golden age" lyricists Ira Gershwin,

Irving Berlin, and especially E.Y. "Yip" Harburg, who wrote the words to "April in Paris," "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" "It's Only a Paper Moon," and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Asked to name his inspirations, Harburg replied, "Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Shelley, Shaw; the English language. If you want to write songs and you don't know A.E. Housman, if you don't know Dorothy Parker, Frank Adams...you cannot be a good lyric writer." ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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As You Like It

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Callie's Tally

As a fundraiser for the Southern Repertory Theatre, destroyed by hurricane Katrina, the San Diego Rep (and the Guthrie Theatre, and Pegasus Players in Chicago, and others) presents a staged reading of Betsy Howie's play, which would have opened the Southern Rep's season. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

The Caucasian Chalk Circle

South Coast Repertory Theatre opens its new season with Bertolt Brecht's drama about Grusha, trapped in a war and a legal battle. Kate Whoriskey directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 9; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life

The Old Globe Theatre presents the world premiere of this musical tribute to Chita Rivera, written by Terrence McNally and directed/choreographed by Graecia Daniele. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON

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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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The Crucible

OnStage Playhouse presents Arthur Miller's drama about the Salem Witch Trials (drawing parallels with the House Un-American Activities hearings of the 1950s). Marjorie Mae Treger directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

da KINK in my HAIR

Reviewed this issue. SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 16; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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Golden Boy

Lamplighters Community Theatre stages Clifford Odets's drama about Joe, an accomplished violinist who becomes just as accomplished as a prize fighter. Too accomplished, in fact. LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, BEN POLAK MEMORIAL FINE ARTS CENTER, 8053 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, LA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22) AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-464-4598.

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Hair

Nudity, even a group-strip/grope, sexual gymnastics from the *Kama Sutra*, a chorus of talking Levi rear-ends, plus social concern, the 1968 musical's a living recruitment poster for the counter culture — and, as Fritz director Duane Daniels says, “a call to action” today. He offers the show as a protest against “the lack of protesting in this country. *Hair* had to happen in 1968, and it has to happen now.” Thanks to an earnest, energized production by the Fritz, the original is with us in the spirit, and the flesh, a time capsule from a time as troubled as our own. Most of the cast wasn't born when *Hair* premiered. They aren't the best actors in town (more rage, please). But they can sing, some quite well. And all feel comfortable not with just the x-rated stuff (much of which happens in strobe flickers), but also the show's tricky demand: each tribe member gets a star turn, often without warm-up. As Claude and Berger, masters of ceremonies in the plotless musical, Joel Rieke and Reuben Mier have the take-stage assurance of lead singers in a band. And let by Jim Mooney's authentic guitar licks, the five-piece backup provides feisty support. Last call: *Hair* concludes its run this weekend. **Worth a try.** LYCEUM SPACE THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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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 Septimius Hodge in *Arcadia*, lived a hermit's

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life of “long silences.” Cygnet Theatre’s opening-night performance stumbled a bit, with thick, garbled accents (at least half the cast) and sprints through speeches. The design work, including excellent slide projections, matched the play’s fluidity. Jim Chovick struck moving, elegaic tones as the older AEH, though his raspy accent needed toning down. Sean Cox, as Housman the lad, gave a deft blend of optimism and sexual perplexity. Stoppard said he advocated a balanced portrait of Housman, achievements and losses. If so, he shouldn’t have given Oscar Wilde such a memorable last speech, which reframes Housman as an evader of life and which Daren Scott performs with such disarming élan it’s easy to forget that, whether it be real or just invention, in the end both Housman and Wilde were fools for love.

Worth a try.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

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Late-Nite Catechism

Back by popular demand: In most interactive theater the audience needs time to warm up, get into the spirit of performance. Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan’s one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds, max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno’s adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders latecomers to take their seats NOW. She’s here because it’s Father Murphy’s poker night. And she’s from the pre-Vatican II, don’t-spare-the-rod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And, whether threatening a gum chewer with eternal damnation or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot), she’s as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. *Late-Nite Catechism*, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It’s the *Rocky*

Horror Show for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THROUGH OCTOBER 25; MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

Macbeth

Double, double, toil and trouble? No. Something tasteful this way comes. Paul Mullins has directed a safe, formalist *Macbeth*, substituting stage pictures for substance. Instead of the Macbeths’ insatiable frenzy, fed by “slaughterhouse thoughts,” we get choreographed, often mathematically precise visuals. Some do catch the eye (white-faced Weird Sisters in sleek, red, late-medieval chic; Macduff’s spears poking through Balboa Park toward Dunsinane). But the Sisters are cupcakes. The slo-mo battles are aesthetic affairs. And the leads are lame. Tom Hammond’s Macbeth’s a thoughtful, perplexed guy who delivers his lines with slow, sculpted cadences that don’t come near the lion’s roar. As Lady M, Deirdre Lovejoy resorts to deep breathing to convey emotion and plays her scenes as set pieces, apart from other actors (when she sleepwalks, Lovejoy makes Lady M a batty, candle-hypnotized Ophelia: an odd, albeit showy, choice). Worthy of note: what lighting designer York Kennedy does with darkness. It shrouds the stage like a fogbank. And since the rest of the production prefers the stately to the gritty and the tragic, Kennedy’s shadings become the only place where evil gets to stake its claim. LOWELL DAVIES FESTIVAL THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; *MACBETH* RUNS

IN REPERTORY WITH *COMEDY OF ERRORS* AND *THE WINTER’S TALE*; FOR SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES: 619-239-2255.

Mambo Italiano

Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts presents a “comedic drama” about an Italian man’s coming out — and his family’s reaction. ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Monky Business

The Broadway Theater presents a comedy about five monks who have 24 hours to raise \$250,000 to save their monastery. But one of them is a spy for the landlord! Randall Hickman directed. BROADWAY THEATER, 340 EAST BROADWAY, VISTA, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 760-806-7905.

National Comedy Theatre

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it’d be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling (“where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags”). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone’s TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like “rugby and American football”), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San

Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played “Emotional Sympathy,” “Shakespeare,” “Blind Line,” and “Freeze Tag,” with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

Romeo and Juliet

At the North Coast Rep, Richard Baird proves once again why Shakespeare had to murder Mercutio so *Romeo and Juliet* could turn tragic. On Marty Burnett’s spare stage, Baird’s Mercutio dominates with swagger, nuance, and an innate affinity with Romeo’s pyrotechnical companion. Lynne Griffin’s Nurse — earthy, religious, hilarious — has the same effect and must go as well (the show’s best scene, a bawdy steeplechase over, around, and under her outfit, pairs the two). What follows their departure is a letdown. Scenes become shouting matches (actors begin speeches at full volume, then have no place to go). Brennan Taylor’s Romeo has fine moments, especially in the balcony scene, but also delivers flat readings; Rhianna Bashore’s Juliet’s about half-recited, half-strident. Both need to vary vocal dynamics, let the poetry happen unaided by clunky emphases, and simply *speak* to each other as human beings burning with love. Under David Ellenstein’s in-and-out direction, the production has abundant energy, though

not always felt intensity or sharp focus (there’s a *lot* of upstaging going on). Jeanne Reith’s wonderful costumes — Montague blue and Capulet rustic red — are a definite plus. And the must-see performances of Griffin and Baird tip the scales.

Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

San Diego Theatresports

A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports’ “game show” is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had “Team Sports” — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and “Gorilla Theatre” — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a “forfeit” (other formats include “Micetro” and “Improv Survivors”). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I’ve ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: “Remember, when it’s not funny, it’s art.”

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Scapino

Scripps Ranch Theatre opens its new season with Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale's madcap comedy, based on a farce by Molière. Jim Caputo directed. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, THROUGH OCTOBER 8; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-578-7728.

The Scottish Play

In Lee Blessing's comedy, when the Northernmost Shakespeare Festival tries to stage the cursed Shakespearean tragedy, things fall apart. Melia Bensussen directed. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, LA JOLLA, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, THROUGH OCTOBER 23; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner,

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Tale of the Allergist's Wife

Marjorie Taub lives in a \$900,000 NYC condo. Her husband of 32 years is an allergist/saint. And yet Marjorie hungers — because her therapist died recently? — "for meaning!" She's a "cultural poseur," which her kvetching mother complains about almost as much as her own digestive dysfunctions. In Charles Busch's over-the-top comedy-fable, the fortuitous arrival of Lee, a long-lost friend who has influenced four decades of cultural highpoints, from Kerouac to Warhol to Princess Di (and who may be a figment of the family's collective imagination), could change all three lives: if they let her. The 6th@Penn production's a mix of funny moments and overcooked attempts to force laughter. Much of the show is comedy- but should be character-driven; emphasis on the latter would help bridge Busch's leap from a whacko first act to near sobriety in the second. Lee Scaritt's Marjorie's appropriately (though often calculatedly) manic. As Frieda, Lee's mother, Carlyn Ames needs to vary jackhammering deliv-

eries. Rhys Green and Fred Harlow blend humor and character effectively. And, too long absent from local stages, Glynn Bedington's terrific as the smiling, gentle — or is she a sinister, controlling Golem/monster? — Lee, the "terrorist of the heart" who infects the silver-striped, posh condo with the virus of liberation.

Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

Too Old for the Chorus: But Not Too Old to be a Star

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Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee-house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape,"

"Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)

Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

Valhalla

"Inner beauty is tricky," complains self-centered Sally, in Paul Rudnick's comic caper, "because you can't prove it." Rudnick's one-liners are as rapid, and reliable, as New York taxis. 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* offers dual biographies: King Ludwig II of Bavaria (aka."the Mad King" who preferred attending opera and building fantastic 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 for Henry Lee Stafford, whom he stalks. *Valhalla* moves in parallel scenes. The pattern works, then becomes a pace dragger. But though the play's parts, especially the hilarious first act, are greater than the whole, Rudnick's gift for humor, and director Tim Irving's amazing skills and infectious spirit generate deep laughs, and lots of them. Andrew Kennedy, Laura Bozanich, Angel D'Agostino, Andy Collins, Lisel Gorrell Getz, and Zachary Mikles, many in multiple roles, do some of the best ensemble work of 2005. 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 (including an Alp-sized gown for Marie Antoinette) will remain as mysterious, to outsiders, as King Ludwig himself.

Worth a try.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BOULEVARD, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, THROUGH OCTOBER 2; THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-220-0097.

The Winter's Tale

A "sad tale" may be best "for winter," as a character says, but the Old

Globe's splendid *Winter's Tale* could become the hit of the summer. Although King Leontes has it all — loving wife pregnant with their second child, dear friends, sumptuous palace — for unaccountable reasons he goes absolutely nuts. Mad as Lear, bloodthirsty as Macbeth, Leontes breaks every bond he's ever known. Shakespeare supplies causes (at least five) but is much more concerned with healing the effect: how do you, or even can you, repair ultimate damage? How do you de-Hyde Dr. Jekyll? In Shakespeare's most amazing, openhearted statement about human nature, *The Winter's Tale* shows that a person can change, or change back, if given support, conviction, and time. The play jumps 16 years, and from winter to spring ("from things dying to things newborn") and tragedy to comedy. Directed by Darko Tresnjak, the production's so adept at evoking the play's extreme atmospheres that when you're in the winter scenes, like being in the real dead of winter, it feels as if spring will never come. And, in the midst of chipper Act Four, scene four, vice versa. From Bruce Turk's solemn/loony Leontes, to Katie MacNichols' forthright, aching, wonderful Hermione, through all the ensemble work, the acting is first-rate. As is are the designs: Ralph Funicello's spare, stained-wood set, Linda Cho's solemn/celebratory costumes, York Kennedy's Rembrandt-like lighting, and Christopher Walker's subtle sounds. Go see this one! Treat yourself.

Critic's pick.

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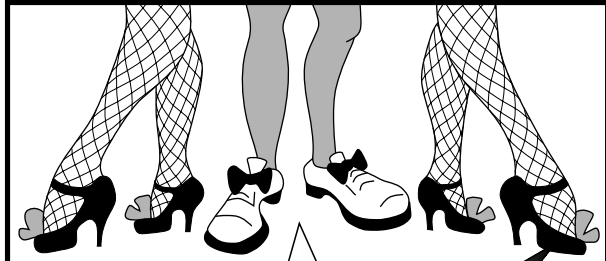
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Cats' Night Out

My partner was still *hors de combat* with food poisoning from the latest flunk-out café, so I met up with Lynne and Sheila, our Aussie friend, at Soleil @K. If we'd had a Samantha to join us, we could've been *Sex and the City — The Sequel*. (Actually, I'd need to take off some pounds and years to play Carrie, but you get the idea.) Cheryl was going to come, too, but had to back out to take her cat to the vet for last rites.

Soleil, on the ground floor of the new Gaslamp Marriott, is spiffy-looking, with lots of shiny chrome, walls the color of a mustard-mayo mix, and an open kitchen. Half the seating is at long communal tables where you can share a meal with strangers, assuming any strangers are present and you want to eat with them; the rest consists of cozy booths and small tables. But we saw not a soul eating inside, merely two couples on the sidewalk patio. You could tell by their outfits that they were from Tucson: Bermudas. One wife sipped soup, while the husband ate pasta; the other pair were finishing a pizza. That didn't look promising, but Lynne had enjoyed a meal here a few months back, and I remembered that early reviews had been favorable.

It was a balmy evening, not yet dark, and the music inside was too loud for our taste, so we, too, chose the patio, facing a street that's deeply quiet if there's no game at Petco. But the quiet ended abruptly: As we settled down, the staff turned up the piped-out music to party volume. While we were engrossed in talk of former cats we'd known and loved, the waitress delivered menus. "What will you have to drink? Do you need a wine list? You ready to order yet?" she blurted. We wanted the wine list. She whizzed away and promptly returned with both it and the bread plate.

We gnawed on a length of San Francisco-style sourdough served in a waxed-paper bag printed large with the restaurant's logo. It came with a mixture of parmesan cheese, lemon peel and extra-virgin olive oil, with cloves of roasted garlic to squish onto the bread — a nostalgic echo of the roast-garlic fad that swept Bay Area bistros some 15 years ago.

We'd barely started to choose a wine (we were concluding our cat-chat) when the waitress popped back, STAT. "I know, I know, you're catching up on each other. What'll you have?" she said with undisguised impatience. I spotted



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a Brancott Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand (\$22) and recalled its weed-free, grapefruity flavor — good with seafood appetizers. Sheila, who's a wine expert in her spare time, approved. The waitress riposted, "Have you tried the Cakebread?" (a bottle costing considerably more). "Yes, many times," I said shortly. (Not that it's bad, but I'm bored with big Cal Chardonnays.)

As a New York minute is to Trinidad Time, so our waitress was to the group's preferred pace. We shooed her off again while we perused the menu of simple Cal-Mediterranean standards. I searched in vain for the dishes that had won earlier critics' plaudits. Nearly all had been lopped away, particularly luxuries such as foie gras and oysters. The omen presented by Zonies eating pizza proved true. "People were staying away from those items, so we took 'em off the menu," the chef later told me. The appetizers were reduced to a half-dozen salads and a few Cal-cuisine staples like steamed mussels and crabcakes. The "velvet garlic soup" was still listed, but it was too warm out for hot soup.

Lynne had enjoyed a fried calamari salad on

her previous foray, and its recap that evening was our best dish before dessert. Tender batter-fried squid rings and tentacles were touched with a squirt of lemon juice and served amid a tangle of arugula, frisée, and halved cherry tomatoes in a zesty "Louis"-style dressing of tomato-spiked aioli. "These flavors just keep on giving," said Lynne.

The crabcakes are made with Dungeness, my favorite of the species. The plump pair were luscious — nearly all-crab, bound with lemon aioli and a touch of panko. Served over avocado mousse, they were festooned with microgreens and more cherry tomatoes, as sweet as home-grown. But you have to eat the cakes while they're still hot and gooey: As they cooled, the mayo and salt seized dominance over the delicate seafood.

A pleasing but unfocused salad featured a multicolored array of heirloom tomatoes amid cucumber batons, baby radicchio leaves, and a mild champagne vinaigrette. Something vital was missing: The menu advertised fresh basil, but it was colorless, odorless, and tasteless. (It's odd, but when restaurants are near-empty, food and ser-

Soleil @K

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CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Simple California cuisine. Long, interesting international wine list in a wide price range, mainly moderate (\$30–\$40). Some half-bottles, but a bit scant on selections by the glass. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Fried calamari salad; Dungeness crabcakes; desserts.

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REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

vice often suffer. Too little stress, I guess.) Next day, I added a handful of the missing herb to the leftovers, along with a shake of balsamic, and the dish suddenly coalesced.

The next menu segment is devoted to half a dozen wood-fired pizzas. Since this town boasts the ubiquitous Sammy's, specializing in that very item, we passed and moved on to "hand-rolled pastas," choosing veal cannelloni. "Oh, great! That's our newest dish!" exclaimed our waitress with frightening enthusiasm. (As soon as she turned her back, we speculated on the possible causes of her over-amped condition.)

Cannelloni are traditionally made of crêpes rolled around a light, creamy veal forcemeat filling. Here, they seemed to be thick pasta sheets joined at the hip to rubbery provolone cheese — not a separate layer of melted cheese, but fused to the



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skins, which were glazed with a sweet tomato-and-Port reduction sauce. Inside the wraps, minced veal bound in floury béchamel sauce was spiked with aggressive bits of smoky pancetta (tasting more like Southern country bacon). Alongside was a haystack of naked frisée, filling up the white space on the plate. "What are we supposed to do with that?" I asked rhetorically, poking a fork at the bitter heap. "Beats me," said the Lynne. "I hate frisée. I don't get the point of it."

The showpiece entrée is a whole striped bass. "You understand it's a whole fish? With the head on?" asked the waitress. We nodded. "We get a lot of people here who freak out seeing the eyes," she said. "The native cuisine of my race is Chinese restaurant food," I reassured her, accidentally breaking into rhyme: "Since the age of three, I've looked at dead fish eyes, and they've looked at me." Then we gave her a chorus of the San Diego seafood-eaters' summertime mantra: "We're not Yuman! Don't overcook it." "We never do," she said, and proved truthful.

The tender bass swam in a thin, tasty tomato-garlic sauce, wearing crisp slices of fried fennel, which we gobbled down at a speed approaching that of the Lynne's Boxster. Sheila cautiously took a bite of fish, assessing the exotic American species. "It tastes like — dirt," she mused. I had to admit that it did have a faintly muddy

undertone, like catfish. Subsequent research solved the riddle: Wild striped bass live in freshwater lakes, enjoying a diet of mosquitoes, dragonflies, waterbugs, et al. But this was farmed, pond-raised bass (hence that "dirt" taste), fattened up on Purina Game Fish Chow. It takes five pounds of fish food for each pound of weight gain, so what we had on the platter was about 12 pounds of chow transmogrified to fish-flesh, looking pretty but tasting funny.

A pair of thick Colorado lamb loin chops were grilled to medium (versus our "medium rare" order), sprinkled with herbage and set atop "five onion risotto" and something called "mint gastrique" — vinegar and sugar cooked down to a syrup and flavored with fresh mint and shallots. "Too bad they're using American lamb," said Sheila. "It's fatty, compared to our Australian and New Zealand lamb." She was right, *mucho* fat was on and all through the chops. Lynn nibbled a little rice. "The best risottos — I can't stop myself, I eat them till they're gone. This, I can take or leave." It was thick and glutinous, sweet from the mint syrup. We ordered a side dish of wild mushrooms as accompaniment. They were nice and wild, a mixture of small chanterelles and baby shiitakes sautéed in butter.

I'd turned the wine list over to the expert Sheila to choose a bottle that would go with our entrées. (With fish, pasta, and lamb arriving, it

would be a challenge.) When her first choice turned out to be unavailable, the sommelier — a nice young man from St. Louis — came to our table to discuss a substitute. "I'm studying for my sommelier exam next week," he confided. "I can't just enjoy drinking wine now, I have to memorize. It's torture." Sheila tortured him some more, the two going round and round before agreeing on a Beckman California Grenache (about \$10 higher than the original choice). It proved lively, jammy, not so much a match to the diverse entrées as an harmonious additional flavor.

The dessert course is where Soleil's chef shows his wit. Lavender-blueberry ice cream vanished fast, the perfumey sophistication of the herb twining around the Down East tart-sweetness of the berries, fascinating us into something like greed. A "mile-high lemon meringue cake" offered six inches of airy layer cake, surrounded by coconut syrup and topped with the sorbet du jour, an exotic strawberry-fig mixture. "Coffee and Do-Nuts" proved to be a Krispy Kreme bread pudding served in a coffee mug, topped with espresso gelato. The pudding tasted exactly like a melt-down of Krispy Kreme donuts. "Why do Americans like those things so much?" asked slender Sheila, who's an ER nurse by trade and appalled by the threat to our general health. "They're just terrific when they're hot off the line at

the bakery," said slim Lynne. "Irresistible! But if you buy them at the grocery, they're disgusting — when they're cold you taste all the sugar and trans-fats." Lynne and I (with Sheila abstaining) ravished the pudding for three or four spoonfuls, stopping when it cooled enough to lose the krispy-kremy magic.

We started post mortems at the table. "The entrées were kind of boring, but I'd probably come back for appetizers and desserts," said the Lynne, to general agreement. Just then, the waitress returned, cutting short the discussion. Slapping the bill on the table, she didn't even ask if we wanted to box up the leftover lemon cake. I managed to take it home anyway, but if I told you how, I'd have to kill you.

ABOUT THE CHEF

"I grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania," says Executive Chef Stephen Clickner. "In high school, starting at age 14, I got summer jobs in restaurants. I worked my way up from washing dishes to prep to finally working on the [cooking] line...I wanted to learn more, so it was either go to school or become an apprentice. I was accepted to the CIA [Culinary Institute of America], but I chose instead to become an apprentice under Chef Sigler at Hilton Head Island in South Carolina, at the Westin, which was a five-diamond resort. It's the same program as at cooking schools — a three-year program with the same cur-

riculum — but I had the benefit of being one of eight chefs instead of one of 20 students to a class. I stayed on Hilton Head cooking in fine-dining restaurants there. Then I transferred to the Westin in New Orleans and stayed there for about a year. Ended up moving to San Francisco and working at Postrio for a little bit.

"Then I worked for a company called cb5 for five years." [The cb5 group is a corporate food-consultant which hires itself out to hotel chains and similar businesses to develop menus and recipes, and in some cases to run the restaurant after opening. For instance, they were in charge of Rice at the Hotel W for over a year, but sold it back to the hotel chain last fall.] "I opened up a bunch of restaurants for them, and I worked at the W here for a while. When they sold Rice back to the hotel, I left and took a year off to relax and regroup. I was tired of moving. I wanted to grow up, find a home, be more stable. Then cb5 called and told me about the opening at this hotel. At the beginning, cb5 designed and developed the Food and Beverage Department here, but they have nothing to do with the operation. One of the draws for me was that they wanted an independent restaurant at the hotel. I wanted the benefits of working for a large company, while still having the independence to do what a restaurant needs to do — change quickly and evolve — as well as run-

ning the day to day operations."

I asked about the disappearance of luxury appetizers from the menu. "It's the clientele we were getting," he answered. "We scaled the menu back to make it more user-friendly for our clientele. Our whole thrust now is to educate the staff so they really understand the classic techniques — how to sauté, how good the meat comes out when you braise it until it's falling off the bone...Everything is house-made except for the bread. We went back to the basics of our culinary life, and developed a menu that had all the different styles of cooking, all the different techniques, and we brought in a young staff that we could train, that was still excited about learning. And we want to carry that to the front of the house as well — to educate the clientele as to why you can't get a medium-rare braise. We've actually had people ask for shortribs braised rare.

"We're trying to be a place that will appeal to locals as well as conventioners and vacationers. It's sort of been a roller coaster. Some nights, when the hotel isn't full and there's no game at Petco, we're slamming all evening. Other times, when the hotel occupancy is high and there's a game, we won't be busy at all, but the garage will be full up."

What are his favorite dishes on the menu? "I love the garlic soup, and the short ribs, and the whole fish. And the risotto. I just love risotto." ■



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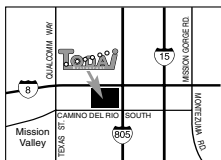
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“Padres win! What a finish!” yells another voice. Must be a recording, ’cause the game won’t even start for another 90 minutes. A ginger-haired fan with “Hernandez 55” on the back of his jersey stands looking for friends. There’s a smell of cigars.

“Look,” says Hank. “This isn’t going to happen.”

He’s talking about us getting in to the game. We came down here on a whim, thinking the touts may have a deal ’cause it’s mid-week. No such luck.

“So?” I ask. “So, let’s eat instead. What is it now, five-something? Happy Hour, dude. Follow me.”

We cross J to this new Back-East, brickly brand-new building building sandwiched in the elbow of the fancy “Solamar Hotel.” A small sign says “Jsix.”

Oh, I get it. An eatery at 6th and J. A look inside shows waiters with long aprons, swoopy counters, swanky full booths, yuppies holding triangular cocktail glasses and yakking it up.

“This ain’t for us,” I say. “Let’s hump down to Lee’s on Fifth.”

“Hold on,” Hank says. “I got a plan. Just follow me.”

So I do. Into the building, past blue-suited secu-

rity, into an elevator, up to the fourth floor, and bam!

Takes a moment to get used to the light — I can’t believe my eyes. It’s a tropical garden, with a pool and a circular bar. Looks like a David Hockney painting. Somebody dives into the pool. Big splash. He was kinda porky. Somebody laughs. Music wafts. They have giant green-leaved trees, square blue umbrellas, white cotton cabañas, and beyond, hey, I catch the tops of the stands at Petco Park. You can hear that come-on recording still echoing out of there.

“Padres win! What a finish!”

“Man!” I say. “Lifestyles of the...okay. Can we go now?”

“You kidding?” Hank leads the way to the circular bar. Sea-blue mosaic side, sea-green countertop, see-thru blouses on a couple of babes sitting on the stools — surrounded by about fifteen businessman-types who are laughing too loud. Oh. I see the blouses are worn over swim gear. Still wet.

I grab the back of one of the bamboo stools. It’s a little greasy. SP-15 sunblocker for sure.

“Something to drink?” the barman asks me. I look at Hank, who says “Iced tea.”

“Lemonade,” I say.

“Sure,” the barman says, and in a sec he’s placed two classy frosty glasses on black paper coasters. He fills them, leaves a menu, and takes off.

“What’s going on?” I hiss at Hank. “I hope you’re loaded, ’cause this is Shangri-La.”

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Hank hauls out a little yellow pamphlet and hands it to me. “Executive Chef Deborah Schneider’s Coastal California Cuisine...”

Hank says, “Look at the back.”

I flip it over. Down below Jsix’s signature cocktails — “Christie’s Passiointini, Bacardi limon, Cointreau, orange and guava juice, 10,” — (guess that means ten bucks), it says “Happy Hour: Monday–Friday at Jsix and Jbar, 4–6pm. Draught beer \$3.00, Frozen drinks \$5.00...”

Hank stabs his finger at the bottom three items. “Spicy bar mix, \$2.00. Grilled Moroccan lamb skewer, green olive sauce, \$2.50 each. Bucket of garlic fries, gooey black bean-cheese dip, \$5.00.”

“You can have one of each for \$7.50,” he says. “Then we’ll trawl for tix. Half of these people are too drunk to go to the ballgame.” He scans the foot-high bar menu. Good Lord. Onion rings are eight bucks. Tortilla chips \$7.50. A half-melon filled with “seasonal fruit” is \$11.00. And, oh man. What I’d order if I had bread: steamed clams, with “tequila, butter, cilantro, garlic, gemelli pasta.” \$11.50. A babe to our left is devouring some. They look great.

But Hank’s hanging tough on his nuts-and-twigs regime. He scans a Jsix Caesar salad with “mission green olives, house-cured anchovies” for \$7.50 (or \$10.75 with chicken breast). There’s also a baby spinach and arugula salad with “strawberries, jamón serrano [mountain ham], Spanish

cabrales cheese,” and vinaigrette. Eight bucks.

We order two lamb skewers — one for Hank — the garlic fries and goo, and the spinach salad, then try to strike up conversations with our fellow millionaires. See if we can relieve them of the need to go to the ballgame. But they’re all on their cell phones to New York.

When the food arrives, I mean, it’s pretty. Hank’s salad looks tasty, but, one, we don’t see no arugula, two, the lamb skewers are toothpick-tiny, and three, there’s plenty of garlicky-smelling fries, but no “gooey black bean-cheese dip.” Just a pot of ketchuppy stuff.

“Well, this is just Happy Hour snacks,” says Jesse, the barman. “And we stopped the black bean dip. But the fries are two dollars cheaper now.” Have to say, he isn’t mean with the drink refills, which are free. Hank mows through his salad in minutes, but I take my time to get through the fries. They’re good, even if the taste isn’t up to that “come hither” smell.

The lamb, however, is tasty. So is the olive sauce. I like the big classy cloth napkin, the heavy silverware. At least they treat you like a grown-up here.

Hank’s reading my mind. “If we were inside the park right now,” he says, “we’d be lining up to pay the same, or more, for some flyaway polystyrene hot dog.”

Faintly, in the distance, I hear that recorded announcer again.

“Padres win! What a finish!” ■

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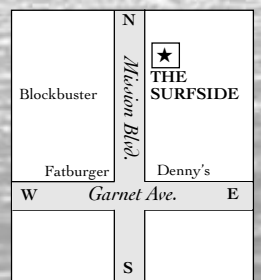
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"He called around, did a background check. Then he called me and offered a deal."

Four months ago, when he was still serving as general manager and buyer for the San Diego Wine Company, Paris Driggers might not have decided to carry the Hofer Gruner Veltliner, an Austrian wine sold at \$9.99 for a liter, in a fat green bottle sealed with a bottle cap. That would have been a shame; the Hofer is an interesting wine, possessed of Gewurztraminer's spicy-floral character, but bone-dry and acidic. Four months ago, he explains, "I was not working for myself, not wanting to take certain chances with somebody else's money. That made me a more conservative buyer."

But today, Driggers is a partner at Bacchus, the downtown-downstairs wine shop on G Street. Driggers says that Bacchus founder Francesco Pinzauti "used to sell me wine when I worked at the Wine Company. He knew the way I bought. I don't buy wines just to fill a niche. When you buy something, you get behind it and sell it feverishly. In any given month, you try to provide a snapshot of the very best you can find in the marketplace, and show people that there are great wines at all price points. Then, next month, it's on to the next hot item. I think there was a mutual respect there."

When Driggers paid Pinzauti a visit in his shop, "I fell in love with the feel of the place — very relaxed. I opened up an old bottle of

Brunello, noshed on some bread and cheese, and had a really fun time. He was a competitor, but I said, 'Give me a stack of business cards; let me help promote this place.' He had been trying to do the Italian-only format, which is a noble cause, but it's only 10 percent of the market. When he saw me light up on the place, I think a light went off in his head. He called around, talked to other customers that we shared, did a little background check. Then he called me up and offered me a deal."

Though he admits he was "scared to death," Driggers accepted. "I had some personal goals. By the time I turned 35, I wanted to be part of something that I owned. I wanted to control my own destiny." Still, "I wasn't sure it was going to be a hit." Though he says that not a day has gone by without someone who knew him from his last job "finding" him at Bacchus, "I didn't get as much pull as I anticipated." Some former customers from the moneyed environs of North County will look at Bacchus's website and order wines to be delivered. "They can ask, 'Paris, how do you feel about this?' 'Oh, I love it.' 'Give me six bottles.' 'No problem.' I have a reputation." But many others "want to walk into a shop, choose their own wine, and take it with them. They don't want delivery, and they want to shop where it's convenient" — i.e., freeway close, plenty of parking, no one-way city streets.

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

In short, they're staying at the Wine Company.

"What's really kept this thing going are the locals. I've got a large lawyer contingency. I get people who work in the restaurants. I get a lot of artists from the East Village. I get the hipsters and the beautiful people on Friday and Saturday nights," when Bacchus offers tastings paired with cheeses bought at Aniata in the Flower Hill Mall. "The owner there lived in Europe for 12 years, and when he came back, he realized we don't get the same cheese here. He got into the business so he could get the cheese he wanted," cheese from producers who drop terms like "pasture management." "I'll go up, try about twenty, and buy about seven. Then I'll go home and start playing with wines, see what works."

While we talk, Driggers pours me a splash of bargain French Pinot and offers a few translucent shards of Tomme du Savoie. "There's a word in French for 'forest floor flavor' — when you lift up a log and get that kind of rotted, leafy, mushroomy thing going on. The rind of this cheese lends itself to that, so I leave it on but slice it thin so that it's not obtrusive. It's perfect for Pinot Noir. It's a Rhone cheese, not a traditional match, just something I stumbled on."

The most popular tastings are the ten for \$10, with at least one higher-end wine tossed in to make it a deal. "They're forced to go for it," says Driggers, and that allows him to accomplish his real goal — getting people to try (and buy) things they wouldn't otherwise: Italian Chardonnay, Lodi Viognier, even something as esoteric as Aglianico. "When I came down here, what I had in mind was bringing great inexpensive wines to downtown. But a lot of the great wines under \$10 that I bought three months ago are still here. The market here is really hungry for \$20–\$50 Pinot, for \$50–\$75 Napa Cabernet. I'm responding to that, but at the same time, the ten for \$10 tast-



Why is this god smiling?

ings get some people who normally buy only \$30 Cabernet to try the Grove Street for \$8. Now it's starting to move." (People don't generally drink \$30 Cab every night; Driggers is after their everyday as well as their holiday wines.) "When I get somebody to taste something off the beaten path and they love it and they buy it, that's what makes me think it can succeed."

"Off the beaten path" seems to be where Driggers prefers to be, especially now that he doesn't (yet) have the market for big-ticket wines (First-Growth Bordeaux, Cult Cabernets) that he enjoyed at the Wine Company. "I've always liked that offbeat stuff, and people who are in that world keep in touch. I'm creeping up on 13 years in the business; I've taken a lot of trips and made a lot of contacts. I went to Italy last September with an import company, and I was actually able to earmark certain barrels — obscure stuff like Riesling from Italy's Alto Adige, made by a biodynamic-organic producer." Or two bottlings

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RESTAURANTS

from Ramian, picked up after the owner spotted him chatting with a mutual acquaintance at a tasting in Napa and then grilled him on his wine savvy. “He was looking for a certain type. He drives the wine down in his truck because he doesn’t want anybody else to take possession of his wine. He’s got three people selling it retail in California, and I’m one of them.”

By the time I leave, about 15 people are starting their Friday by working their way through the ten for \$10 lineup. Driggers is optimistic, as every business partner must be. And he is spreading the word however he can. “I’ve gone out and talked to concierges, but the thing I feel has been most effective so far is eating out. I’ll go to a restaurant — say, Region — have an appetizer and a glass of wine. I’ll hear somebody talking about wine, strike up a conversation. Before I know it, I’m handing out five cards to people who are into wine. I’ve met them, talked wine — and they’re customers. Or I’ll go to a restaurant and bring five bottles for two of us. People see us and come over — ‘What’s going on here?’ I’ll say, ‘Here, try this wine with this dish,’ that kind of thing. It’s been huge.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

The Reader’s Guide to Restaurants are recommended listings written by our reviewers (Ed Bedford, Barbara David, Ambrose Martin, Shari McCullough, Max Nash, Eleanor Widmer, Naomi Wise). Each issue contains only a fraction of over 500 reviews. A complete searchable list is available online at SanDiegoReader.com.

Price estimates are based on the latest information available for a mid-range entrée. Inexpensive: below \$10; moderate: \$10 to \$19; expensive: \$20 to \$24; very expensive: more than \$25. Please call restaurants in advance for reservations.

NORTH COASTAL

101 Cafe 631 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-722-5220. This is the oldest li’l eating establishment in Oceanside. Cooks have been flipping burgers here since 1928. The café is named after Route 101, the Pacific Highway. Old-timers remember when everyone from truck drivers to movie stars would stop for a bite before heading on to San Diego and Tijuana. Try the ABC (avocado, bacon, and cheese) Omelet, the 101 Original Cheeseburger with its “secret sauce,” chicken fried steaks with eggs and, of course, the Great Depression dish: biscuits with gravy and home fries. Open daily, three meals until midnight. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/01)

Azafran 1001 South Coast Highway 101 (at West Street), Oceanside, 760-435-0005. This place just feels Cuban, with its echoey inside, bongos, washed orange walls, and giant Cuban jazz mural. We’re talking Caribbean-style food, not hot by Mexican standards. Most delicious intro: traditional Cuban pressed sandwiches, hot-pressed to mix the juices of, say, smoked ham, roast pork, cheese, mustard, pickles (“Cubano

#2”), or roast pork (*lechón*) with a *mojo* (garlicky-citrus) sauce that makes it juicy. The bread, baked right here, is news in itself — crunchy and sometimes sweet (ask for *medianoche*). You get a lot, but don’t leave without trying a plantain dish or the cheese flan. Or a cup of Cuban coffee. Lunch and dinner. Closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Jamroc 101 101 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-436-3162. At this former site of D.B. Hacker’s, you can still get great fish’n’chips — but the Brit batter now gets its lift from Jamaica’s Red Stripe beer, mon. The shack by the tracks now sports bright tropical designs on its back-patio walls, and the fare is casual Jamaican (plus a couple of Cajun dishes). Check out the bargain-priced samplers which include luscious soft-fried plantains and splendid patties (empanadas to you and me) with a choice of beef, curry chicken, or veggies. The spicing of the jerks and curry entrées are down-tuned to suit tourist tastes, but the table bottle of Walkerswood Scotch Bonnet Hot Sauce can kick that right up. Don’t miss the fresh coconut water, served out of a young Thai coconut. Soca, ska, and (clean) reggae set the mood, and there’s live steel pan some weekend evenings. Beer, wine, Bigga soft drinks. Open six days until 8 p.m. weeknights, 9 p.m. weekends. Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/05)

Kim’s Restaurant 745 First Street, Lumberyard Shopping Center #103, Encinitas, 760-942-4816. Both Vietnamese and Chinese dishes are offered in a calm atmosphere with quick, pleasant service. The menu lists 265 items, including 18 Vietnamese house specialties, 28 seafood dishes, and a whopping 45 vegetarian/vegan dishes, many made with *seitan* (mock poultry). The seafood isn’t necessarily fresh catch — some shellfish is evidently obtained frozen, scallops are phosphate-preserved, and the reasonably priced abalone dishes involve slightly chewy, rehydrated dried abalone from Asia. On the other hand, portions are enormous, and the cooking is careful and tasty, although some flavors have evidently been adapted to American palates and ingredients. Open Tuesday through Sunday, continuous

service lunch and dinner; closed Monday. Moderate. — N.W. (10/01)

Palomar Airport Cafe 2162 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, 760-438-9665. *Top Gun*, anyone? Chow down and choose views of planes like the 1935 Harvard, “The Texan,” or the Life Flight choppers scrambling. Expect to see greats like Chuck Yeager or his buddy Lowell Williams, who still trains stunt pilots here. It’s not gourmet, but it’s down-to-earth solid nosh, with plenty of beer and spirits flowing. The café’s sexy waitresses serve generous plate-loads of everything from breakfast burritos (scrambled eggs, onions, bell pepper, potatoes, cheese) to corned beef hash with eggs and spuds. Or lunch-wiches with quirky plane names like Al-most Famous Mustang Burger (open-faced with chili) or the B-29 (turkey, Swiss cheese, Ortega chilies “melted together on grilled sourdough”). Delish. Breakfast, lunch daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Sakura Bana 1031 South Coast Highway 101 (Suite A), Encinitas, 760-942-6414. One of the friendliest eateries in a friendly town, this is a sushi bar where everybody knows your name (or acts like they do). The chefs love to whip up special dishes for the many regulars at the counter, so if you’re a newbie, keep an eye out for what your neighbors are eating. A blackboard lists the specials, guiding you to the day’s freshest catch. Should you spot pompano on the list, get *two* orders — with two orders (but not if you just order one), after you’ve consumed the delicate raw fillets, the chefs will deep-fry the skeleton to a lacy crunchiness. If you don’t feel like sushi, there are several tables, and standard Japanese appetizers and entrées are available. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — N.W. (9/01)

Swami’s Cafe 1163 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-0612. No coincidence it’s near the famous surf break and the Self-Realization Fellowship compound. You gotta love the very Encinitas vegetarian-spiritual-surfer origins. You eat surrounded by gurgling fountains, wind chimes, wheat grass racks, a rainbow-colored wind sock, and the manager’s 1969 surfer van. There are

plenty of standard dishes, like eggs Benedict for breakfast or black bean burrito for lunch, but the big emphasis is health. Try the protein veggie wrap, with avocado, feta cheese, tofu, and mole, or the Indian curry with tofu. Open “7-ish to 4-ish” daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

NORTH INLAND

Bernard’O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo Village Shopping Center, 858-487-7171. Ambiance excels here at one of the prettiest restaurants in the county. High ceilings, tall arched windows, rose-cream walls, fireplaces, and charming Gallic paintings make for an eye-ful, and on many nights a harpist plays show tunes. The cuisine mingles French classics (mussels with *frites*, crumb-coated rack of lamb, etc.) with daily specials offering seasonal Cal-Mediterranean cooking. These dishes seem a little less adventurous than in days of yore, but this is still a place for a gracious meal in a superb surrounding. Lunch Wednesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (6/04)

Dicrescenzo’s 11627 Duenda Road (off W. Bernardo Drive), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-2776. This is a stand-in-line, order-at-the-counter, grab-a-table, listen-for-your-order-number kind of a place. If you’re looking for pampering and atmosphere, this isn’t gonna cut it. If you’re wanting yummy Italian comfort food to eat in or take out, this the spot. The bread alone is worth a trip. Real, flaky, honest-to goodness French rolls complement pastas and salads or encase meatballs, eggplant parmesan, or deli meats. The meatballs, a Dicrescenzo family recipe, are unusually moist and tender, perfectly seasoned. The subs — especially Rocco’s Imperial Sub — are packed with deli goodies and just enough Italian dressing. Thin crust pizzas are a popular treat. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — S.M. (10/03)

The Fireside 439 West Washington Avenue (at Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-745-1931. The Fireside bills itself as “North County’s Finest

Steak House.” It also seems to be the area’s community center, a rambling building with a karaoke bar, nightclub, poolroom, and meeting rooms for many lodges. The dining room is large and lovely, plush and quiet, with soft lighting, a freestanding central fireplace, and seating in cushy booths. The menu is part steakhouse, part 1975 French Continental — think duck à l’orange, tournedos rossini, breaded rack of lamb — by now, these are American comfort foods. Steaks and roast beef are juicy USDA Choice cooked to your preference. The simpler appetizers and side dishes are mainly more successful than the fancy choices. Dinners include house-made soup or salad. Bargains include weeknight twilight dinners, weeknight prix fixe dinner for two, and à la carte sides for just a pittance. Good handicap access. Casual-dressy atmosphere; full bar. Lunch and dinner seven days. Moderate. — N.W. (9/03)

The French Market Grille 15717 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, 858-485-8055. Ambiance is served in generous portions at this romantic establishment with elegant indoor dining or a charming garden setting. The wine list has over 50 selections, including several available by the glass, and the varied menu offers Gallic dishes of duck, lamb, fish, veal, frog legs, and more. Most dishes are served with the usual French cuisine sauces, but if you’re dieting, they’ll gladly omit sauce. Ingredients and execution of the entrées can be inconsistent (e.g., some nights the fish is overcooked or the meat is tough, other nights they’re fine) but the crab-cake appetizer is always outstanding. Save room for dessert, especially the excellent crème brûlée. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — S.M. (11/03)

Hernandez’ Hide-Away 19320 Lake Drive (off Del Dios Highway), Escondido, 760-746-1444. The founder of Hernandez’ claims he invented the margarita at his previous restaurant in Bird Rock. True or not, the margaritas (rocks, not slush-ee) are terrific, on a par with Baja’s best. The food, though, is detuned for gringos, with a standard menu of Cal-Mex specialties. Even the guacamole is underseasoned, but if you like this sort of thing, a pleasant “tamale pie” is as


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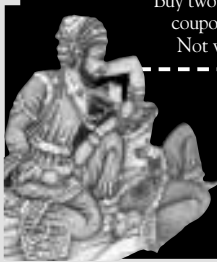
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GOLD COAST

Beach House 2530 South Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-753-1321. This beautiful restaurant with its breezy seafront patio is a branch of an upscale beach mini-chain (others are in Dana Point and Laguna Beach). Its main menu features steaks, seafood, and some “Continental” warhorses (lobster thermidor, et al) that are best avoided. The view is even more spectacular from the upstairs “Top of the House” which features pub grub and fish in a lighthouse-like setting. On Sundays, local families flock in for the moderately priced à la carte champagne brunch featuring the standard dishes of the genre plus some less-successful fancied-up ones, with endless Freixenet champagne. Whatever the meal, stay simple here — burgers, steak, unfussy eggs — and enjoy the atmosphere. Reserve for a view table or outdoor seating at Sunday brunch. Full bar but few wines. \$2 valet parking. Restrooms accessible by elevator, may be tight fit for wider wheelchairs. Daily brunch/lunch

and dinner. “Top of the House” serves until 11 p.m. nightly; “early bird” cut-price dinners weeknights. Brunch moderate, dinner moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Charlie’s by the Sea 2565 South Highway 101, Cardiff-by-the-Sea (a long block south of the stoplight), 760-942-1300. This seaside spot offers a blissful patio right on the breakwater and a terrific, authentic Boston-style clam chowder to match the view — it’s light, creamy, and loaded with clams, unpeeled red potato chunks, and bits of honey-cured bacon. The kitchen’s good with simple dishes, including fresh raw oysters and the lively “Bayou Burger” with Cajun seasonings and well-made spicy fries. The dinner menu includes more ambitious items, but the weekly main event here is Sunday brunch, with a menu of standard brunch dishes at affordable prices, featuring endless refills of champagne. (Hint: Veuve Clicquot it’s not.) Huge wine list, full bar. Free valet parking. Brunch reservations advisable. Open daily, lunch or brunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Le Bambou 2634 Del Mar Heights Road, Del Mar, 858-259-8138. Nouvelle Vietnamese cuisine is prepared here that’s fresh, light, delicate. But the portions are small and two people should order three entrées for a satisfactory meal. Soups are outstanding and the imperial rolls, lemon grass chicken, soft-shelled crab, vegetarian rolls, and char-broiled pork do well here. The wine list includes 40 items. Fast service and aesthetic surroundings. Lunch Tuesday to Friday; dinner Tuesday to Sunday; closed

Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Sbicca American Bistro 215 15th Street, Del Mar, 858-481-1001. Though characterized as an “American Bistro,” Chef Susan Sbicca (“speeka”) also reveals Asian and Mexican influences in her creative menu. Set in a one-time private home a block from the Del Mar coast, this lively restaurant boasts five dining rooms, including one downstairs with a fireplace and a “wine room” upstairs for private parties. In fair weather, the outdoor rooftop patio is the best seat in the house. The menu changes seasonally, though a few perennial favorites remain. The rich, deeply flavored lobster-shrimp bisque with overtones of sweet butter pastry is worth a return visit. A thick maple-roasted pork prime rib with vanilla-scented sweet potatoes and bourbon chantilly sauce is a house favorite, although not quite as exquisite as the soup. Monday nights feature \$3 martinis; on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all bottles of wine from the fine California-centric wine list are 50% off. No corkage fee on Wednesdays. Crowded during racing season. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Expensive. — *B.D. (5/05)*

LA JOLLA

Forever Fondue 1295 Prospect Street #201, La Jolla, 858-551-4509. Also at 6110 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-295-7792. Once every thirty years, a person should experience the novelty of fondue. Forever Fondue offers patrons the opportunity to cook or dip a variety

of food items in a shared pot at their own table, accompanying the morsels with six different but universally disappointing sauces. Ambiance is minimal, other than the harsh chemical spray that bussers use for cleaning vacated tables. Dessert, however, is yummy — you can’t miss with anything dipped in chocolate. The restaurant is clean and the staff friendly, although service can be extremely slow. Mediocre wine choices. Seating space is limited so reservations are recommended. Open daily for dinner. Moderately priced. — *S.M. (2/04)*

Fresh Seafood Restaurant 1044 Wall Street (at Herschel), La Jolla, 858-551-7575. The fare is mainly fishy and the room is truly dishy, with lots to look at — the open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling sculptures, street-patio scene, or the decolleté of the date dresses among the younger half of the crowd. The older half shows up in business suits, whatever their gender. Here you’ll find that Chef Matthew Zappoli’s seafood creations and lush sauces live up to the restaurant’s name, although reined in enough to keep from scaring business-suited palates. Fish not your dish? Meats and poultry are of fine quality, too. Save room for the hazelnut mocha mousse cake, so sensual it should be X-rated. Good wine buys in Sauvignon Blancs and “interesting whites.” Dinner reservations a must. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Marrakesh 634 Pearl Street (at Draper), La Jolla, 858-454-2500. The North African fare of Morocco is like no other in the world — influenced by Arab cuisines, but more intense and sheerly hedonistic. At our sole Moroccan restaur-

ant, the fare is arranged into a nightly five-course prix fixe feast, with superb lentil soup (*harira*), a salad plate, *bastilla* (a chicken-filled filo pie), an entrée, and finally mint tea poured from on high to accompany almond baklava perfumed with orange-flower water. The setting and service are dramatic — tented ceilings, low banquette seating at carved round tables, belly-dancing interludes, servers in fezzes. (You’re the Sheik of Araby.) A short list of entrées (a maximum of two choices per table, to be shared) features fine chicken (or lamb) with olives and preserved lemons; moist, fatless duck; lamb with couscous; and rather dry fish. On quiet weeknights, you can request the dreamy lamb with honey, an extravaganza that includes fruits, almonds, sesame, and cinnamon. Dinner nightly, reserve for weekends. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Nathan’s at Michele Coulon’s 7556 Fay Avenue, Suite D, La Jolla, 858-456-5098. Fans of The Belgian Lion, a San Diego institution for over 20 years that closed in 2001, can rejoice. Nathan Coulon, grandson of Belgian Lion founders Don and Arlene Coulon, has stepped into his mother Michele’s kitchen to resurrect many of the Lion’s signature dishes: *cassoulet*, *steak au poivre*, *poulet Normande*. He’s also added a few of Grandpa’s that never made it onto the menu — try the baby spinach gratin — and now and then slips in something of his own. Ingredients are often first rate and sourced from good local growers. Growing up in the old restaurant’s kitchen has taught him well; the *poulet Normande* is one of those deceptively simple dishes that surprises you with its perfection. Thoughtful and af-

fordable wine list. Dinner Thursday through Saturday only. Expensive to very expensive. — *A.M. (6/04)*

Roy’s 8670 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde Center (across from UTC), La Jolla, 858-455-1616. Our own noisy outpost of top Hawaii chef Roy Yamaguchi’s ever-expanding chain has elements of both “top chef” and “chain” about it. Decoding Roy’s Rules of Ordering can make the difference between a mediocre dinner and a very happy meal: 1. Steer clear of combination platters — the same dishes come off much better when ordered separately; 2. You can get any element of a combo (including the yummy off-menu ahi poke) by asking for it; 3. Don’t waste your palate (or money) on weak umbrella drinks when the wine list is brilliant. The menu changes daily, but some frequent tasty choices are pot stickers, *lumpia*, “Kahana” *shutome* (sword-fish), or chocolate soufflé. Special dietary requests accommodated, including vegetarian meals. Reserve, and hope for a table far from the raucous bar. Open nightly. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Sky Room Top floor of La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0771. The stunning ocean view offers three essentials for a memorable evening: privacy, intimacy, and the ability to talk without the interruption of noise. The food is a feast to the eyes as well as the palate. Best bets: abalone and scallop steak appetizer, the daily soup, diver scallops, and lobster. Dinner only, with two seatings on weekends. Very expensive. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Zenbu 7660 Fay Avenue (at Kline Street), La Jolla, 858-454-4540. It was a natural for fisherman-restaurateur Matt

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RESTAURANTS

Rimel to open a sushi bar-fish house, featuring sparkling fresh catch, much of it from his own boats. Sashimi and the simpler sushi are better here than the big party rolls, which can be lunkish. Don't miss the sashimi of live local *uni* (sea urchin) served on its shell most weekends. Cooked fish entrées feature equally sparkling seafood, sometimes in almost goofily elaborate preparations. No reservations; 30-minute wait likely on weekends. Sushi bar is up a short staircase; dining room and patio tables are wheelchair accessible. Several vegetarian choices. Full bar, good sake list. Dinner nightly. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (6/01)

MISSION VALLEY
& THE MESAS

Korea House 4620 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-0080. Korea House offers floor seating or a table if you want to barbecue your own food. The menu offers fine "down-home" Korean food, such as traditional *mandoo* (beef) dumplings, *gaejang backban*, or raw crab, and *yookhwe*, a steak tartare worth risking. Make a meal from enormous appetizers like *gul bosam* (raw oysters, pork, and cabbage leaves). Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N.* (9/98)

Nijiya Market 3860 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-3821. If you're not willing to sacrifice quality for convenience when eating fast food, try this Japanese market in Kearny Mesa. Nijiya Market offers prepared box lunches, or *bento*, that are pretty to look at, appetizing, and a real bargain. I suggest, however, passing by Nijiya's steam trays and heat lamps and going straight to the coolers, where you'll find delicious chicken cutlets, fresh sushi, and chilled noodles, as well as dessert delicacies like sweet bread roll filled with sweet bean paste. Inexpensive. — *M.N.* (8/99)

Pampas Argentine Grill 8690 Aero Drive (at Montgomery Field), Kearny Mesa, 858-278-5971. The Argentine spe-

cialties feature grilled grass-fed beef, including a somewhat Americanized version of the *gauchos'* great *parillada mixta* (mixed grill), with a great chorizo but minus any exotic organs. The naturally raised meats are lower fat and lower cholesterol than feed-lot beef but are salted heavily in the kitchen unless you request otherwise. Specify rare or medium-rare, unless you really like brown cardboard. Lighter fare includes free-range chicken and fresh, well-treated seafood. Beef empanadas are a tasty, authentic starter. Potatoes (fries and mashed) are splendid, salads are exuberant. The full bar features Chilean and Argentine beverages with many affordable South American wines by the glass. Park in lot at restaurant's front door, not the back-door lot. Lunch (mainly sandwiches) on weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W.* (4/02)

Prego Hazard Center, 1370 Frazee Road (at Friars), Mission Valley, 619-294-4700. In a stylish North Italian restaurant set in a come-as-you-are mall, a million-dollar renovation at the turn of our century has turned down the noise level to match the pleasing, easy-going North Italian cooking. Good starters include the antipasto platter, sparkling salads, and yeasty, fresh-baked rosemary-garlic bread (actually a mini-pizza crust). Pastas (many featuring fresh seafood) are nearly perfect, but risotto can be risky. Entrées are mainly simple grilled or rotisseried meats and fish. Service is warm and well informed. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W.* (4/01)

Seau's Mission Valley Center mall, 1640 Camino del Rio North (next to Robinsons-May), Mission Valley, 619-291-7328. Footballer Junior Seau contributes more to San Diego than just sacks. His extravagant multivenue sports pub is major league fun — a real-life reincarnation of some 1960s McLuhanite media art show, with 70 video screens (ranging from large-normal to giant HDTV) running sportscasts and a professional DJ on high, periodically spinning cool sounds over muted talking heads. The menu offers mainstream "something for everyone" choices, including pizza, hefty but so-so burgers, some elementary sushi, all-American entrées, and Seau's family recipe of Samoan teriyaki "plate lunch." Above all, there's pub grub. The chicken wings are pretty good, and you can get all three sauces (Buffalo, BBQ, and Asian) on one order. Perfect hangout for mismatched couples

with one sports fan and one fashionista (the latter can head for Nordstrom and Saks discount outlets nearby). On game days, patrons are allowed just one game in the dining room (\$15 minimum), but you can linger from wake-up to closing on the patio or in the bar. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (1/03)

Sheila's Cafe & Bakery 4577 Clairemont Drive (Wilson Plaza), Clairemont, 858-270-0251. A "Glatt Kosher," a non-dairy Orthodox Jewish restaurant and bakery with a mission. Sheila was determined to create food observant Jews could eat without worrying — from Italian to Mexican to ribs to fried chicken to lactose-free cheesecakes — and that everybody else wouldn't know was different. The result: a menu stretching from chicken soup with matzoh balls to standards like hamburgers and even Sunday prime rib dinners. You don't need a *yarmulke* to feel comfortable here, but it's comforting to know everything down to the least lettuce leaf has received extra-careful preparation. You'll find Sheila's breads and pastries at supermarkets all around town. Lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday, lunch Friday, dinner Sunday (closed Saturday, of course). Moderate to slightly expensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

THE BEACHES

Alfiere Sheraton Harbor Island, West Tower, 1590 Harbor Island Drive, Harbor Island, 619-692-2778. Sophisticated, deluxe Italian/Mediterranean cuisine takes center stage in a handsome, view-endowed dining room decorated in a "Venetian Carnival" theme. In a menu that follows the seasons, San Francisco-born Chef Antonio Friscia proves he's capable of brilliance. His thin-skinned ravioli stuffed with marinated braised short ribs shouldn't be missed, and his goose foie gras on *ciabatta crostini* is divinely playful. Traditional dishes take on new life, too: The house "antipasta" (of marinated vegetables and top-quality Italian deli meats) is everything you'd hope for, while house-made pesto gnoc-chi float off the plate. Some dishes are invariably less successful, but boredom will not be a problem — this is nothing like "hotel food." The Italian/Californian wine list emphasizes lesser-known Italian reds. Daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (5/02)

Baleen Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road (off Ingraham Street), Mission Bay, 858-490-6364. Take a quick trip to chic Miami at the local branch of Florida's famed new resort restaurant. Whimsical tropical decor features a monkey motif (carved in the chandeliers, peeking from the paintings) and mambos play on the speakers. But the unlisted prices for chilled shellfish may make a monkey of you unless you ask before you buy. The menu features high-quality seafood and land creatures in refined renditions, including gorgeous lobster bisque, salmon with a clever hummus crust, herbed sea bass, and a hunk of free-range veal. Servers are charmers. The wine list is long and rather steep at the bottom end with better values farther up the range. Reservations recommended. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (12/00)

The Bar-B-Que House 5025 Newport Street, Ocean Beach, 619-222-4311. OB's piling in, and for good reason: the chicken and ribs are smoked on an oak-wood fire, then charbroiled. Beef, pork, and ham spend eight to ten hours in the smoker. Of course, they have pork (but not beef) ribs. A good-value combo is the Southern-Style sandwich — beef, pork, ham, or chicken with coleslaw inside, along with a sauce that's just right: sweet, tangy, spicy. Most original idea? A BBQ burrito with meat, baked beans, coleslaw, and sauce wrapped in a flour tortilla. Open seven days, breakfast through dinner; till 10 p.m. weeknights; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Humphrey's by the Bay 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-3577. Most diners at this resort/concert venue restaurant eat at the prix-fixe pre-show dinners because they guarantee good seats for the concerts at the next-door amphitheatre. They're missing the best food, which emerges once the music-mavens leave the premises. The kitchen features top-quality seafood, juicy meats, and prime steaks with lively, seasonal veggie garnishes. Reserve for show-nights or to snare a window table with a gorgeous marina view. Open daily breakfast through dinner; brunch buffet weekends. Reservations strongly advised. Pre-show prix fixe moderate, à la carte high-moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (11/01)

Kono's 704 Garnet Avenue (on the boardwalk), Pacific Beach, 858-483-1669. This inside-outside café is

your prototypical California surfer hangout. It's cream and green with maroon canvas window canopies, red-painted make-believe shutters, and three surfboards sprouting through the roof. On weekends, lines of tourists come looking for their California fix. But Kono's is known among locals, too, for generous breakfasts. Check out their PBS: Pancakes, Bacon and Scrambled eggs. Or the breakfast sandwich with eggs, bacon, cheese, and tomato on a toasted English muffin. Or the CB Burger (chicken breast, green chili, and pica sauce). Best time: foggy mornings. Chow down on their patio on the pier while you enjoy a birds-eye view of surfers appearing out of the mists below. Breakfast and lunch daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/00)

Mardi Gras Cafe 3185 Midway Drive (near Rosecrans and East Street, in mini-mall with a 7-11, across the street from Godfather Pizza), Loma Portal, 619-223-5501. The Creole cooking at this café/grocery, to eat in, take out, or have catered for your next party, is sound and tasty, if deliberately underseasoned (just add salt and hot sauce to taste). You can also buy the real and rare ingredients from the freezer, deli case, and grocery shelves, including Cajun *tasso* (spiced ham), *boudin blanc* (rice sausage) and crawfish sausage. Daily brunch through early dinner. No alcohol, everything available for takeout. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (2/01)

Olive Cafe 805 Santa Clara Place, Mission Beach, 858-488-1224. What else can you say but "charming"? This Turkish-run alley bungalow-turned-café has an outside deck where nearly everybody eats and lingers over Turkish coffee. Weekends, the Turkish community comes and makes the place feel like a Mediterranean outpost. There's plenty of surfer food (surf's a block away), but the most interesting breakfast is the one the Turks eat: Mediterranean Breakfast, with kasseri and feta cheeses, olives, tomatoes, cucumber, Turkish rose jam, and a French roll. For lunch, there's the usual spread of burritos, burgers, and melts, but see specials like *kofte*, Turkish mini-burgers in a baguette, or *lahmajun*, thin Turkish-style pizzas. Can you find the Blue Eye, guarding patrons from evil spirits? Breakfast and lunch. Open daily except in winter, when it's closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (3/04)

Sapporo Japanese Restaurant 5049 Newport Avenue (by the pier), Ocean Beach, 619-222-6686. It's small,

but Sapporo has big deals, particularly the lunch specials that usually give you a miso soup, salad, and a combo such as chicken teriyaki and California rolls and white rice — all presented like a piece of performance art. Other specials include *yaki soba* (stir-fried sautéed chicken, vegetables, and noodles) and *champon* noodle soup (*udon* noodles, scallops, shrimp, vegetables), and the value-packed Chicken Bowl — a big plate of sliced chicken, broccoli, other vegetables, and a swag of rice. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/01)

CENTRAL
SAN DIEGO

Asia Cafe 4710 Market Street (at 47th Street), Chollas View, 619-527-1917. May be Asian San Diego's best-kept secret. You have to look behind the smog shop at this all-Laotian shopping center to find it. The menu's Southeast Asian, but the owner — and most of the conversation around you — is Lao. Lao dishes include the famous *larb-kai* (chicken salad with hot peppers, lemon grass, and sticky rice). Good regional alternatives: *bamee* (egg noodle) roasted pork soup, Crying Tiger (ground beef salad with vegetables), Duck Head BBQ, and *lard nar* (seafood, beef, or pork with sloppy wide noodles and vegetables). Closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Huffman's Bar-B-Que 5039 Imperial Avenue (at Euclid Avenue), Chollas View, 619-264-3115. This café has a huge multigenerational following, some famous — check out their wall photos, in which Jesse Jackson and Muhammad Ali are just two — and some not so famous. The big draw is Huffman's fabulous Southern soul food. Try their gravy-smothered fried chicken served with collard greens, yellow peppers, red beans, rice, and white mopping-up bread, or their Louisiana Creole gumbo, thick with crab, shrimp, links, ham, and chicken. Other fine eats include the catfish sandwich and half-pound rib tips. Open daily, lunch and dinner, to 11 p.m. weekdays, 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

Nate's Deli 3120 Euclid Avenue, City Heights, 619-284-0206. This deli-café is in City Farmers' Nursery, the one with sheep, geese, Clyde the horse and a mini forest in the middle of town. The late



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Nate was the father of owner Bill Tall, and this deli was his dream. (Nate died just before opening.) Try appetizers like smoked salmon, or "Kishka," a spicy wrapped filling, hot with brown gravy, or the grilled chicken fillet salad. But really, sandwiches are "it" here, and huge, and you can choose your cheeses, breads, and condiments as the sandwich-making proceeds. Go for, say, beef bologna, pastrami, liverwurst, salami, or vegetarian, then take it out to the eatin' deck, and check out the wild life. Town's a block and a world away. Breakfast to early dinner six days; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/03)

Pizzeria Luigi 1137 25th St (at C Street), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309. They claim to make real New York pizza in this tiny storefront and they're not lying. One of the owners is from Brooklyn and his origins are written all over the pies. The sauce tastes right and the crusts are thin enough that you can fold a slice into a "V" to eat on the run, New Yorker style. But it's better to take home a whole pie with your choice of toppings (or a Stromboli or calzone) and enjoy it at leisure. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Sang Dao 4212 National Avenue, Logan Heights, 619-263-0914. Laos has an exotic Shangri-La thing about it, yet the large family that run this eatery will tell you Lao food is quite plain and simple: vegetables, freshwater fish, chicken, pork, occasional beef, sticky rice, and noodles. But taste their delicious spicy catfish and you're right back at exotic. Thai basil, garlic, and most of all, the gingery *galanga*, a.k.a. "Laos root," help make it unfishy. Other must-tries: BBQ beef, *som yum* (papaya salad), and especially the spicy salad with minced meat called *larb*—closest thing to the national dish. The surroundings here may be homey, but not the excellent cuisine. "Sang Dao"? It means "Star Light." Lunch and dinner six days; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

4.0 Deli Aztec Shopping Center, 5844 Montezuma Road, 619-281-4040. This low-ceilinged, dark student sandwich hangout gets the frat house crowd, luring them in with draft beers and big Buds that go for a song. Pitchers too, if you buy sandwiches with them, and the sandwiches are no dull lunch-counter fare. Try the Montezuma, a toasted sub with grilled chicken cutlets, chorizo, Monterey Jack, and a "kick-butt southwestern dressing." Or Grilled Rivas, named after a much-loved Colombian who worked here: grilled turkey, Monterey Jack, grilled onions, and peppers. Check specials like the Buffalo Bleu, with grilled roast beef, bacon, red onions, bleu cheese, and Tabasco. The owners had a full-scale deli in New York, so this range is no surprise. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Ana Maria's 8680 Navajo Road (northwest corner at Lake Murray Boulevard), San Carlos, 619-337-3674. In this homey little restaurant, the food is regional Peruvian, specializing in the coastal area from Callao on north, plus some recently adopted Caribbean influences from Colombia. Highlights include the elaborate "Ana Maria's Ceviche," an array of citrus-marinated seafood with sweet potatoes and *cancha*, smoked hominy corn kernels. The *anticuchos* (heart kebabs) boast a zesty marinade, and the *lomo saltado* (sauteed beef loin strips with tomatoes, peppers, and French fries cooked right in with the liquid) is an outstanding version — it's made with tender steak, not the typical chewy *carne asada* meat. Beer and wine. Early dinner Tuesday through Thursday; lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday; dinner Sunday afternoon to early evening. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Charley's Famous Hamburgers and Kebobs 8312 Broadway (at Sweetwater Road), Lemon Grove, 619-460-2690. When you spot an old red-and-white gas station that looks like a café, don't hesitate. That's Charley's. The palm and ficus trees have replaced the gas pumps and a fountain now gurgles where the air hoses used to be. The menu is a long list of hamburgers, as well as hot dogs, sandwiches, and kebobs. Charley's sweet dough beef-and-onion sandwich is scrumptious. Mostly take-

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D.Z. Akin's 6930 Alvarado Road, Alvarado Plaza, College Area, 619-265-0218. Surely the best Jewish delicatessen in San Diego. Soups are wonderful, and so are the 110 sandwiches, especially the corned beef. The *knishes* and chopped liver easily rival Mother's. Excellent breakfasts and outstanding, fully stocked bakery. Open daily, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

European Bistro Lake Murray Square, 6062 Lake Murray Boulevard (at El Paso), La Mesa, 619-698-5555. Here at the center of a Russian new-immigrant community, in a strip-mall just south of Ross and Big Lots, you'll find an array of savory Eastern European dishes. They're nowhere as heavy as Nonna's — here they're done with the lightness of the Russian-French chef tradition, applied to specialties from Russia, Poland, and the Ukraine. Following classic Russian custom, there's a splendid choice of small, savory, and substantial salads (try the sensual Stoliczny chicken-potato salad) and delightful appetizers, including airy crêpes with juicy (and affordable) red or black caviar. The outstanding main course is lamb shish kebab featuring tender marinated ribs cut from a rack. But don't look for borscht; it's not on the menu. Entrées come with a choice of starches; trust me, you want fries with that. Open daily, lunch and dinner (early dinner Sundays). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Jasmine Bistro Westfield Plaza, 315 Parkway Plaza (at Fletcher and the 67 Freeway), El Cajon, 619-588-8228. A gleaming little architectural jewel surrounded by the big white boxes of its mall, Jasmine Bistro is a spin-off of the well-known Jasmine Hong Kong Seafood Restaurant on Convoy. By day, the fare centers on fresh, expertly made Chinese dim sum (elaborate finger-food) offered both by cart and by menu. At night a fresh crew of multiethnic chefs step in to cook up a Pan-Asian panoply, so if you're in the mood for Mandarin and your date wants Thai, no problem.

Unfortunately, eaters in this suburban milieu won't stand for too much authenticity, so sophisticated diners may find the fare a little dumbed-down. Mainly California wine list suggests wine pairings for the food; numerous Asian beers, fruity drinks. Reserve for weekend dinners. Daily brunch/lunch through early dinner (until 9 p.m. weeknights, 9:30 weekends). Mainly moderate (except for some special entrées). — *N.W. (5/04)*

FAR EAST

Kountry Kitchen 826 Main Street, Ramona, 760-789-3200. Thank goodness the Kountry Kitchen's still around. They still open at 5 a.m. for the farmers and anyone else who's up then. They still make their own sausages, and grind their own burger meat, too. The Italian Sausage Breakfast is truly delicious: a fat pale-brown sausage with a rich, sharp, lively flavor, along with eggs and hash browns. Up there, too, is the Cowpoke Country Special, a buttermilk short stack with eggs and sausages or bacon. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

La Casa Del Zorro Borrego Springs Drive (Rte. 73) (five miles south of Palm Canyon Drive at Yaqui Pass Road), Borrego Springs, 760-767-5523. La Casa Del Zorro is Borrego Springs' most renowned and ambitious restaurant, set in a deluxe resort five miles south of town. (Drive through the parking lots until you reach the fenced swimming pool; the restaurant's small, dimly marked door is just to the left.) The California Cuisine menu offers elaborate seafood appetizers (out here in the desert) and entrées with fine, subtle sauces, fresh veggies from nearer the coast, and rather mild-flavored, exquisitely tender meats, evidently chosen to be gentle to the dentures of the duffers. Desserts are few and very sweet. Full bar; great (but pricey) wine list. Colared shirts and jackets required on men (they'll lend you a jacket if needed), dressy-casual wear on women. Open daily, continuously (in theory) from breakfast through dinner. Reserve for weekend evenings. Very expensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

The Olde Homestead Fudge Factory The Center, 590 Palm Canyon Drive (north side of the street), Borrego

Springs, 760-767-7782. The Fudge Factory's greatest dish is not what it's named for, and some of its pick hits aren't fudge, either. Of the 24 flavors of housemade fudge, barely a half dozen are available on any given day. The chocolate walnut is especially delicious, but the real masterpiece is the "date shake" — a cold quaff that's ambrosial on a hot afternoon. Then, too, a former pastry chef of the famed La Casa Del Zorro provides trays and trays of delicate pastries, and this is one of the few spots in town with an espresso machine. Open 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Arrividerci Italian Restaurant 3845 Fourth Street, Hillcrest, 619-299-6282. However you picture an idealized Italian restaurant — sprawling café on the strada or little cozy corner as in *Moonstruck* — somehow Arrividerci is "it." The straight-from-Rome look of the crowded sidewalk deck and yellow-and-white-awning helps. The menu is a big yet familiar regional potpourri. Reliable standards include *vittello bel monte* (veal in a brandy cream sauce with tomatoes); "straw and hay" (*paglio e fieno al pesto*), pale yellow-and-green pasta with string beans and pine nuts in a delicious pesto sauce; baby rack of lamb with rosemary; or shellfish pasta dishes like *linguine mediterraneo*, with clams, mussels, and big garlicky shrimp. Part of the fun is bumping chairs. Think dining car on a narrow-gauge railroad — you're that close to the next table. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. — *E.B. (7/04)*

Berta's Latin American Restaurant 3928 Twigg Street (at Congress, diagonal to Rockin' Baja Lobster), Old Town, 619-295-2343. Sampling the whole range of little-known cuisines from Guatemala down to Patagonia, Berta's lengthy menu reads like a culinary "pick hits" list of each country's best flavors, typically rendered with expertise and verve. Some outstanding dishes include sweet-savory Chilean *pastel de choclo* (a casserole of beef, chicken, and corn pudding) from Berta's homeland, spicy ceviche and subtle *seco de cordero* (citrus-flavored lamb stew) from Peru, earthy Guatemalan *chileman* (cilantro-laden pork stew), aromatic beef curry from Trinidad, and a sensuous *vatapa*

(seafood in coconut sauce) from Brazil's African-influenced Bahia coast. Vegetarians will find many meat-and-fowl-free options. Lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Fifth and Hawthorn 515 Hawthorn Street (at Fifth Avenue), Banker's Hill, 619-544-0940. This warm, cozy cottage near Balboa Park offers once-radical dishes that have long since turned into familiar California comfort cuisine. The menu changes only slightly and the kitchen has the dishes down so pat that execution is almost inhumanly flawless. It's a little like an ideal airplane dinner — on the Concorde, say. Highlights include spicy duck soup, tender stuffed chicken breast, melting calamari steaks, and mustard-coated catfish. Most weeknights, couples can opt for a "wine dinner" that includes four courses and a decent bottle of wine — a great bargain. Full bar, reasonable California-dominated wine list. Good pre-theatre dinner spot (near the Old Globe); let server know your curtain time. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Dinner nightly. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (2/03)*

Hob Nob Hill 2271 First Avenue (at Juniper Street), Banker's Hill, 619-239-8176. It opened in 1944 as a 14-stool lunch counter. Now, you sweep in under the maroon canopy to shiny red booth seats, deep blue carpet, blond wood, paintings, and a half-wall of wine. You're thinking "business class," but don't be fooled. We're talking coffee-shop prices, especially with the all-day breakfasts and sandwiches, not to mention the burgers with a salad tossed in. It's across the street from a retirement condo complex and at dinner, says the owner, "We cater to seniors." While there are à la carte choices, affordable three-course prix fixe dinners (with a regular entrée for each day of the week, Mom-style) are the order of the day — e.g., tasty barbecued pork on Saturdays, roast lamb or turkey Sundays. Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Kazumi Sushi 3975 Fifth Avenue (at Washington), Suite 120, Hillcrest, 619-682-4054. A simple neighborhood sushi bar offering imaginative rolls, each one so distinctively seasoned that there's no need to mar the pretty fish-scapes with wasabi dip. The fish is super-fresh and includes salmon that Kazumi-san cold-smokes himself. For a family-style dinner, "The Ultimate Boat" (serving two or more) is an encyclopedia of Japanese specialties, a huge platter of

sushi, *gyoza*, assorted appetizers, yakitori, teriyaki, and terrific tempura. Need comfort food? The tempura also graces the top of a satisfying bowl of *nabeyaki udon* (noodle soup) with an onion-sweet broth. With just a small staff of family members in the kitchen and house, expect a wait for food at busy times. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (10/00)*

The Parkhouse Eatery 4574 Park Boulevard (at Madison), University Heights, 619-295-7275. A small house provides a charming setting for dining. The eclectic menu is prepared with average competence. You can make a meal from the list of appetizers. Open weekdays three meals, weekends for brunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W. (10/99)*

Picasso Spanish Restaurant 3923 Fourth Avenue (near University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-3061. Interesting Spanish tapas and entrées are served in a small, modern, art-filled room that draws a casual neighborhood crowd. The regional style is Basque, from Northern Spain, but these aren't the tiny *pinxos* of that area — in fact, these bites are larger than usual, sized generously for two eaters. Some top tapas include chicken-stuffed *empanadillas*, baby eels in garlic sauce, stuffed greenlip mussels, and an outstanding paella (available as both a tapa and entrée). A bargain-price bottomless pitcher of the house's workmanly sangria (made with Livingston Cellars Burgundy) is the patrons' favorite beverage. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner nightly. Moderate. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Soltan Banoo Persian Eatery & Tearoom 4646 Park Boulevard (at Adams Avenue), University Heights, 619-298-2801. It's colorful, small, and intimate. This two-room café pulsates with multicolored cloths, midnight blue cushions, Aladdin-shaped pitchers and samovars. What you're eating is basically Persian health food — most Persian fare is healthy food anyway. Try the pomegranate soup, made of spinach with lentils, beans, wheat, and pomegranate juice, or the strawberry tabbouleh salad. Lamb is often a part of dishes. *Ghoumeh sabzi* is a lamb stew. *Koufteh-Berenji* is a ball of basmati rice with lamb, eggs, onions, and plums. And don't forget tea. They have everything from Darjeeling and Caspian to Lapacho Bark, Black Peach, and, if you really

need a boost, Temple of Heaven Gunpowder. Breakfast through early-ish dinner Tuesday to Saturday; breakfast and lunch only, Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Whole Foods Market 711 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-294-2800. For vegetarians on the go, Whole Foods' prepared food section will feed you better — and faster — than any vegetarian restaurant in town. Outstanding selections include green chili and cheese polenta; Emerald Mushrooms salad or Rapid Dragon greens, both with a sweet surprise of raspberry jam; and, especially, their *farofa* salad, like American stuffing, but it's couscous studded with almonds, fat raisins, thin strips of scrambled egg, and bits of carrot and bell pepper. Whole Foods' vegetarian meals will tempt any meat-eater with their delicious originality. La Jolla branch at 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive, 619-642-6700. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Acqua Al 2 322 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-0382. Despite its monicker, this isn't a seafood trattoria, but a near-fishless branch of a restaurant in Florence that won success by eschewing the standard Florentine menu while maintaining Tuscan purity of style. Chef-owner Martin Gonzales trained there and serves as charming host of the local outpost. Best bets are the vegetarian pasta and rice dishes made with aromatic porcini mushrooms. The tasting of five pastas may sound tempting, but they're chef's choice — and he tends to choose the dull ones. "Tastings" of salads, cheeses, and desserts are also offered. Mains are mainly rather plain. Moderate (pasta) to expensive. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Bangkok BBQ 936 Broadway Circle, 619-231-4124. "We're the revolutionaries," says the owner of this chicken-only Thai eatery. "We're taking Thai food back to its true tastes." The place may look modern, but much seems to be prepared traditionally on the spot, from tamarind sauce to bean curd. The "BBQ" part comes from the open grill upfront where they sizzle chicken, marinated in coconut milk and wine, for the *satés*, salads, and the basic chicken with rice dish. The chicken *mussamun* is nice and rich with its curry coconut sauce, and you've got to try the dish the owner invented to

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The Blarney Stone 510 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-233-8519. This handsome establishment, made of dark wood from the Emerald Isle, includes a large, good-looking separate dining room that opens when the dining public forms a critical mass, or around 8 p.m. Like most local Irish pubs, the menu is mainly American and gringo-Mex snack foods, including an “Irish quesadilla” (corned beef and cheese on a flour tortilla). The three wannabe Celtic dishes are an indifferent corned beef and cabbage, “steak Kildare” (a tough, mushroom-smothered rib eye), and “fish and chips Liffey,” which aren’t noticeably different from, say, fish and chips “Thames” or “Afton” or even “Missouri.” Open daily. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Deco’s 731 Fifth Avenue (between G and F), Gaslamp, 619-696-DECO. When the disco is not in session here, there’s surprisingly fine food in this vast, multi-room glamorama, stunningly done up like a Fred-and-Ginger 1930s ballroom. The eats are in a lightly adventurous California-Asian-Mediterranean mode featuring quality seafood handled with care and creativity; don’t miss the ethereal bread pudding for dessert. (The requisite sushi “party rolls” are merely okay.) Service is hip, smart, and kind. Best dining nights: disco-less Tuesday and Wednesday. Call ahead if you want to book an off-menu meal. No cover charge on disco nights for patrons who order dinner before 9 p.m.; no sneaks, shorts, or Ts if you’re clubbing. Serious wine list runs high; full bar. Happy hour Friday; dinner 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Very expensive, but somewhat affordable if you graze on appetizers. — *N.W. (7/03)*

El Carrito 2154 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-702-4806. It’s called “El Carrito” — “The Streetcar” — for a reason. This gem was one of San Diego’s fleet of trolleys that trundled around the city for 60 years from 1889. When the city opted to tarmac over the rails in 1948, a local family rescued this car and turned it into an eatery. Today it is little changed. The menu is old-fashioned Mexican, with breakfasts like ranchero-style eggs, rice, and beans; *bistek a la plancha con huevos* (grilled steak with fried eggs, rice, and frijoles); good pork chops; and the Big Three: *caldo de rez* (beef soup), *pozole* (meat and hominy), and *menudo*, the famous tripe soup hangover reliever. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/04)*

The Field Irish Pub and Restaurant 544 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp,

619-232-9840. This spirited, colorful saloon, physically transported whole-hog from the Ould Sod, offers delicious Irish music live most nights, and also attempts serious Irish cooking — with some successes. Try the lovely herb-rich Irish stew, or the boxty, potato crêpes rolled around your choice from a variety of fillings (salmon, beef, etc.). Or start the day here with a huge, carnivorous Irish breakfast. Open daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

Lou and Mickey’s 224 Fifth Avenue (between K and L), Gaslamp, 619-237-4900. The onetime ornate Royale Brasserie across from the Convention Center finally had to bow to conventional tastes and simplify into a fifties-style steak-and-seafood house. Kings Seafood is still the owner, so the fish quality remains fine. The fare is simple, with minimal sauce or garnish; vegetables cost extra, coming in large portions but merely adequate preparations. Best dishes include “BBQ Shrimp, Man-ales’ Style,” a buttery, spicy New Orleans extravaganza (available as starter or entrée), and the huge, juicy rib-eye “Cow-boy Steak.” Valet parking at door. Wraparound heated dining patio. Noisy in dining room near bar; request “Nude Room” for quiet. For interesting wines at good prices, look into “Adventures” sections of the list. Dinner nightly, weekends until 11 p.m. Fish moderate, meats expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Patty’s Fruitland 1789 National Avenue (at Beardsley), Barrio Logan, 619-239-3085. Patty used to sell fresh fruit drinks outside a church in Guajuato. In 1994 she came to America and married Jose. “Why can’t we sell fruit drinks in America?” she wondered. Now they’ve opened a place where you can get combos like the *pico de gallo* (rooster’s beak) with lots of fresh-sliced fruit and raw veggies (jicama, cucumber), all dusted with cayenne pepper. They’ve expanded to nonfruit (roast beef and other sandwiches, shrimp tostadas, hot dogs), but the fruit and juices define the place. The most tempting: fruit salad with cottage cheese, granola, and honey. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (3/04)*

Pokez Mexican Restaurant and Vegetarian Cuisine 947 E Street (at

Tenth Avenue), downtown, 619-702-7160. Rafael — his buddies call him Rafa — started this cool student/artist hangout years ago when he was 18. Lunchtime business people come here. Evenings, seems like it’s all Rafa’s friends: people from downtown, Golden Hill, City College. The food is mostly Mexican vegetarian (though he’s got meaty things like chicken or steak ranchero or sautéed chicken fajitas). Tip well: the servers volunteer and share the take from the gravy pot. Three meals weekdays; closes earlier on weekends. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Ra Sushi 1014 Fifth Avenue (at Broadway), downtown, 619-321-0021. Big and splashy, this Arizona-based chain restaurant tries to create a high-energy party atmosphere with loudish music and louder “Oriental” decor. Its grazing menu features sushi, sashimi, hosts of Asian-oid appetizers, plus a few substantial noodle dishes and entrées. The food’s a mixture of the dire and the delicious — old, pulpy *edamame* versus magnificent miso soup, delicate dilled salmon and desiccated *katsu*. The sushi rice is well seasoned, but the products are inconsistent from hour to hour and roll to roll, depending on how long ago the seafood was defrosted and how recently the rice was cooked. You take your chances, but it’s fun anyway. Reservations accepted, even for sushi bar. Numerous Asian beers and sakes, affordable wines, full bar specializing in fancy cocktails. Those with fading eyesight may need a penlight to read menu. Daily, lunch through dinner, to 11 p.m. Moderate. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Taka 555 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-338-0555. The seafood at this always-packed sushi bar and Japanese appetizer-restaurant is top quality. *Ama ebi* (sweet shrimp) from the live tank go down soft and silky smooth, unlike their frozen brethren. And the chefs are highly skilled: the well-seasoned rice is freshly made all evening, and for once the spicy scallop hand roll has scallops, mayo, cuke, and hot pepper running all the way through, not just plopped on top. Savory appetizers supplement the sushi, including miso-baked black cod and mushroom-topped *agedashi* (lightly-fried) tofu. The one problem: the later

you arrive, the louder it gets. Make reservations, and if you value your ears, go at an early hour. Dinner nightly. Most dishes inexpensive, but many little bites can eat a hole in your wallet. — *N.W. (7/04)*

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Bino’s European Coffees and Crepes 1120 Adella Avenue (just off Orange Avenue), Coronado, 619-522-0612. This little round-the-corner café (south of the Post Office) has to be good: it’s a favorite retreat for local chefs. Bino bakes his own breads and croissants daily and creates great crunchy sandwiches. Try the Brie Fantasy (chicken breast, roasted marinated peppers, double cream Brie cheese) or the roast beef and jack cheese. Even the veggie sandwich squishes with luscious eggplant, and the crêpes are delicious and filling too. Bino’s wife is Austrian and makes great Viennese-style coffee. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Bob’s on the Bay 570 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista Harbor, 619-476-0400. Big, breezy Bob’s, with its beautiful Bay view, seems to be the unofficial community center of Chula Vista. It’s a rambling building overlooking the Yacht Harbor where all sorts of folks pop in for a night off or a fun lunch. The food is serviceable American cuisine centered on steaks and seafood, but on Fridays and Saturdays the scene turns into a pretend-luau complete with Hawaiian band, hula dancers, a party atmosphere, and a few vaguely Polynesian dishes amid the standard mid-American buffet items. Full bar. Reservations advisable for luau nights and Sunday champagne brunch. Casual, family-friendly

to the max. Breakfast and lunch buffets inexpensive; Sunday and dinner buffets moderate; à la carte expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Cafe 1134 1134 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-1134. Rick Chapman has created a French café atmosphere with round Parisian tables and slat chairs outside and a balcony inside. Here Coronado’s arty types mix with admirals, CEOs, and SEALs. Big fat cups of tea are a favored drink. Breakfasts are mostly steamed eggs plus extras, such as the Americana with two steamed eggs, Swiss cheese and ham, a side of fruit and sliced baguette. Lunches are sandwiches (like curried tuna or brie con pesto) or salads (try the chicken). Best deal: the Combo Special, a half sandwich and soup or salad. And there’s always an art exhibition going on inside. Open daily, three meals; service until midnight on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Galley at the Marina 550 Marina Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-422-5714. This is a great place to relax, take in the view and decide which yacht you’re gonna buy when you win the lotto. It’s run by Fran Muncey, widow of Bill Muncey, San Diego’s greatest speedboat-racing champion. The tasty, bargain-priced Happy Hour specials (3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday) make a visit worth the trip west of I-5: try a 1/2-pound steerburger with French fries, chicken Caesar salad with sourdough toast, or a filet mignon steak plate with steak fries. Next morning, catch the breakfast favorite: biscuits and sausage gravy with eggs. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Rhinoceros 1166 Orange Avenue (at Loma Avenue), Coronado, 619-435-2121. This bright, hectic bistro next door to the Lamb’s Players Theatre draws pre-theatre crowds as well as

locals — and that may be a problem, since the rushed pace of service doesn’t abate even after the playgoers have departed. Perhaps that’s why there are few appetizer choices (as though to discourage diners from spending extra time at the table). You may even be charged a “split plate” fee for sharing a first course despite ordering individual entrées. Meat and fish choices are simply prepared with ingredients of ordinary quality and generic veggie accompaniments. Why, then, is Rhino so popular? Pasta (and nothing but pasta) is the answer — that’s where the kitchen shines. Very noisy when crowded; street tables are slightly quieter despite heavy traffic. Reservations advised for weekends, pre-show diners. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *N.W. (7/01)*

Zorbas Family Restaurant 100 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-422-8853. We haven’t got to plate-breaking yet, but Greek dancing is alive and well at Zorba’s on Fridays and Saturdays. That includes the *zembekikos*, where the dancer picks a glass of ouzo off the floor with his mouth and drinks it. The rest of the week? Families fill this place. They’re here for the buffet, spooning up the *spanakopita* (spinach in deliciously flaky pastry), *dolmathes*, (ground beef and rice rolled in grape leaves), moussaka (eggplant, zucchini, and ground beef), and lamb. Try dividing your meal into three: first visit the salad section. Grab their real, strong-tasting olives, tabbouleh, hummus, onions, lettuce, and pita bread. Return for the heavies, the lamb and beef dishes. Then leave room for baklava and other desserts. It may not be the gourmet’s method, but there’s no better way to fill a belly. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

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El Rincon del Oso Mercado Hidalgo, Calle Victoria #47, Rio District, Tijuana. Eating goat is an acquired taste. This little market restaurant is a good place to start acquiring. It serves kid for breakfast that's surprisingly easy on the taste buds. The best part is scooping the juices and the meat into a hot corn tortilla, adding cilantro, lime, grated onions, and a splash of salsa, and chomping in. It's meaty, slightly rich, almost gamey, like deer or buffalo, except the juices round out that gamey aftertaste. Come early morning for the best kid and the best market scenes. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/01)

La Petite Cafe Avenida Constitución #720-Q, in Foreign Club Passage off Revolución between 3rd and 4th (beside Maxim's), Tijuana, 688-2171. You're in a side eddy here from the storm of Revolución among Olmec sculptures, Aztec calendars, trees, and amazing quiet. It's standard *casera* (homestyle) food: Spanish chicken with rice and beans, pork chops in green sauce, red enchiladas, steak ranchero, liver-and-onion stew, *chicharrón* (crisp fried pork rind) in a red sauce, and of course *carne asada*, but cooked well and priced amazingly low. Check the generous five-item-plus-coffee breakfast special. All-day breakfast and lunches, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/03)

Mariscos el Locochon Popotla fishing village, five minutes south of Rosarito Beach (non-toll road), dirt road next to Fox studios. There are smarter places to eat, like Puerto Nuevo. Even in Popotla, most other eateries look more like, well, eateries. The thing about Pedro Garcia Barcelo and El Locochón is that they are what they are. His fishermen friends hand him fish straight off the boats, he sells them on a table in the sand, and if you so desire, he'll toss one into a pan of oil on a wood fire, fry a couple of corn tortillas, add cilantro, tomatoes, radishes, fried *cebollitas* (green onions), and presto! He'll hand you your

freshest fish taco ever. Work out a price with him. He's there every day till dusk. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/04)

Salon Azteca Rosarito Beach Hotel, south end of Boulevard Benito Juárez, Rosarito, 661-612-1111. This fabled old hotel's all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch buffet offers a great excuse to check out the gorgeous architecture and meet other travelers in town. To reach the buffet, go to the left behind the registration desk to the Salon Azteca, walk in, grab a plate, and start dishing up your breakfast from the long line of cafeteria-like bins filled with *gringo*, *gringo-Mex*, real Mexican (*menudo*), and international specialties. Expect to tip if you want something from the omelet or carving station. Next, plunk down at a table where a waiter will arrive to serve you juice and endless cups of decent coffee. Casual dress. Secure parking in hotel lot for a small extra charge. Sundays only, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Somewhat expensive for the area; Visa and MasterCard accepted. — N.W. (4/03)

Super Antojitos 1810 4th Street (between Constitución and Niños Heroes), Tijuana, 685-5070. Sr. Lechuga's restaurant has been around for 40 years, for good reason. Early mornings, people line up for breakfast. You enter a sort of heaven: arches, hidden lighting, glass

chandeliers, even a statue of the Virgin Mary. The breakfast special, called *mole poblano*, includes two eggs, enchilada *de mole*, rice, beans, and bread or tortillas. The delicious *mole*, Sr. Lechuga's own, contains raisins, avocado, plantain, almonds, peanuts, thyme, and cilantro. Plus, you're drinking Sr. Lechuga's own coffee. He grows it down south. *Super antojitos* means super snacks, so search out the *pastes* — pastries stuffed with *mole*, cheese, or ground meat and potatoes. Also delicious: pork rind *gorditas*. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. — E.B. (3/20)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Karl Strauss Brewery Restaurant 1157 Columbia Street, downtown, 619-234-2739. One-time Pabst brewmeister Karl Strauss heads his own brewery and a bunch of brewery restaurants bearing his name, so you can't help but be a little wary of an over-slick operation. But at least at downtown's ivy-covered brick drink and eatery, the food's honest, tasty, and sleek, not slick. And Karl's beers are still interesting. Go for honest-but-beautiful dishes like his

"Hump Day" meatloaf (Wednesdays only), which comes looking like a Magic Mountain, or the grilled marinated egg-plant sandwich on focaccia. Beer influence is everywhere. Filet mignon has an Amber Lager glaze. Ribs boast a Red Trolley Ale barbecue sauce. It can get pricey; try to hit happy hour. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. Other branches at 9675 Scranton Road, Sorrento Mesa, 858-587-2739; 5801 Armada Drive, Carlsbad, 760-431-2739; 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla, 858-551-2739. — E.B. (11/03)

The Living Room Coffeehouse 5900 El Cajon Boulevard (at 59th Street), College Area, 619-286-8434. With deep-draft couches, Persian carpets, pictures on the wall, chunky wooden tables, and a tree-shaded patio, this Swiss-owned café is a student hangout with a lively notice board, a rental computer, and good cheap breakfast food in huge quantities. Try "The Works" omelet, with bacon, ham, onions, tomatoes, pepper, cheese on top, potatoes, fruit, and bread. Open daily, three meals, until late at night. Inexpensive. Additional locations in Hillcrest, Old Town, Point Loma, and La Jolla. — E.B. (10/00)

The Original Pancake House 3906 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-1740. Starve yourself for eight hours, then come in here and order up an Apple Pancake — a foot-wide, batter-filled, five-egg paradise pelted with slices from two Granny Smith apples and baked till it puffs up like a golden minisuperdome. Cinnamon cinches it. The

German Pancake, or its kid brother, the Dutch Baby, are good oven-baked alternatives, as is the really, really filling mushroom omelet, which comes with three pancakes. Oh, and the Eggs Michael: sausage patties and poached eggs lost somewhere under a mushroom-sherry sauce. The whole atmosphere — striped gold-and-cream wallpaper, dainty cups, shelves of ceramic dogs — feels like it's the Fifties and your granny took you here when you were five. OK, it's a nationwide franchise, but it's a comfy franchise, from Oregon. All-day breakfast only, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. Other locations at 14905 Pomerado Road, Poway, 858-679-0186; 160 South Rancho Santa Fe Road, Encinitas, 760-943-1939; 435 South Melrose Drive, Vista, 760-758-3441. — E.B. (4/02)

Star Of India 1820 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-1372; also 3860 Valley Centre Drive, Del Mar, 858-792-1111; and 423 F Street, Gaslamp, 619-234-8000. It's the lunch buffet that can lead you by the nose into Indian (and here, specifically *Punjabi*) food. Pick among specialties like vegetable *pakora* — a bunch of veggies dipped in chickpea batter and fried, or a nice mess of eggplant with potatoes, chicken curry *masala*, and maybe the first cooked spinach you ever loved, *palak paneer*. At the PB location, you sit under a sky-blue cupola. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/01)

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Into the Out-Box

The worm-eaten title figure is not appreciably more ghastly than the living.

I've got an excuse. It is a bit disturbing, though, to admit how dependent I have become on the Internet: how the screening invitations, etc., that once came to me by post or phone are now almost exclusively conveyed by E-mail, and how the tangle of typescript I used to carry by hand to a typesetter is now funnelled by cable directly from

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home to office. And all it takes is for my Internet Service Provider suddenly to stop providing me Internet service, and I am obliged, as last week, to go dark. It could have been worse. At first I was expected to wait eleven days for a diagnostic house call, putting me effectively out of commission for two weeks minimum, but after telephoning what is humorously known as Customer Service, negotiating my way through the jungly phone tree, sitting on hold for half an hour and listening to recorded promotional pitches — for three days in a row — I eventually, by incremental escalations in ire, managed to obtain a timelier appointment. (The parallels to the victims of Hurricane Katrina are distant but crystal-clear.) Not too surprisingly, the assigned field technician was unable to fit himself into

the nine-hour window during which I was obliged to stay at home by the phone, but this snub seemed to give me the moral leverage to command an immediate response — immediate, I mean, after telephoning for a fourth

day in a row, negotiating my way again through the phone tree, and listening to another half-hour of recorded pro-

motions. Inasmuch as I cannot be certain beyond a shadow of a doubt of all the following facts, I would not want to mention the ISP by name, but its initials are RR.

The “problem” — and as a devout technophobe I can only comprehend it in the broadest of terms — seems to have been that some implacable Javert-like inspector from the company had come by my place of residence on his routine rounds, to peek into an outdoor locked box whose existence and purpose I had no knowledge of, and to which only the company is authorized to have access, and he found there — ah-ha! — an improperly labelled hook-up. Whereupon, without checking to find out whether this provided service to a law-abiding paying customer, and without informing the



Tim Burton's *Corpse Bride*

resident of what he was doing, but just on the off chance that somebody might be getting away with something, he took it upon himself to disconnect it. And because the left hand did not know what the right hand had done, none of the Customer Service people I talked to could put one and one together. And there I was. Nowhere.

But now here I am. Back where I belong. And the in-box is overflowing.

Just Like Heaven, directed by Mark Waters, merits a kind word or two, and not solely because of the barrage of P.R. bribes that preceded it: the free Internet music downloads (*sounds like heaven*), the French Tulip scented candles (*smells like heaven*), and the

100% cashmere scarf (*feels like heaven*). A supernatural romantic comedy, unremittently cute and on a couple of occasions actually funny, it adds a new wrinkle to the conventional ghost story, and new rules (anything goes) into the bargain. The new wrinkle is that the previous tenant who haunts a breathtaking San Francisco apart-

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ment as an intermittent apparition, visible only to the current tenant, is not technically a ghost at all, merely the disembodied spirit of a workaholic young doctor in a three-month coma. Because this previous tenant, female, had had no social life prior to the coma, and because the current tenant, male, is a withdrawn widower, a happy ending heaves into view at the same instant as the new wrinkle. Reese Witherspoon, assisted by some seamless passing-through-solid-objects effects, has sufficient artifice to make herself right at home in the situation. But Mark Ruffalo, though he can play befuddlement, which will come in very handy, is not by any stretch an acceptable romantic-comedy lead; and Jon Heder, in search of life after *Napoleon Dynamite*, proves to be no longer an extraordinary geek, only an ordinary one, as a dilettante occultist.

Tim Burton's *Corpse Bride* is partly, if not equally, stop-motion animator

Mike Johnson's *Corpse Bride*, a voguishly grotesque kiddie film in which all the characters look like reflections in fun-house mirrors, and the worm-eaten title figure is not appreciably more ghastly than the living. Indeed the netherworld boasts more color, albeit garishly expressionistic, than the mere blush of color aboveground. Overlong at an hour and a quarter — and far too soon after the last Tim Burton film, a mere two months since his *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and easily, plausibly, sensibly postponable till Halloween — it features several showstopping musical numbers, not in a good sense but in the sense of clockstopping, and a couple of un-Disneyfied cute critters, a maggot with the eyes and voice of Peter Lorre and a skeletal pet pooch. For all his ghoulishness, the essential innocence, naiveté, even squareness of Burton may be linked to his unshakable faith that the sophomoric cackle will never evolve into a satiated yawn. The climactic rising-up of the dead to walk the face of the earth, like George Romero's zombies but without the appetite, is fairly amusing if you can slough off the descending torpor.

Côte d'Azur, a sufficiently French-

looking title altered from the original *Crustacés et Coquillages* (or *Seafood and Shellfish*), chronicles a family holiday on the Riviera. The action takes the form of a change-partners sexual cotillion in which the committed heterosexuals slightly outnumber the overt or borderline homosexuals, yet command much less attention from co-writers and co-directors Olivier Ducastel and Jacques Martineau, the team responsible for the AIDS musical, *Jeanne and the Perfect Guy*. Two song-and-dance numbers — the first, a rainy-day indoor recreation, at least half-fantasy in its musical accompaniment, and the second total fantasy at the closing curtain — might be insufficient to classify the movie as a musical, but are surely sufficient to pose the question of why a low-rise soufflé such as this one demands distribution to provincial theaters while Alain Resnais's anachronistic operetta, *Not on the Lips*, must go straight to the DVD shelves. It pains me to propose the possible or partial answer that Resnais, though he thought to cast a man in a woman's role, has once again neglected to put any homosexuals into his movie and thus give himself a leg-up in the American art house. From my point

of view — as detached as a doctor — the best reason to go to the movie, even so, is for the presence of the hoarse, horsey, toothy, earthy, uninhibited, sensual, soulful, womanly, completely human Valeria Bruni-Tedeschi, so impressive in the recent *5x2*. In her role here, she keeps making a point of her Dutch mother, but the real clue to her laissez-faire character would seem to be the actress's innate Italianness.

Reel Paradise is a shoestring documentary (i.e., video) by Steve James, whom I will never see the same after *Stevie*, and to whom I will ever after extend the benefit of every doubt. On this less personal project, he appears to be no more than a hired hand, summoned to Fiji to document the last month of the year-long sojourn of John Pierson, the indie-film "guru" and TV host of IFC's *Split Screen*, who took along his wife and two children on his "midlife crisis slash mission," to show free movies to the natives of Taveuni Island in a dilapidated fifty-year-old movie house: *X-Men 2*, *Hot Chicks*, *Bringing Down the House*, *Jack-ass*, but also *Apocalypse Now Redux*, a program of student films (for which the natives, even for free, will not sit still),

and, as his farewell offering, *Steamboat Bill Jr.* (Ever the movie man, he self-consciously cites *The Mosquito Coast* as the model for his adventure.) The results have all of the messiness — and much of the ridiculousness — of real life: a burglary of his house while he's away at a screening, a crazy Australian landlord, an unreliable projectionist, a rebellious teenage daughter ("You're just acting for the cameras here," snaps Mom), a contentious evangelical church in competition for Fijian souls, and a protagonist who frankly refuses to adapt himself to the local culture. It's also the messiness of four or five movies' worth of material. More than enough to afford interest. Too much to afford satisfaction.

Some others: *Everything Is Illuminated*, a road film in a sparse landscape, follows the quest — the "very rigid search," in the uncertain English of the Ukrainian guide and translator — for the peasant woman who in WWII saved the life of the late grandfather of a young American Jew (Elijah Wood, looking like one of the Men in Black, an alien even in his native land), but really a quest for quirks, personal oddities, cultural dissonances. Actor-turned-director Liev Schreiber (strictly behind the camera) pushes the absurdism very hard, and the relentless ethnic background music lends a hand and a shoulder, until the climax of straight schmaltz and a musical switch to angelic harps. *The Thing about My Folks*, more rueful Jewish humor, is pretty much a two-man show, a father-and-son show, written expressly for Peter Falk by Paul Reiser, but written for himself as well, and dripping in shtick, in two contrasting styles: the Method mode of Falk vs. the sitcom mode of Reiser. The generational conflict pales in comparison. *Proof*, under the direction of John Madden, who previously directed it on the London stage as well, puts on the Pulitzer Prize-winning play by David Auburn, a hoked-up sort of mathematical mystery thriller, not so much a whodunit as a whoprovedit, centered around the mentally shaky daughter of a mentally crumpled math genius: two beautiful minds. (With Philip Glass-y motor-gunning, engine-revving background music by Stephen Warbeck to suggest a churning intellect.) Gwyneth Paltrow — down the same path as *Sylvia*, the Plath path — Anthony Hopkins, and Hope Davis try to make it sound natural, and Jake Gyllenhaal nearly succeeds. *Thumb-sucker* spins out a new metaphor (preferable to *Bedwetter* no doubt) for the plight of the misfit, a coming-of-age tale, even a coming-to-confidence tale, concerning a feminine teenage boy (Lou Pucci, a blend of Johnny Depp and Scarlett Johansson) who hasn't yet weaned himself off his thumb. The first feature film of Mike Mills falls between the two stools of the sharply satirical and the mushily sensitive. Falls with a splat. ■

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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)

Broken Flowers — Jim Jarmusch’s mainstreamiest film to date has a lot of laughs in it, despite the pretentiousness of the *cinéma d’ennui* pacing and deliberately dissatisfying ending. Laughs are laughs, nonetheless, and once they’ve fought through the pretentiousness, they cannot be wiped off the scoreboard. (Another impediment to be fought through, another potential wet blanket, is an image a shade or two dark and dreary.) The idea of the film is a simple one and an immediately appealing one. We start with “an over-the-hill Don Juan” (words of a huffily departing girlfriend) who receives an unsigned type-written letter from a former lover, informing him that he has a nineteen-year-old son bent on tracking him down. At the urging of his mystery-buff neighbor (an unlikely neighbor in so swanky a suburb, a West Indian family man with three menial jobs and more than that many children), he draws up a list of possible suspects from the pertinent time period — a list of five, one now deceased, scattered across the country, as

revealed through a search of the Internet — and sets out to track them down, pre-emptively, and to smoke out the source of the letter. The itinerary of our amateur sleuth leads to a broad spectrum of people and places, and in between, to some invigorating on-the-road shots through a rental-car windshield. Put more pretentiously, it adds up to a tour of Paths Not Taken, a graph of Life’s Changes. With only a little effort, we can imagine Woody Allen coming up with such an idea and going to town with it. We cannot quite imagine, these days, that the idea would have turned out this funny; that he would actually have gotten anywhere

near to town with it. The deadpan detachment of Bill Murray, a minimal reactor, a frosty mirror, a cautious counterpuncher, makes a perfect match for that of his director; and the humor, sprouting out of the gaps, the schisms, the chasms between people, comes through as less strained, or less buried under pretension, than normal for Jarmusch. You are free, once the closing credits are rolling, to pursue the mystery into the trackless recesses of the human heart, the enigmatic ego, the predestined identity. But you will then have to leave behind the laughs that made the trip pleasurable. Jeffrey Wright, Sharon Stone, Frances

Conroy, Jessica Lange, Tilda Swinton, Julie Delpy, Chloë Sevigny. 2005. ★★★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; POWAY 10; 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 au-

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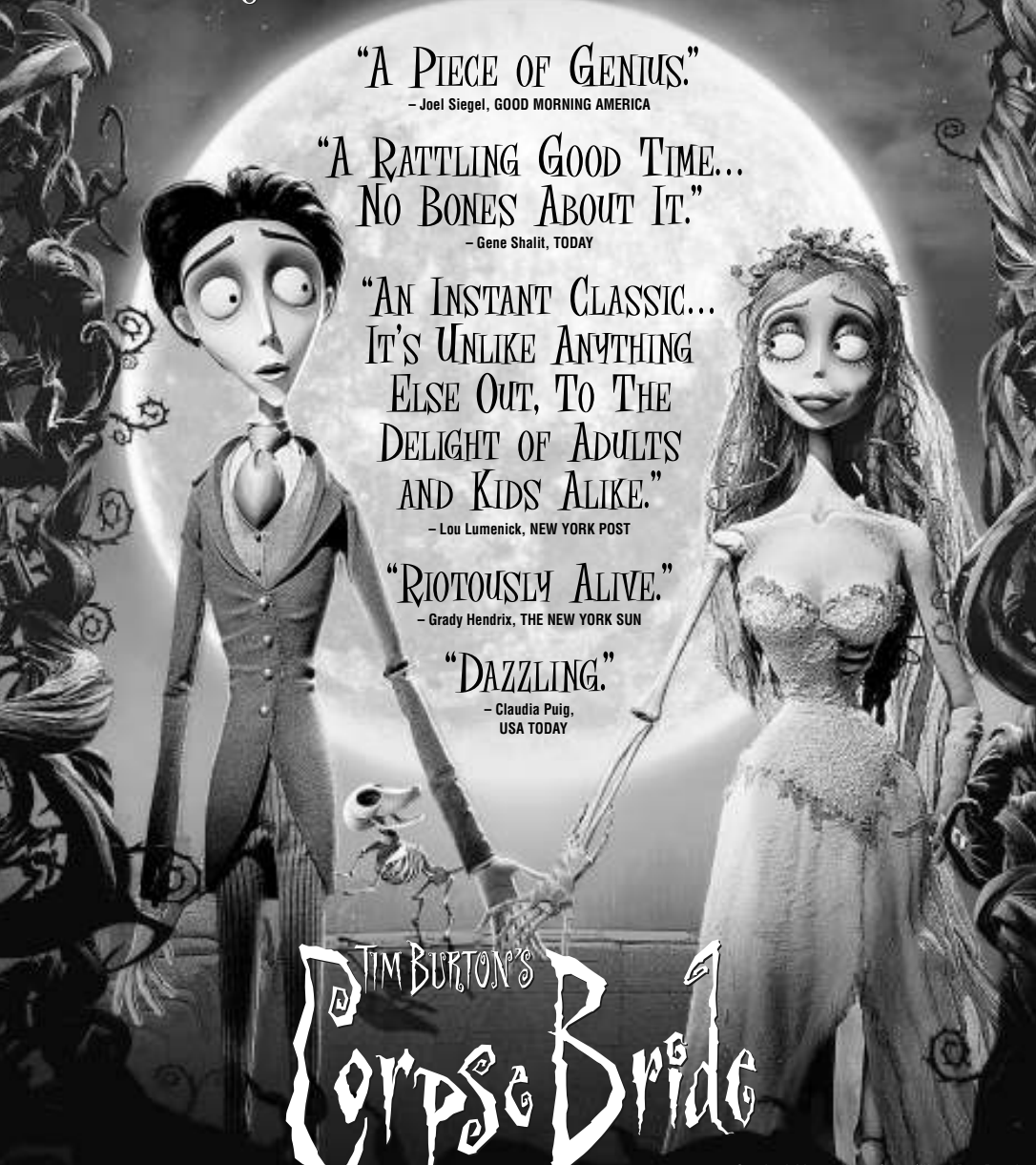
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★★★ (KEN, THROUGH 9/29)

Everything Is Illuminated — Reviewed this issue. With Elijah Wood, Eugene Hutz, Boris Leskin, and Laryssa Lauret; written and directed by Liev Schreiber.

★ (FLOWER HILL; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 9/23)

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 wholehearted commitment to that marriage is enough to tighten that hold. Tom Wilkinson, Jennifer Carpenter, Mary Beth Hurt. 2005.

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Flightplan — Missing-child thriller with Jodie Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, and Sean Bean, directed by Robert Schwentke. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HAZARD CENTER 7; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 9/23)

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 treat-

ment, 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.

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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 fu-

neral 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: unconscious 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; tanga dialogue ("You don't pay a whore to fuck you. You pay her to leave"); hellacious action, slickly staged by director John Singleton,

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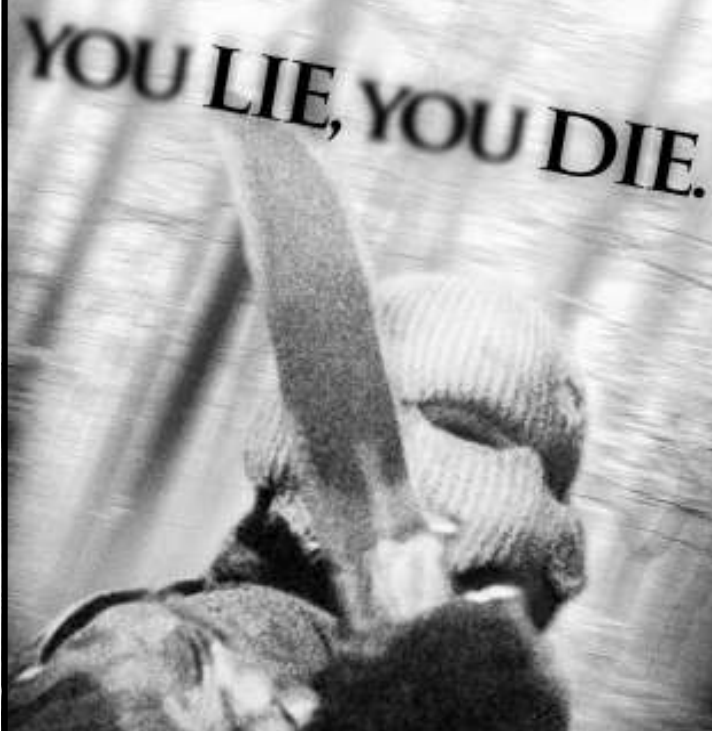
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most particularly the siege of the family home by ski-masked machine gunners, a sort of pocket edition of the aforementioned *Assault on Precinct 13*; and a vigorous villain, played against type by Chiwetel Ejiofor (the sweetly sympathetic figure of *Dirty Pretty Things* and *Melinda and Melinda*, every bit as sharp a turnaround as Jeffrey Wright's villain in Singleton's *Shaft*), who acquires 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.

★★ (CHULA VISTA 10; GROSSMONT TROLLEY;
HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13;
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PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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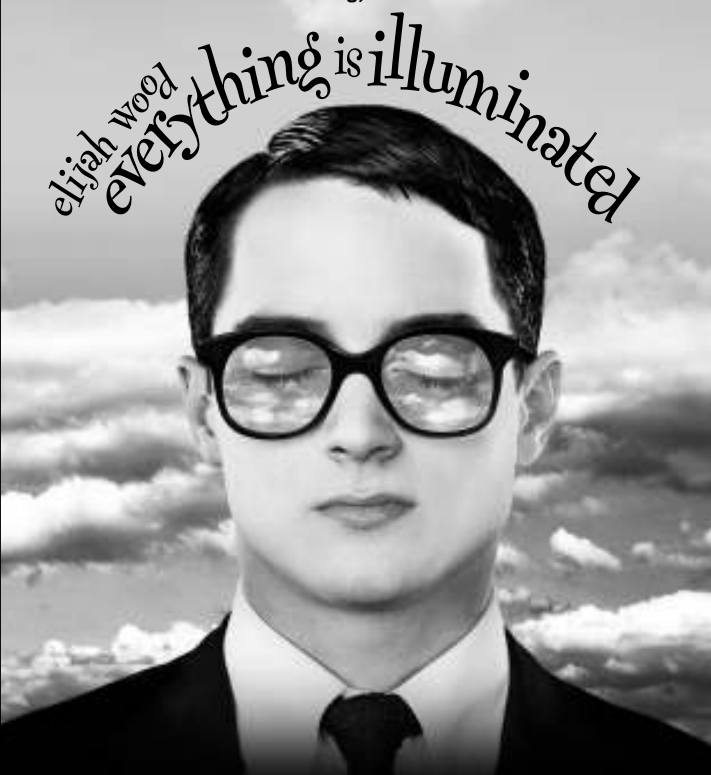
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world of British soccer fanatics; with Claire Forlani and Charlie Hunnam; directed by Lexi Alexander.

(MISSION VALLEY 20, FROM 9/23)

Grizzly Man — The globe-trotting Werner Herzog digs up another of those border dwellers, those boundary pushers, he loves to document — one Timothy Treadwell, b. 1957, d. 2003 — along with a hundred or so hours of found footage, a treasure trove of video shot by the subject himself, mostly of himself, to record his years in the wilderness living among Alaskan bears, capped off with an audio recording of his own death, plus his girlfriend's death, at the paws of one of those bears. ("Capped off" might not be the way to put it: he evidently didn't have time to take the lens cap off the camcorder.) Herzog neatly organizes the material into a portrait of a man who at first glance seems simply an ecological eccentric, with more than a little presentiment of his fate ("They can kill, they can bite, they can decapitate"), but a man who, at a longer look, turns into something of a self-mythologizing monomaniac. The filmmaker, in his own footage, gathers testimony from those who knew the man ("He tended to want to become a bear"), and he captures at least a couple of priceless moments: the coroner handing over to one of Treadwell's former girlfriends the still-ticking wristwatch taken from his detached arm, and his mother reminiscing about him, in the comfort of her home in Florida, with his favorite teddy bear perched on her lap. Herzog is not shy about adding his own observations in his familiar feverish idiom and his expectorating delivery ("I discovered a film of human ecstasies and darkest inner turmoil"), nor about taking an editorial stance at variance with his subject: "I believe the common denominator of the universe is chaos, disharmony, and murder." Treadwell, in proof of Herzog's point, is in no condition to present a rebuttal to that. 2005.

★★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Just Like Heaven — Reviewed this 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. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Lady from Shanghai — Orson Welles takes a nose-holding leap toward Low Camp with a pulp thriller (narrated, first-person, in Welles's unctuous Irish brogue) about a gullible, ham-fisted sailor who is sucked into a murder scheme, making him the patsy. The cast of characters is peopled by twisted, obscene predators — Rita Hayworth in a blond hairdo styled like shampoo lather, the pop-eyed Everett Sloane tottering around with leg braces and canes, Glenn Anders whining and whinnying through a sweaty mouth. The famous fun-house sequence is a virtuoso turn, all right, although Welles does not trouble to find a plausible way into it or out of it. 1948.

★★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 9/22 THROUGH 24)

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 songtrack, 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)

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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA PALOMA; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Proof — Reviewed this issue. With Gwyneth Paltrow, Anthony Hopkins, Jake Gyllenhaal, and Hope Davis; directed by John Madden.

★ (FASHION VALLEY; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 9/23)

Red Eye — Economical, efficient, taut little thriller from Wes Craven, a terror film in place of his customary horror film. The normal business of a modern-day airport, with its flight delays and frayed nerves ("Flying's so much fun these days, huh?"), makes for a smooth and easy access to the subject of terrorism, and terrorism is indeed the subject, divested of any identifiable ideology, and therefore any possible offense. When our damsel in distress (Rachel McAdams, showing some impressive physicality in the closing stretch) finally rebels against her personal terrorizer (Cillian Murphy), you might wonder what took her so long; but the film is pretty much over by the time you can lay a finger on, or poke a finger through, any hole in the terrorist plot. At just about an hour and a quarter, it is closest thing you can find

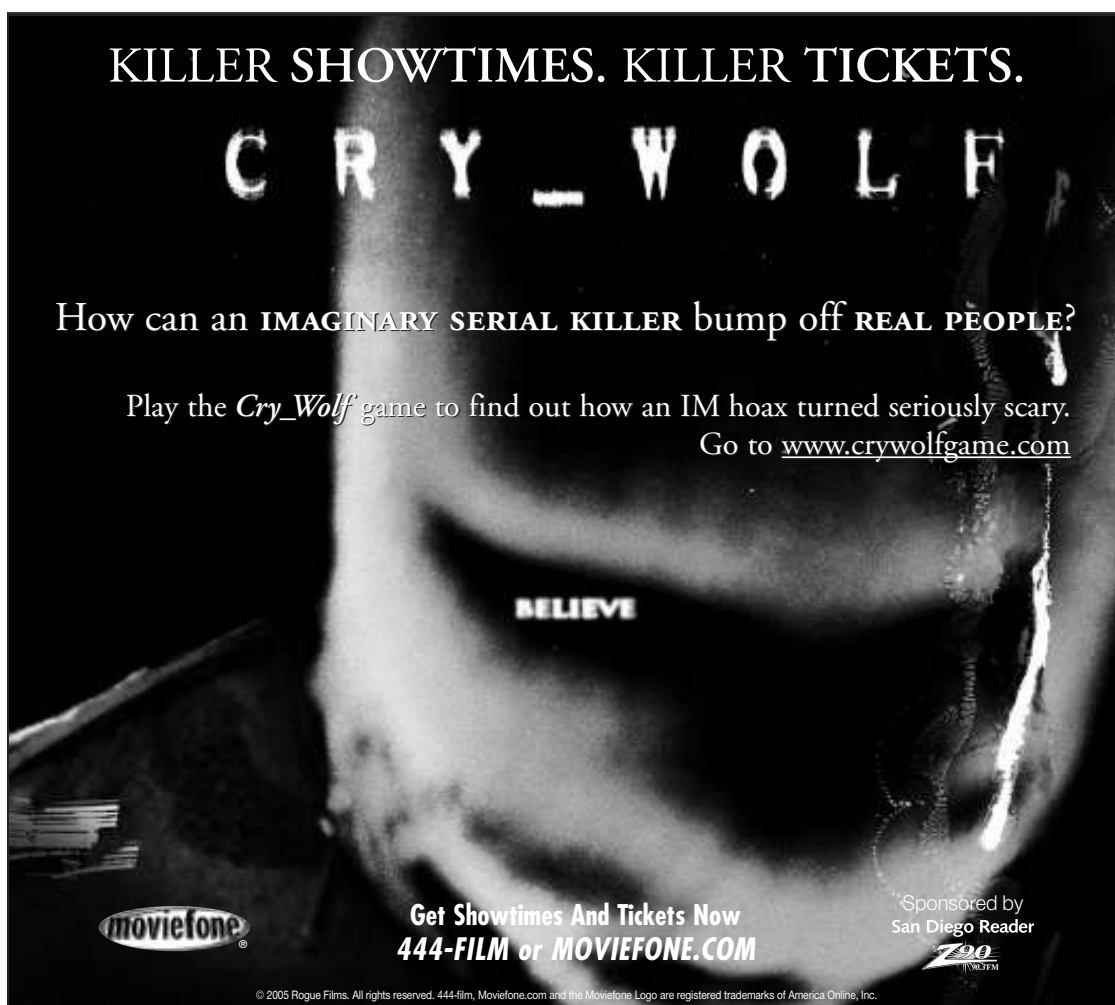
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nowadays to an early “B” movie by Anthony Mann or Richard Fleischer. Close in running time, that is; close in speed; not in style. With Brian Cox, Jayma Mays, Scott Bakula. 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; VOGUE)

Reel Paradise — Reviewed this issue. With John Pierson, Janet Pierson, Georgia Pierson, and Wyatt Pierson; directed by Steve James.

★★ (KEN, 9/23 THROUGH 29)

Roll Bounce — Seventies-period roller-skating comedy with Bow Wow, Chi McBride, Mike Epps, and Nick Cannon, directed by Malcom D. Lee.

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The Thing about My Folks — Reviewed this issue. With Paul Reiser, Peter Falk, Elizabeth Perkins, and Olympia Dukakis; directed by Raymond De Felitta.

★ (ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; FROM 9/23)

Thumbsucker — Reviewed this issue. With Lou Pucci, Tilda Swinton, Vincent D’Onofrio, Vince Vaughn, and Keanu Reeves; written and directed by Mike Mills.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 9/23)

Tim Burton’s Corpse Bride — Reviewed this issue. With the voices of Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Emily Watson, Tracey Ullman, Albert Finney, and Christopher Lee; directed by Mike Johnson and Tim Burton.

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Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas — More accurately Henry Selick’s *Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas*, Burton having had the idea for it and then having turned it over to Selick, a specialist in three-dimensional stop-motion animation. As so often in that medium, the aesthetic plane, quite distinct from the financial plane, is not sufficiently higher than that of Mr. Potatohead. The hero, Jack Skellington, a/k/a The Pumpkin King, looks unfortunately like Whitley Strieber’s extraterrestrial in a pinstripe suit and on stilts. And his many, varied, and grotesque cohorts are first and foremost a manifestation of Hollywood’s besetting vices of overabundance and overindulgence: too many, too varied, too grotesque. Another, more basic, manifestation of these is the mere fact that the film is a feature and not a short. Because it is a Disney film, of course, and an animated film, there seems to be some immutable law that it must have songs, songs, and more songs — written (and some of them sung) by Danny Elfman, but sounding more like Andrew Lloyd Webber in search of a melody (“I don’t believe what’s happening to me./ My hopes, my dreams, my fantasy!”). These musical interludes are no doubt the greatest offenders in the torture-rack stretch to feature-length, but the gaudy displays of wealth and expenditure run them a close second. In its bare bones,

the premise seems viable enough. Completely separate towns, according to Burton’s fantasyland geography, are responsible for planning and carrying-off the separate holidays on the calendar, until one year the Halloween mastermind gets it into his head to abduct Santa Claus and usurp Christmas. There is some dark-toned fun (not darker than TV’s *The Simpsons* or than Charles Addams’s *New Yorker* cartoons, and not more fun, either) when the revised Christmas plans begin to go awry. And by and by there’s a traditional and respectable fairy-tale message to do with accepting yourself as you are. The delivery of that message, however, and for that matter the setting-up of the basic premise, are garbled in the extreme. One does not envy parents who must try to explain the thing to their young. 1993.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 9/24 MIDNIGHT)

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 slapstick action. With Jason Statham, Amber Valletta, Alessandro Gassman, Kate Nauta, Matthew Modine, and Hunter Clary; directed by Louis Leterrier. 2005.

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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.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Valiant — British-accented Disney computer cartoon, concerned with the role of carrier pigeons in World War II, a factual basis abnormal for computer cartoons. It assumes a degree of grounding in the history, and the cinema, of the Battle of Britain and the French Resistance. In other words, parents and grandparents may get more out of it than the under-tens. For

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Chocolat is a pick that’s due in part to my lovely wife Kelly, who opened the door to enjoying this wonderful romantic movie. Besides, Johnny Depp is at his best here.

Something the Lord Made is an HBO production that’s a must-see. Who would have guessed that Mos Def would give such a great performance? But he did, and you should see it. The rest of the cast — Alan Rickman, Mary Stuart Masterson, Kyra Sedgwick — is great as well, and that makes this film one you’ll be glad you saw.

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them, there’s the stinky bird from Trafalgar Square and his orbiting satellites of houseflies. With the voices of Ewan McGregor,

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KATIE OUTLAW
Director of administration, San Diego Film Commission

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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

4:20, 7:15, 7:45, 10:05, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 1:30, 4:20) 7:15, 7:45, 10:05, 10:30; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 2:00, 4:05, 4:35) 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:30, 2:00) 4:05, 4:35, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 2:00, 4:05, 4:35) 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:20; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:15) 6:50, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (1:35) 4:15, 6:50, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 4:15) 6:50, 9:35; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 1:50, 4:25) 6:15, 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:10, 1:50) 4:25, 6:15, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 1:50, 4:25) 6:15, 7:20, 9:45; **Keith Urban** (NCM Event) Mon. 7:00; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:35) 9:05; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:45) 4:40, 7:35, 10:15; Mon. (1:45) 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 4:40) 7:35, 10:15; **The Thing About My Folks** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30) 6:20, 9:10; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (1:00, 2:00, 3:10, 4:20, 5:20) 7:05, 7:40, 9:25, 9:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 2:00, 3:10) 4:20, 5:20, 7:05, 7:40, 9:25, 9:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 2:00, 3:10, 4:20, 5:20) 7:05, 7:40, 9:25, 9:55; **Valiant** (G) Fri. (1:15, 3:20, 5:25); Sat.-Sun. (1:15, 3:20) 5:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:20, 5:25); **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Thu. (3:40) 9:00

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An Unfinished Life (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:40) 7:00; **Everything Is Illuminated** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:25; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:10, 9:25; **Grizzly Man** (R) Fri. (4:15) 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:05) 4:15, 9:35; Mon.-Thu. (4:15) 9:35; **The Keeper: The Legend of Omar Khayyam** (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50; Mon.-Wed. (2:00, 4:35) 7:20, 9:50; Thu. (2:00, 4:35) 9:50; **The Thing About My Folks** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:35) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:45) 7:30, 10:00; **Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas** (PG) Sat. 12:00

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The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sun. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Mon. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 10:00; Tue.-Wed. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Thu. 10:15 (1:00, 4:00) 10:00; **Flightplan** (PG-13) 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, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

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convenience, a phony virgin slash nympho-maniac 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

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Elevator to the Gallows (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. (4:20) 9:40; **Reel Paradise** (R) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

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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 Christo-

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Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:55) 4:40, 7:25, 10:10; Sun. (1:50) 4:50, 7:25, 10:05; Mon. (11:05, 1:50, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; Tue.-Thu. (1:50, 4:50) 7:25, 10:05; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:40) 4:20, 7:05, 9:45; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:25, 7:55, 10:25; Mon. (11:55, 2:40, 5:25) 7:55, 10:25; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Sat. (12:50, 3:15) 5:40, 8:05, 10:20; Sun. (1:15, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 3:30, 5:50) 8:05, 10:15; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:45) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30; Sun. (1:20) 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 4:10) 7:00, 9:45; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:00) 4:30, 7:15, 9:50; Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:15, 9:35; Mon. (11:00, 2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:35; Tue.-Thu. (2:00, 4:40) 7:15, 9:35; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat. (12:10, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 9:55; Mon. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; Tue.-Thu. (2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 9:55; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Sat. (2:15) 5:05, 7:50, 10:35; Sun. (2:10) 4:55, 7:40, 10:20; Mon. (11:20, 2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:20; Tue.-Thu. (2:10, 4:55) 7:40, 10:20; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:00) 4:15, 7:00, 9:40; Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Mon. (12:00, 2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (2:45, 5:15) 7:45, 10:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. (1:25, 3:35) 5:50, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:45, 3:50) 5:55, 8:15, 10:10; Mon. (11:35, 1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:15, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:45, 3:50, 5:55) 8:15, 10:10; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (3:10) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30; Mon. (11:45, 2:15, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:15, 4:30) 7:05, 9:30

Grossmont Trolley
8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401)
The Constant Gardener (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; Sat. (11:00, 2:00) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; Sun. (11:05, 2:00) 4:55, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:55) 7:45; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:00, 9:55; Sun. (11:50, 2:45) 5:20, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:20) 8:00; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sat. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:50, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 5:50) 8:20

Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 4:30) 7:25, 10:25; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:35) 7:15; **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. (1:50, 4:40) 7:40, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:40, 10:30; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45, 2:30, 4:20, 5:00) 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:45, 2:30) 4:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:45, 2:30, 4:20, 5:00) 7:00, 7:35, 9:40, 10:10; **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, 4:25, 4:25) 7:20, 10:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 1:30) 4:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:30, 4:25, 4:25) 7:20, 10:15, 10:15; **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; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri. (1:40, 4:25) 7:20, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:25, 7:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:25) 7:20, 10:05; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 2:35, 3:30, 4:55, 5:40) 7:15, 7:50, 9:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:20, 2:35, 3:30, 4:55, 5:40) 7:15, 7:50, 9:35, 10:00; **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

Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Red Eye (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 2:00, 8:15; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 10:00; **Star Wars, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 5:45

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:00, 12:05; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 10:10; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 8:00, 11:20; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:47; **The Skeleton Key** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 8:00, 11:20

NORTH INLAND

CARMEL MOUNTAIN

Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (2:00) 4:50, 7:30, 10:30; Sat. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25; Sun. (12:25, 3:00) 5:35, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55) 8:20; **An Unfinished Life** (PG-13) Fri. (2:25) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Sat. (12:15, 2:35) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40; Sun. (12:20, 2:50) 5:20, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40; **The Brothers Grimm** (PG-13) Fri. (2:00) 4:30, 7:25, 10:05; Sat. (12:55) 4:30, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (12:55, 3:25) 5:55, 8:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:25, 5:45) 8:05; **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (PG) Fri. (1:05) 4:10, 7:05; Sat. (12:50) 4:15, 7:05; Sun. (12:40, 3:15) 5:50; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:30, 5:55); **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri. (1:25) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; Sat. (12:45) 4:20, 7:10, 10:00; Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (3:00, 5:20) 8:00; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:25, 7:40, 10:10; Sat. (12:35, 2:55) 5:25, 8:00, 10:10; Sun. (1:20, 3:40) 6:00, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:25, 3:35, 5:45) 7:55; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 8:05, 10:40; Sat. (12:00, 2:35) 5:10, 7:45, 10:20; Sun. (12:35, 3:10) 5:45, 8:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:50) 8:15; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10) 4:35, 7:00, 9:25; Sat. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:35, 10:05; Sun. (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:50; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (1:10, 3:30) 5:50, 8:15, 10:35; Sat. (12:20, 2:40) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55; Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:10, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:10, 3:20, 5:30) 7:40; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (2:15) 4:55, 7:35, 10:15; Sat. (11:45, 2:25) 5:05, 7:45, 10:25; Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:50) 8:15; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 3:35) 5:40, 7:45, 9:50; Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:20, 7:45, 9:50; Sun. (12:00, 2:05) 4:20, 6:25, 8:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:35, 3:40, 5:45) 7:50; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (1:35, 3:40) 5:45, 7:50, 9:55; Sat. (11:50, 1:55, 3:55) 7:00, 9:30; Sun. (12:00, 2:00, 3:55) 5:55, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 3:40, 5:35) 7:30; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 9:45; Sun. 8:25; Mon.-Thu. 8:20

ESCONDIDO

Escondido 16
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FALLBROOK

Galaxy 6
5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784)

The Constant Gardener (R) Fri. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45, 10:45; Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:00, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:00, 7:45; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 11:30 (2:45) 5:30, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 11:30 (2:45) 5:30, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:30, 8:15; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun. 10:45 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:15, 5:45, 8:15; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. 2:30 (4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00, 9:15; Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:45) 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:30 (4:45) 7:00; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Sun. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. 2:00 (4:45) 7:30; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. 3:00, 5:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30; Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 3:00, 5:15, 7:15

POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (2:15, 4:45) 7:30; **Broken Flowers** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:45 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (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; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15,

10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00

RAMONA

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SAN MARCOS

San Marcos 18
1180 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. (11:40, 4:45) 9:30; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:50, 4:20) 7:50, 10:45; **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. (1:15, 4:15) 7:20, 10:10; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:00, 1:40, 3:40, 4:20) 7:00, 7:30, 9:45, 10:15; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Sat. 7:30; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 11:30, 2:00, 2:35, 4:30, 5:00) 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Mon. (1:25, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; Tue.-Wed. (1:25, 4:25) 7:30, 10:25; Thu. (1:25, 4:25) 7:30, 10:35; **The Man** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:25; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. (12:25,

4:30) 8:35; **Red Eye** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:25) 6:30, 10:40; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:00) 7:05, 10:00; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Mon. (11:55, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; Tue.-Wed. (11:55, 5:15) 10:35; Thu. (11:55, 2:40, 5:15) 7:55, 10:25; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 3:50, 5:10) 6:10, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50, 10:50; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri. (11:25, 1:45, 4:10) 6:55, 9:30; Sat. (11:25, 1:45, 4:10) 10:30; Sun.-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) Tue.-Wed. (2:20) 7:55

VISTA

Vista Village Metroplex 15
Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469)
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NORTH COASTAL

CARLSBAD

Plaza Camino Real
2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469)
The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; Sun. 11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10; Mon.-Thu. 1:55, 4:30, 7:10; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20; Sun. 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:20, 4:40, 7:00; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:45, 9:05; Sun. 11:45, 2:05, 4:25, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 4:25, 6:45; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:40, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35, 9:35; Sun. 11:40, 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35

DEL MAR

Del Mar Highlands 8
El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 7:45; **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; **Flightplan** (PG-13) 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; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (11:15, 12:30, 1:30, 2:45, 3:45) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; **The Transporter 2** (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

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; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:00) 7:00; **Everything Is Illuminated** (PG-13) 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, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:00) 5:15, 7:30

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Flightplan; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride**; **Proof**; **Just Like Heaven**; **Lord of War**; **Cry Wolf**; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose**; **The 40 Year Old Virgin**; **Wedding Crashers**

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
March of the Penguins (G) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 7:00; Mon.-Wed. 7:00; **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (R) Fri. 12:00; **Wedding Crashers** (R) Fri.-Wed. 9:00; **The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill** (G) Sat.-Sun. 2:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30; Sat. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:45, 4:45) 7:30; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:15; **Flightplan** (PG-13) 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; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:00; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Thu. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 12:40, 2:20, 3:00, 4:50, 5:25, 7:10, 7:50, 9:40, 10:15; **Four Brothers** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05; **Lord of War** (R) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 3:05, 6:30, 9:30; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:10, 2:40, 4:55, 7:00, 9:40; **Sky High** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:30, 3:05, 5:25, 8:00, 10:20; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 12:00, 12:30, 2:30, 3:00, 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 12:45, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:50

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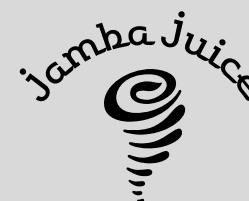


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Kay Perdomo

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For me, I don't really take life too seriously, so everything's pretty funny. Someone can [make fun of] my race and I'll be the first one to laugh and even wet my pants. You can make fun of handicapped people and I'll laugh because that's the way I am. My friend told me this joke: "What's the opposite of Christopher Reeves? Christopher Walken," and I was laughing even though it was kind of fucked up. It's not cool, but I wouldn't take offense to it. It's a dog-eat-dog world, and people can be ruthless. The only thing I take offense to is when I go up to somebody and they start talking to me in Spanish like I don't know English.



Lauren Lessard

Student

College Area

Racial humor bothers me a lot; it's not funny when you're hurting people's feelings. I don't like it, but if someone wants to make fun of themselves, that's okay. I don't like Dave Chappelle kind of humor; I like stupid funny. Making fun of handicapped people is ridiculous and not cool. If somebody falls, it's kind of funny, but it's mean to laugh; it's better to act like you didn't see it and keep walking. I think everything is funny. When people make fun of other people, they're trying to make themselves feel better.



Michelle Gustafson

Student

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I think loud, over-the-top humor bothers me. Anything that's not really witty isn't funny; I don't go for the obvious humor. I like clever and witty humor. I don't really know of any comedians who I think are funny, but I think Seth Kelly on the show *The OC* is so funny. He's hilarious. I don't really find racial humor funny. I definitely laugh if somebody falls down. Laughing at yourself is important.



Charles Anderson

Student

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Ignorant black humor bothers me. I was watching Chris Rock the other day, and he's a really funny guy, but he was making the stupid, ignorant black jokes and you hear them over and over again. It's that "this is what black people do, this is what white people do" predictable kind of jokes. Come up with some original thought; use your brain a little bit more to be funny besides black people with guns and getting arrested. I think it's okay when I'm with my buddies and make fun of myself and them, but I don't make fun of people I don't know. Creative, intelligent humor like Vince Vaughn is funny. That kind of humor has to do with age; older people might think it's crude. Crude humor doesn't bother me.



Mai Johnson

Student

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I think the movie *Wedding Crashers* is the funniest thing I've seen lately. I guess it's kind of crude; I hate to say it. I wouldn't say it bothers me, but it doesn't always impress me. I wouldn't use that kind of humor in front of my parents. I don't really like humor that makes fun of people. I don't like hearing things that relate to real-life situations like putting people down for a real problem that they might not be able to help. The humor in *South Park* bothers me; I just don't think the things that they make jokes about should be laughed about. I love funny people, but you need to use those powers for good.

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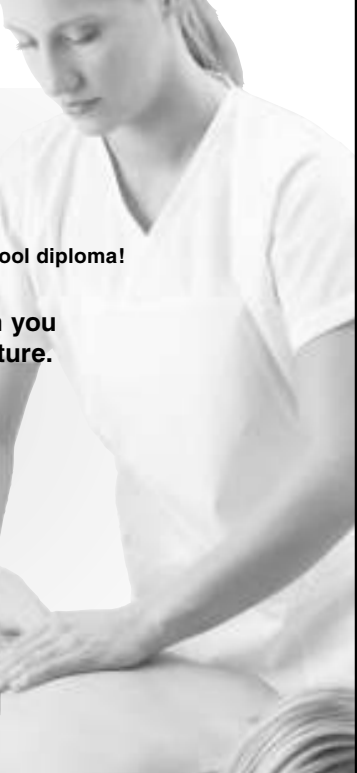
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- 11. Lb. and oz., e.g.
- 14. Race with flags
- 15. Env. info
- 16. Unit of Google success
- 17. Capitalized 1980s police drama?
- 20. Orphan
- 21. "_____ Fidelis"
- 22. Part of Zorro's costume
- 25. Early Briton
- 28. Schindler with a famous list
- 29. "Law & Order" alum Benjamin
- 31. "Me neither"
- 33. What some watches display: Abbr.
- 34. Havoline rival
- 35. Like some baseball catches
- 38. Capitalized 1980s legal drama?
- 41. Regular Joe
- 42. Existed
- 44. Annex: Abbr.
- 46. Donkey: Ger.
- 47. Ways up the slopes
- 49. South Beach and Atkins
- 51. Mt. Rushmore's place: Abbr.
- 53. 2005 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Sandberg
- 54. Russian villas
- 56. 1970s Tony Musante series
- 58. Capitalized 1990s medical drama?
- 64. Golf bag item
- 65. Buckets
- 66. Set one's sights on
- 67. Smithsonian, e.g.
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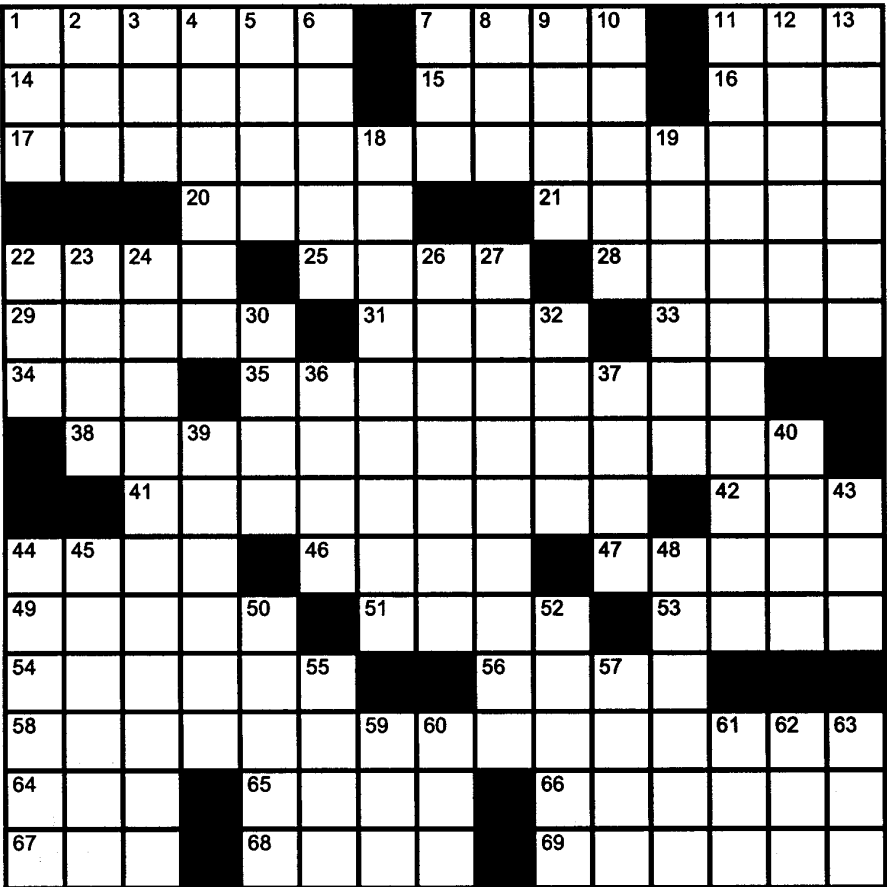
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- 1. Onetime sonic boom maker
- 2. Motor add-on
- 3. Stanford rival, familiarly
- 4. Completely wrong
- 5. Weather service agcy.
- 6. "Got it, dude!"
- 7. Scale notes
- 8. Orthodontist's deg.
- 9. Light bulb, in comics
- 10. Literally, "I believe"
- 11. Carried off quickly
- 12. 1 1/2-calorie breath mint
- 13. Guides
- 18. 1986 Ted Danson flop
- 19. Craft
- 22. "Face the Nation" network
- 23. They may be fine
- 24. Bull
- 26. Stuck together
- 27. Put into other words, in a way

- 30. Margaret Thatcher, e.g.
- 32. Really enjoying
- 36. Place to pick up kittens
- 37. "Cut it out!"
- 39. Corners of the eye where the upper and lower eyelids meet
- 40. Sound the alarm
- 43. Opposite NNW
- 44. Increases
- 45. It often needs to be changed
- 48. Schumann contemporary
- 50. Actress Lathan
- 52. They're nuts
- 55. York and Bilko: Abbr.
- 57. Starting year of Columbus' last voyage
- 59. Metrosexual
- 60. Connections
- 61. Frequently, in verse
- 62. "The Raven" poet
- 63. Say 5 + 2 = 6, say

RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.



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Of the 187 entrants, 177 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Gene Dalton, *Escondido*
- 2. Claire Carpenter, *Cardiff*
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MATCHES

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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. (10/5) **☎** 49083

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BEAUTIFUL, ENERGETIC, active, brown haired, blue eyes, 160lb. woman. Love dogs, beach, hiking, biking, and going on picnics. Christian seeking same! Nondrinker and nonsmoker. (9/28) **☎** 49046

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BEAUTIFUL, 47 YEAR OLD green-eyed lady. Seeking nonsmoker male between the ages of 43 to 50, who enjoys sports, the beach, sunsets, animals, nature, someone easygoing, down-to-earth, with similar interests. (10/5) **☎** 49067

DON'T BE ALONE THIS FALL. Blonde female, fun, in good shape. Seeking male to have an honest relationship. Movies, dinner, attractions, etc., ages 40-50 years. (10/5) **☎** 49074

ASIAN, ATTRACTIVE, sweet, cultured. Enjoy traveling, cooking, reading, movies, nature. Want to meet a white gentleman, age 30 and up. Nonsmoker, no drugs. (10/5) **☎** 49080

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MATCHES

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP wanted. Please be honest, caring, loyal, thin, and like kids, family and outdoors. I'm 36 and seeking 21+ in East County. Serious only. (10/5) **☎** 48901

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ACTIVE WIDOWER, CAUCASIAN, Bay Park homeowner, 5'7", 165lbs., well groomed, fit, like music, glass wine, cooking, good company. Seeking affectionate lady companion, under 65, relationship. (10/5) **☎** 48880

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RETIRED DOCTOR chiropractor, 55 (looks 45). Seeking woman, 40-55, for lasting relationship. Beach and nature lover, conversation, dining, hikes, walks, biking, dancing, romantic, upbeat, grounded. (10/5) **☎** 48877

HARLEY TO TUX KINDA GUY. Retired, 52, 6'2", slender. We enjoy being playful, humorous, flirting, sensual, honesty, travel, Harleys, river and desert, San Diego. (10/5) **☎** 48909

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

WIDOWER, TALL, GREAT looking, healthy, virile, educated, affluent homeowner, financially secure. Seeking attractive, slim, curvaceous lady, 49-60. Dates, laughs, fun, romance, dining, trips, dancing, genuine. (10/5) **☎** 48888

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN including equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well travelled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals. Agnostic, 6'1", young 59. (10/5) **☎** 48906

SENIOR, UNENCUMBERED, has yen to go and do! Join me to explore, venture, participate. Handsome outdoorsman desires beauty, 60+, to enjoy San Diego's sounds/music. (10/5) **☎** 48874

LAST AD! Happy, 48 years, 5'9", 190lbs., brown, hazel. Interested in you if you enjoy movies, dinner, beach walks, quiet intimate evenings at home. Smile. (10/5) **☎** 48892

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

FUN-LOVING GUY looking for same gal. I am 69, white and in good shape. Financially secure. Let's get together and have some fun. (10/5) **☎** 48895

TALL, 53, SLENDER, FIT, divorced father, degreed, fun, mannered, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, nonsmoker, feminine, North County only, trim, for conversation, outings, laughs, sharing. (10/5) **☎** 48886

Very Handsome

International lawyer, single, age 51, athletic, 6', 190lbs. Seeking passionate woman for fun, possible long-term relationship. (10/5) **☎** 48894

HUMOROUS, EDUCATED, enthusiastic entrepreneur, successful/frugal. Love hiking, biking, travel, camping, tennis, jogging, environment. You under 40, flexible, fit, nonsmoker/drinker, unpretentious. (10/5) **☎** 48884

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

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs., casual, healthy lifestyle. Outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures. You: somewhat attractive, enjoy nature, ready for caring, sharing relationship. (10/5) **☎** 48891

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

INTELLIGENT, HUMOROUS, and attractive? Let's meet. I'm into fun, respect, fun, dining, fun, movies, cooking and your interest. I'm 50s. (10/5) **☎** 48883

PHYSICALLY/MENTALLY FIT, active, 68, love to travel, movies, desert, cruises or whatever, stable finance, East County. Like to share life with like minded lady. (10/5) **☎** 48896

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

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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

ATTRACTIVE BLACK LADY, 35-50, fit, sense of humor, sought for friendship, romance, with successful white male, blue eyes, affectionate, muscular. Let me spoil you. (10/5) **☎** 48881

SEEKING BOMBSHELL LADY, medium-full figure, age open. I'm 49, Italian-American, 5'11", 190lbs., articulate, sensual. Movies, coffee, dancing, beach, art, humor-campy through bawdy! (10/5) **☎** 48897

HUMBLE, ARTICULATE black male, 44, 6'2". Enjoy music, laughter, reading. Seeking easygoing, plus sized Hispanic or oriental lady, 28-40, for friendship, dating, quality time. (10/5) **☎** 48875

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 54, 6'3". Interested in meeting down-to-earth, nonsmoking, good humored, honest female, 40-55, for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (10/5) **☎** 48885

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

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HELP GET ME OUT OF THE little ad. This single white male, mid-40s, seeks black female, 30-50, for long term. No head games. Call, meet. (10/5) **☎** 48904

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SPIRITUAL PATH, SENSE OF humor, honest, intelligent, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue-grey. Enjoy coffeehouses, movies, rock music, nature, books. Seeking someone to share life with. (10/5) ☎ 48873

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

59-YEAR-OLD MAN looking for North County woman, nonsmoker, who likes herself and her life, with good heart and good character. (10/5) ☎ 48876

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

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

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Last week's place: Market Creek Plaza amphitheater, part of a ten-acre commercial and cultural center at Market and Euclid. The ancient-Greek-style amphitheater features a stage set into the bed of Chollas Creek. (No winners last week)

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PRINT CLEARLY: First 25 words are FREE. \$1.20/additional word. Do not abbreviate words. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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25/FREE	26	27	28	29	30

FREE AD DEADLINE: 7 am Saturday

Mail: Reader Matches, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186 **Fax:** (619) 233-7907

Online: SanDiegoReader.com

LATE AD DEADLINE: 5 pm Tuesday

Fax: (619) 233-7907 **Phone:** (619) 235-8200

Walk-in: 1703 India St. (at Date St.) downtown

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We must have the following information. Please print.

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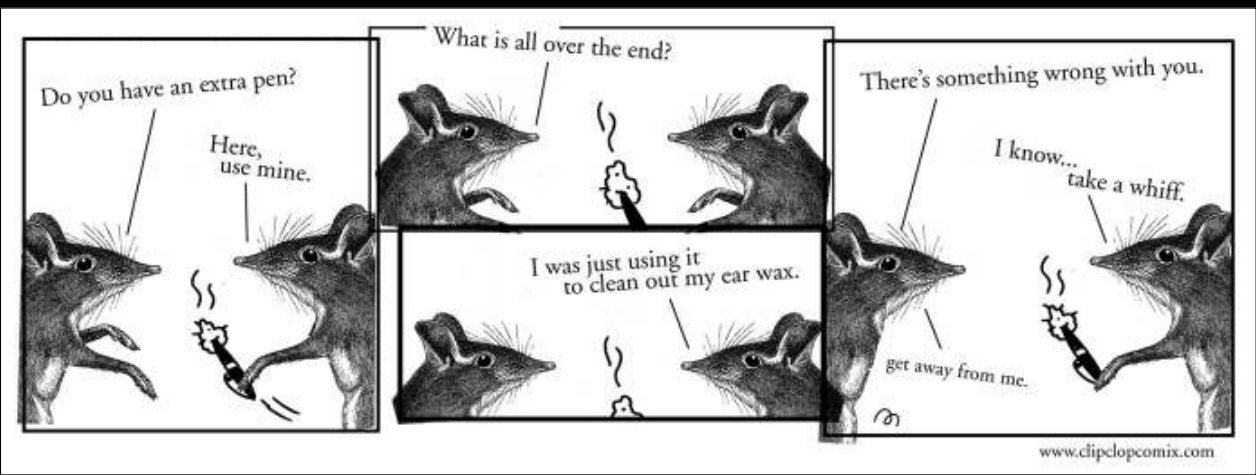
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BAY HO. \$750, 1/2 utilities. Master bedroom, own bath, in 3 bedroom, 2 bath townhome. Good location. Beautiful view. All amenities. Parking. Nonsmoking/pets. 858-581-6127.

BAY PARK. Nice 3 bedroom home, remodeled, in hills of Bay Park. Quiet, central location. \$550 month, 1/2 utilities. No smoking/pets. Barry, 619-275-6320.

BAY PARK. \$620/month. Share 2 bedroom newly refurbished apartment. Near Mission Bay. Off-street parking, pool, jacuzzi, gym, high-speed Internet. No pets. 858-775-9210; 619-235-2415, x10187.

BAY PARK. \$695, includes utilities. Furnished large master bedroom, own bath, King size bed, 2 closets, for 1 person. No drugs/pets. Quiet Cul-de-sac. 858-272-1594.

BONITA. \$475, utilities included. 3 bedrooms available in 6 bedroom home. Quiet neighborhood near Plaza Bonita. Please contact me via email: john@theoesterles.com or call 619-559-3591.

CARDIFF. Private entrance/bath, \$625 plus utilities/deposit. Community living

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CARLSBAD. \$575. Ocean view 2 bedroom condo, washer/dryer, patio, large room with fireplace, pool, jacuzzi. Nonsmoking. Female preferred. Call Lew, 760-602-1054.

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CARLSBAD/LA COSTA. \$700/month. Beautiful designer home with view of golf course and pool. 2 rooms with private bath. Nonsmoking. Available 10/1. 760-438-5458.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH. \$550, 1/3 utilities. Beautiful room/bath. Cute house. Gated. Convenient location. Pool, spa, washer/dryer. Quiet. No smoking/pets. Alan, 858-673-4799.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. \$550. Room, kitchen, and laundry room privileges. No drugs/pets, nonsmoker. Close to shopping, theaters and beaches. 619-235-2415, x15467.

CARMEL VALLEY/DEL MAR. Female preferred. \$600/month, plus deposit. Private room with own bath. Pool, jacuzzi,

tennis courts. Parking. No pets, non-smoking. Sean, 619-847-5555.

CHULA VISTA. \$450 monthly rent, \$400 deposit. Single room for rent in 6 bedroom house. Utilities included. Near Southwestern College. No pets allowed. 619-733-5707.

CHULA VISTA. \$475. Female preferred. Very close to the mall and shopping center. Cozy apartment. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Utilities included. Near I-805. Elizabeth, 619-420-5579.

CHULA VISTA. \$550, \$475 deposit. Spacious room, hardwood floors, in remodeled home. Ready to move in. Includes maid, gardener, cable Internet, satellite TV. Jeremy, 619-277-7026.

CHULA VISTA. \$800/month, plus utilities, \$500 deposit. Bedroom with own bath, plus large bonus room in large house. Includes kitchen, washer/dryer, patio. 858-229-7131.

CHULA VISTA/EASTLAKE. \$650 includes utilities. 1 bedroom with private bath. Nice. No smoking. 760-554-0971.

CHULA VISTA. \$475. Spacious new home. Female preferred. Fireplace, new kitchen, patio, washer/dryer, cul-de-sac. Near Southwestern College/I-805. No pets/smoking/drugs. 619-216-1193.

CLAIREMONT. Share 4 bedroom, 3 bath house with 2 roommates. Large room, private bath. House remodeled. Under 1 mile to I-5. Female only. \$650. 858-272-2992.

CLAIREMONT. \$475. Room available near Mesa College. Clean, neat, quiet. No smoking/pets. Includes utilities/cable.

858-571-7173 or 858-337-2677 after 5pm.

CLAIREMONT. \$725/month to month. Large 1 bedroom, 1/2 bath in 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath house, off the I-5, mile from Pacific Beach. Sherri, 404-513-7437; shgoldst@yahoo.com.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. \$500, 1/4 utilities, \$500 deposit. Room available in 4 bedroom house. Across park, near bus. No pets, have 3 dogs. Smoking OK. 858-270-6652.

CLAIREMONT. \$700. Large room in nice, large, beautiful townhouse (a must see). All amenities; cable, high-speed Internet, washer/dryer (in house), pool, gym, etc. Centrally located within a mile of 163, 805, and 5 freeways. Deposit, references required. Available 10/1/05. Call for more details. Home, 858-496-9955; cell, 619-944-9955.

CLAIREMONT, NORTH. Large house near square, shopping, buses, freeways. Kitchen and laundry privileges, cable, DSL. \$450 plus shared utilities. No pets, 858-274-5234.

CLAIREMONT. \$700, \$750 and \$800. 3 rooms available now, 2 with private bath and entries. Near Mesa College. Laundry privileges. Share utilities. Nice house. 619-208-2257; 619-235-2415, x20186.

CLAIREMONT. \$475. Share 4 bedroom home, 2-1/2 bath, large kitchen, covered patio, barbecue, washer/dryer, garage storage, Roadrunner Internet, 2 fireplaces, comfortable. Near all. 858-300-6081.

CLAIREMONT. \$550 plus deposit, 1/3 utilities. Clean, quiet, 3 bedroom, 1 bath house on canyon. Washer/dryer, cable, no smoking/pets/drugs. Call Dave, 858-449-4691.

CLAIREMONT/PACIFIC BEACH. \$750, near park/beach share spacious 2 bedroom condo, utilities, laundry, garage. Secure cozy community, pool/jacuzzi. No smoking/pet. afternoon. 858-270-6146.

CLAIREMONT. \$595, all utilities paid by landlord. 1 bedroom, share large bath. Tri-level house, cul-de-sac, near Clairemont Drive and bus. No smoking, drugs, pets. 858-272-1594.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$650 each room. Beautiful luxury condo, 2 rooms left! Brand new gated community in College Grove. Pools, barbecues, basketball. Easy highway access. 619-675-4651.

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COLLEGE AREA. \$515. 11'x12', quiet sunny bedroom in 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath hilltop home. Washer/dryer. Share living areas/utilities. Male. No smoking/pets. 619-801-0222; 619-235-2415, x30708.

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DEL CERRO. \$495, 1/3 utilities. Female roommate wanted. Quiet house, serene. Laundry facilities. View. Available 10/1. No pets. Female only. Call 619-229-1981.

DEL CERRO. Attractive furnished room in clean, quiet home. Kitchen and laundry privileges. Near SDSU. \$500/month rent plus share utilities. Deposit. Available now. 619-589-1198.

DEL CERRO/COLLEGE. \$625, plus utilities. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with female. Large room/bath. Pool, jacuzzi, Internet, phone. Have cat. Nonsmoking. Toni, 858-731-3114; 619-235-2415, x19197.

DEL MAR, EAST. \$800. Middle bedroom with private bath, closet. Garage parking, pool, jacuzzi, small gym on premises. 10 minutes from beach. Available 10/1. 858-794-0883; 619-235-2415, x24090.

DEL MAR. \$900. Townhouse. Master bedroom and bath. Nice place. 1 mile to beach, washer/dryer, patio, garage. Rent includes all utilities. Nonsmoking female. 858-405-8755.

DEL MAR/CARMEL VALLEY. \$775, 1/2 utilities. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse. Fireplace, washer/dryer, attached garage, pool, tennis, jacuzzi. No smoking/pets. 858-481-1617; 619-235-2415, x22980.

DOWNTOWN. Shared room \$400. All shared bathrooms. Limited amenities. No drinking/drugs/smoking. Male only. Near City College/trolley. Available now. Garrette, 619-886-2593.

DOWNTOWN. \$575-\$700, \$250 deposit, Victorian apartment, furnished. Includes: utilities, phone, digital cable with movies/radio, broadband and wireless, house-keeping, laundry. Review: www.newportplace.com. Interested? Send e-mail.

EAST COUNTY. Waterfall. Room available with private entrance. Pet OK. Close to Hot Springs. \$350. Getaway and relaxed country living. 619-766-9252.

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EL CAJON. \$600, includes all utilities. Room in 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$200 deposit. Room has walk-in closet, share bathroom. Aaron, aaronchurder@gmail.com, 619-200-4343.

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ENCINITAS. \$595. Share 3 bedroom house. Washer/dryer. No pets. 760-753-0361.

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ENCINITAS. \$600, 1/3 utilities. Female to share 3 bedroom, 2-story furnished house with large backyard. Large well-lit room, huge walk-in closet. Have dog. 858-705-1024.

ENCINITAS. \$600, includes utilities. Female only to share 3 bedroom, 3 bath townhouse. Private bath and phone line, cable, pool, tennis and storage area. 760-632-8986; 619-235-2415, x22105.

ENCINITAS. \$550/month, 1/4 utilities. Room in clean, quiet modern house. Washer/dryer, cable, kitchen privileges, phone line available. Deposit. Won't last long. 760-753-1686, 619-235-2415, x11736.

ENCINITAS. \$675. Female with 2 bedroom, 2 bath luxury apartment. Fireplace, parking. Bedroom, private bathroom, furnished/unfurnished. Prefer male. No smoking/pets. \$675 deposit. 619-888-9386.

ENCINITAS. \$750. Walk to Swami's, beaches, boutiques. Room, own bath, own large sunny private patio in clean, quiet ocean-view end unit. Washer/dryer, fireplace, parking. Deposit, 1/3 utilities plus cable. 760-942-2197.

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ESCONDIDO. \$350, plus security deposit. Furnished room for rent with bath. Use of washer/dryer. 760-743-7760; 619-235-2415, x21213.

ESCONDIDO. 3 bedroom private bath/entry, air conditioning/laundry/garage/gated. No smoking/drugs/pets. Available 10/1, 6 month lease. \$636, 1/3 utilities. 760-294-5484.

ESCONDIDO. Lovely patio home on golf course. Private wing and patio. Many amenities. \$650 plus 1/2 utilities. 760-751-9520.

ESCONDIDO. Master bedroom/own bath in beautiful home with pool, jacuzzi, gardens, and views. Overall quiet, clean, peaceful, healing. Non-smoking. \$665. Available 10/1. 760-746-5315.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$350/\$400, utilities included. Large, quiet. Centrally located. 3 private bedroom apartment. Share bath and kitchen. Deposit. 2220 E Street. Appointment necessary. 619-584-5900.

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LA COSTA. Room in large house. \$550 plus utilities and deposit. Shared bath, laundry, pool table, weight room, yard. No smoking in house. Steve, 760-271-1460.

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LA JOLLA/UTC. \$405, 1/3 utilities, \$200 deposit. 1 bedroom available 10/1. Washer/dryer, jacuzzi, share garage. Great area. Close to shopping/UCSD. 858-245-0750.

LA JOLLA/UTC. \$695, plus utilities, deposit. 2 rooms available. 2000-square-foot home. Fireplace, in-ground pool, gazebo, fountains, off-street parking. No pets. 858-455-9914.

LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA BEACH. \$800, includes utilities, completely furnished bedroom. Cleaning service in house. Private entrance. Cable, Internet access. Near UCSD. Nonsmoking. No pets. 858-459-3089; 619-235-2415, x14659.

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LA MESA. \$450, 1/2 utilities, \$300 deposit. Share 2 bedroom, 1 bath, garage storage. No smoking/drinking. Available now. 619-274-6333.

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LA MESA. \$600. Room for rent in 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious apartment. Complex has pool, laundry on site. If interested, please call 619-318-3181.

LA MESA. \$440. Furnished room with large shared closet. Quiet older home, easy parking, laundry. Pets possible. Storage available at \$40. Say phone slowly/clearly, 619-235-2415, x23155.

LA MESA. \$550. Furnished room with own bath available in house. All utilities included. Close to bus/trolley. Laundry, parking. Nonsmoking. Have dogs. \$300 deposit. 619-235-2415, x11183.

LA MESA. Room available in nice 3 bedroom home. \$600 includes utilities. Near SDSU. Available now. Call Matt 619-337-0471 or 619-726-5731.

LA MESA/SAN CARLOS. \$425. Near SDSU. Large bedroom/bath. Female preferred. Peaceful, cable, pool, jacuzzi, private refrigerator. Deposit. No smoking, drugs, alcohol, pets. 619-644-8711.

LA MESA/SDSU. \$500. Wonderful large room in house with private entrance. View. Cable, phone, laundry, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Female preferred. Call Linda, 949-581-5476.

LEUCADIA. \$675/month, \$500 deposit. Roommate wanted. Share 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Own private bath. Very close to the beach. 619-235-2415, x26937.

LINDA VISTA. Close to USD. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, laundry in-unit, large condo, fireplace, pool, spa. Top floor. Views. Female preferred. \$725. 760-250-2954; 760-250-5015.

MIRA MESA. \$750, 1/4 utilities, deposit. Large bedroom with private bathroom, garage, parking, corner house, kitchen, patio, pool, cable, DSL, washer/dryer. Nonsmoker. Available. 619-235-2415, x28480.

MIRA MESA. \$550, 1/2 utilities, \$150 deposit. Month to month. Furnished room, private bathroom, parking, pool, jacuzzi. 2 bedroom 2 bath apartment, quiet. 858-610-2221; 858-243-8920.

MIRA MESA. \$520, includes utilities, \$350 deposit. Room in new house. Private garage. Washer/dryer, cable. Kitchen privileges. No smoking/pets, 858-695-0975.

MIRA MESA. \$750. Female. Master bedroom with own bathroom. Large house. Includes all utilities. Washer/dryer, community pool. No pets or smoking. 877-778-3359; 619-235-2415, x28439.

MIRA MESA. \$495. Furnished or unfurnished room available. Share large house. Excellent location. Close to freeways and mall. Available now. 619-871-4582.

MIRA MESA. \$400-\$550. Share big 2-story house. Pool, jacuzzi, deck, cable, wireless Internet, washer/dryer. Female only. No pets. 858-549-3197.

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MISSION VALLEY/SERRA MESA. Female. \$700, utilities included, plus deposit. Master bedroom/bath. Park view, French doors, jacuzzi, pool, laundry. No smoking/pets. Contact Sarah, 619-990-2665; 619-235-2415, x30319.

MISSION VALLEY. \$700 includes utilities. \$700 deposit. Male/female to share large 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. Pool, jacuzzi, gym, sauna, security, parking, laundry, tennis, basketball. Near all. Non smoker. Available 10/1. Have cats. 619-260-0616.

MISSION VALLEY/NORTH PARK. \$450. Quiet room for rent, own bath. Kitchen privileges. Short-term preferred. Buses, shopping. Nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. 619-299-6356; 619-235-2415, x26290.

MT. HELIX. \$600. Large bedroom and closet. Share kitchen, and living room, private street, tile floors. 1383 Helix View Drive. Grossmont close. Pictures on-line. 619-459-9532.

NORTH PARK. 2 bedroom with female + 2 cats, bedroom/private bathroom. Air conditioning, fireplace, 1/2 utilities. Female preferred, no smoking/pets. \$900+security, 11/1. 619-246-3844.

OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA. \$600, \$350 deposit plus utilities. Share large 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Gated, laun-

dry on site, 1/2 block to ocean. 619-226-0616.

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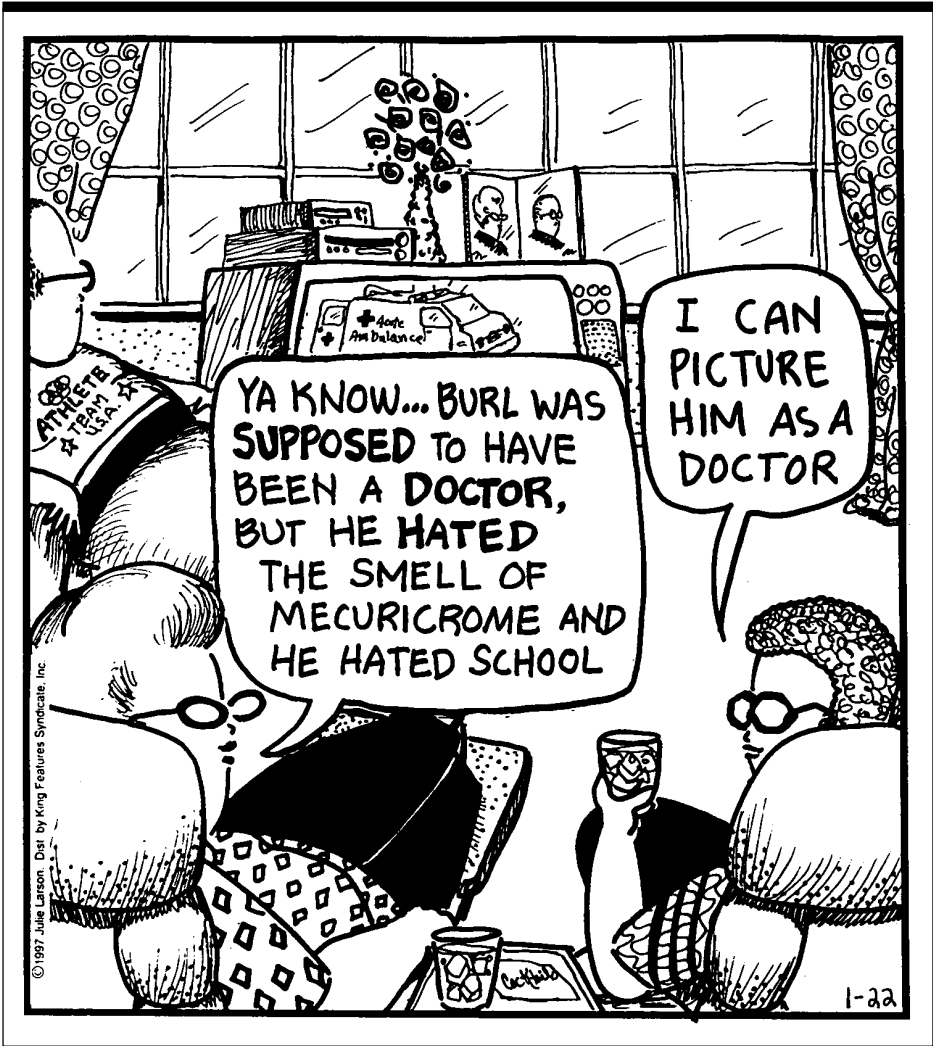
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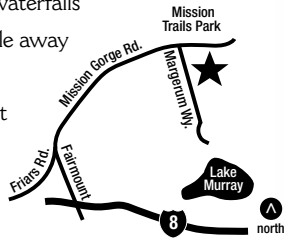
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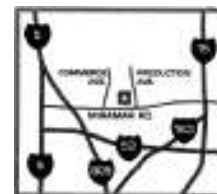


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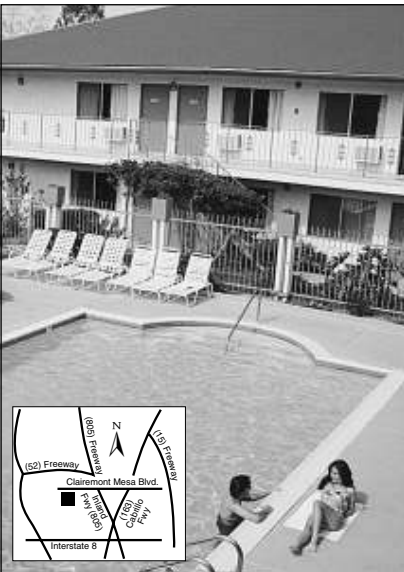
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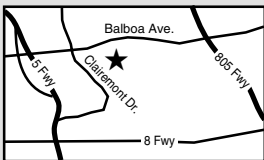


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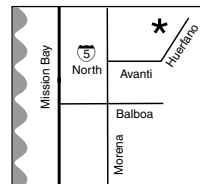
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LEAD STORY

— Two extreme sports enjoying modest success recently (according to stories in *Time* magazine and the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*): (1) Yak-skiing in Manali, India: A person on skis and holding a bucket of nuts is attached to a yak by a long rope fixed to a pulley on a hilltop, with the yak near the top and the skier below. The skier rattles the bucket to infuriate the yak, which then charges down, yanking the skier uphill. (2) Ancient, luge-like Hawaiian lava sledding: A daredevil lies on his stomach, four inches off the ground on a handcrafted board about six feet long and slides down a 700-foot-long rock formation at speeds from 30 to 70 mph.

Mothers Looking Out for No. 1

— In July, firefighters in Stamford, Conn., had to break a car window against the owner's wishes to rescue her 23-month-old son, whom she had accidentally locked inside along with the key. The kid had been sweltering for more than 20 minutes when Susan Guita Silverstein, 42 (who was later charged with reckless endangerment) implored firefighters to let her go home and get a spare key so they wouldn't damage her Audi A4.
— In August, the 14-year-old daughter of Alberta Rose of Brookfield, Wis., was found safe in Baytown, Texas, after being allegedly lured there over the Internet by a 37-year-old man. Rose had reported the girl missing 12 days earlier, but had decided, since she and her boyfriend had nonrefundable airline tickets, to go on vacation to Lake Tahoe. She left authorities her cell number in case the girl turned up.

Questionable Judgments

— In June, a judge in Edinburgh, Texas, accepted a plea bargain in which Robert W. Thompson, 46, who had pleaded no contest to aggravated sexual assault of a seven-year-old girl, was sentenced

to no jail time but 320 hours of community service, to be specifically spent knitting afghans. The judge was sympathetic to Thompson's frail heart condition.

— According to the law on the books in 1998 (since amended), Mitchell Johnson had to be released from prison in Memphis, Tenn., when he turned 21, which was in August. Johnson was the boy who, with a classmate, shot up their school in Jonesboro, Ark., that year, killing four girls and a teacher and wounding ten. According to the law, Johnson will have no criminal record and will presumably be free, for example, to buy a gun. Several news organizations reported on Johnson's imminent release, but at press time, prison officials had not made a formal announcement.

Low Probability of Rehab

— Said Glenn A. Reed, 31, upon being sentenced in Waco, Texas, in July to 99 years in prison as a habitual criminal (after rejecting a plea bargain that would have meant a 15-year sentence): "There's things I choose to do, like, if I go in a store and choose to take a Snickers bar, if you catch me, you catch me. If not, I'm going to go home and eat it up and go on about my business, dog."
... Lena Driskell, 78, was indicted for the June fatal shooting of her former boyfriend, age 85, in an Atlanta senior citizens' home and who told police upon her arrest, "I did it, and I'd do it again!"

Cultural Diversity

— Women Rising: A majority of golfers in Iran these days are women (about 800 in number), who play wearing the traditional head scarf and tunic, according to a July *New York Times* dispatch from Tehran. The country's one grass course has only 12 holes after the other six were confiscated by Revolutionary Guards, but there are several sand-based courses. ... A *New York Times* July dispatch from El Alto, Bolivia, reported on "Carmen Rosa

and the Cholitas, who are indigenous female wrestlers who toss each other around the ring, wearing bowler hats, shawls, and multilayered skirts (clothing of their native Aymara people) as part of a Mexican- and U.S.-style pro-wrestling circuit.
— Reuters reported in May that Yu Haitao and his bride, Fang Shuling, had filed a complaint against their honeymoon hotel in Shanghai after Yu fell off the bed and broke his arm in front of friends and family who were preparing to give him a hard time in what is apparently a traditional "heckle the newlyweds" ceremony. Fang said the bed should have been safe to stand on.
— Rudeness has become so prevalent in Japan, according to a May dispatch from Tokyo in *The Times* of London, that the Tokyo Metropolitan Government has convened its commission on complaints, whose translated official name is the Study Group Relating to the Prevention of Behavior That Causes Discomfort Among Numerous People in Public Places. Among the public habits bothering various complainers are putting on makeup, sitting on the floor, uninhibitedly reading pornographic magazines, wearing strong perfume, and ("unexpectedly," said the *Times*) "using an umbrella to practice golf swings."

Oops!

— Least Competent Animals: Veterinarian John Brunner was called to Milton, Tenn., in June to help release a cow that two hours earlier had stuck her head in a narrow, hollow opening in a tree and couldn't get it out. Using ropes and a tractor, Brunner freed her in 20 minutes. Said the cow's owner, "It's a nosy animal." ... In August, police in Tenafly, N.J., used bolt cutters to remove the plastic mayonnaise jar that a coyote from the Tenafly Nature Center had gotten stuck on its snout.
— Super-Forgetful People: The director of a Canadian landmine-detection company said in August that he had flown back from Sri Lanka

with TNT in his luggage that he had forgotten about. Three airport security systems missed it. ... A 24-year-old man was arrested in August at the Oklahoma City airport for having a home-made pipe bomb in his luggage that he said he had forgotten about. ... When a 36-year-old woman was arrested for bigamy in Hordaland County, Norway, in June, she told officers that she had forgotten she was already married.

Least Competent Criminals

— Recurring Themes: Christopher Franklin, 20, became the latest man to flee from police on foot (from a traffic stop in Moore, Okla., in June) only to have his getaway aborted when he tripped on his loose, baggy pants (having run only about 30 feet). ... In Durham, N.C., Otis Wilkins, 45, was charged with attempted murder of his ex-girlfriend and others in July for tossing a plastic bottle filled with gunpowder into their car, except that he missed the window and the bottle bounced back at his feet, igniting his clothes into a fireball, sending him to the hospital.

Recurring Themes

— It has been 13 years since Stella Liebeck won that monumental \$2.9 million verdict against McDonald's after she spilled hot coffee on her lap, causing third-degree burns (with damages later reduced to \$640,000). In August, Rachel Wahrenberg filed a similar lawsuit after her 6-year-old daughter was burned over 80 percent of her body in an Estero, Fla., McDonald's. The coffee was "unreasonably" hot, said Wahrenberg, even though the injury this time occurred when a 79-year-old customer carrying the coffee collided with the girl on his way to the condiment counter.

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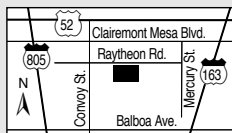


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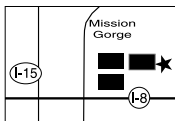
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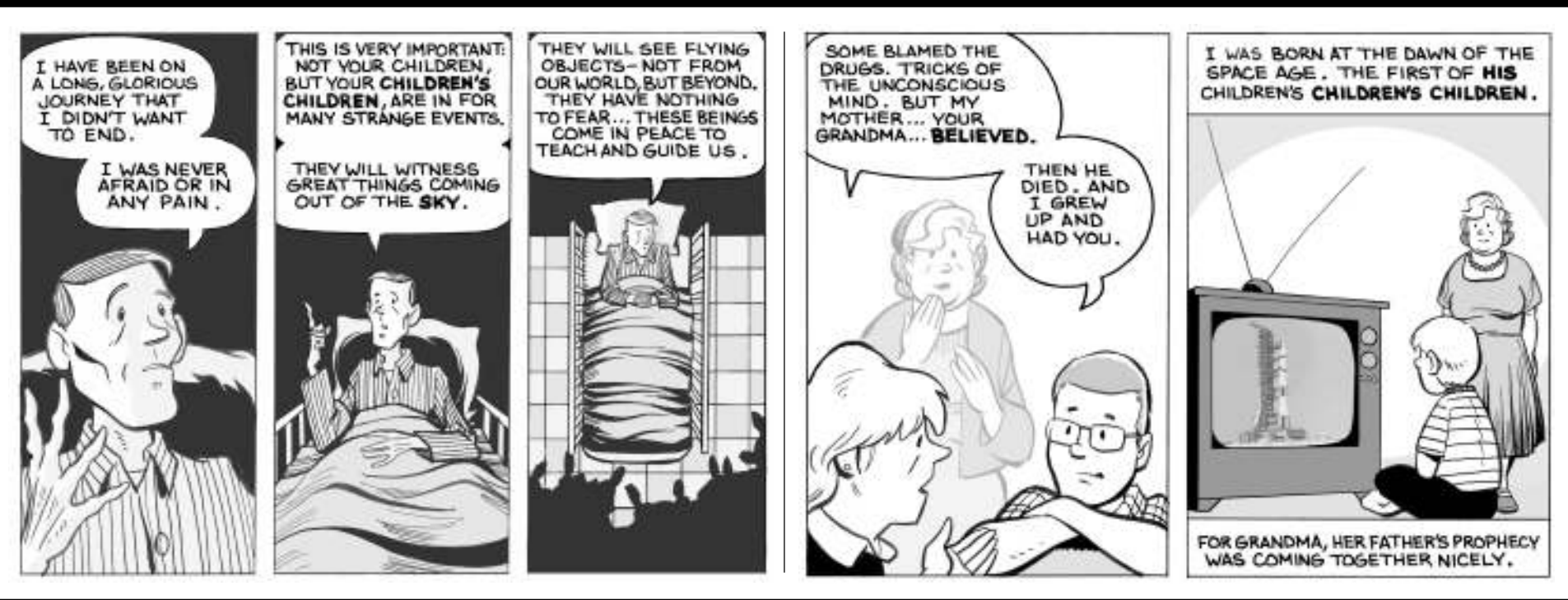
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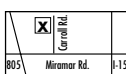
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Here in North Idaho, "Californian" is a dirty word to some people. Which is ironic since most everyone I meet here has lived in California at one time or another. The recent transplants are the ones who rile the locals. And by "local" I mean a Californian who has been here longer than five years. That's usually long enough for them to lose the attitude and swap out the San Diego State T-shirt for an Idaho Vandal sweatshirt. I don't begrudge all these people looking for a nicer house and a quieter life. It's what most people want for their families, and it's becoming harder to find in over-inflated housing markets like San Diego. Why not sell your 1500 sq. ft. 1960s-era home and come to Idaho, where you can double your living space with a brand-new lakefront house and still have enough money left over for a boat and a college fund?

I used to be a Californian, but only because my dad thought he was going to find a better life among the orange groves and open spaces of Orange County. This was back in the early '60s when there were still orange groves and open spaces down there. How could he know he was making a big mistake? So I spent the first 20 years of my life in Southern California, but when I was old enough I corrected my father's error by returning to the land of my pioneer ancestors. Three sets of great-great-grandparents couldn't be wrong. I have roots in Idaho going back to the 1870s, decades before it was even made a state. My ancestors were tough, heading into an untamed territory for the sake of a little breathing room. It's the same feeling I had when I came back to Idaho on my own. It sure felt good to have a little land around me. That was 20 years ago and, unlike Irvine or Laguna Beach, today there's still some land around my little corner of the world... A lot of land, come to think of it. Idaho has more unspoiled wilderness than

any state except Alaska.

Strange to think I've lived here for as long as I lived there. My memories of life in the Golden State are as hazy as your skies. There's not much that I miss. Year-round sun? Nah, I like my four seasons. And I'm one of those odd people who enjoys shoveling snow, not to mention playing in it with my kids. Ocean beaches? Nope, up here we are mere minutes from two of the largest and most beautiful lakes in the West: Coeur d'Alene and Pend O'Reille. I prefer swimming without saltwater in my sinuses or fear of riptides and shark attacks. Amusement parks? Sure, you've got Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, SeaWorld and LegoLand. Great tourist destinations, but probably taken for granted by most locals. In North Idaho, we have a folksy little park called Silverwood that has a couple of bone-shaking wooden rollercoasters. My son thinks it's the best place in the world, and that's good enough for me. Silverwood is also the second home to the discarded Knott's coaster, the Corkscrew, which was the ultimate thrill ride to us '70s pre-teens. I rode that thing 15 times in a row with my friend Tony on my 14th birthday.

One thing I can't do here is enjoy a world-class zoo and animal park, so I'll give you that one. I did find a moose in my garden one day, but that doesn't count.

Life in North Idaho is too good to get all melancholy and nostalgic about the past. There's too much to see and explore. I'm a big fan of the Sunday Drive where we herd the kids into the van

times you hit the jackpot and discover some amazing mountain trail leading to an abandoned silver mine. Other times you have to settle for a simple sandy beach on a pristine mountain lake. That seems to be the way things are here in North Idaho. You just can't miss. Every direction you look, there's something to take your breath away.

I'm not supposed to say things like that. A friend told me to be careful how I describe North Idaho or "them Sandiegans"ll keep moving here and running up our home prices!" I'm supposed to scare you off with descriptions of Superfund cleanup sites and neo-Nazi parades, but I can't sit here and pretend that your quality of life is better than ours. It just isn't.

I've seen both places, lived in both places, and I'll always be the first one to welcome the new California transplants as they step out of their SUVs, looking like dazed prison escapees, into the beautiful green landscape of the Gem State.

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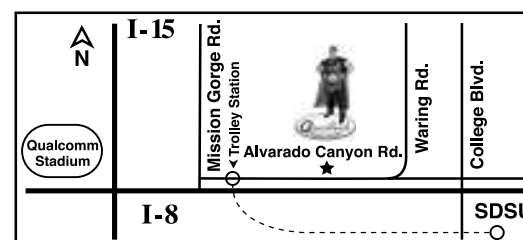
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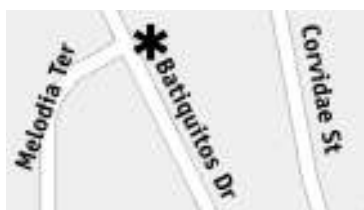
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RAPE

Location: 7500 Batiquitos Drive, Carlsbad

Time/Date: 11:00 a.m. on 9/3/05

Incident: The victim parked her car in the Batiquitos Lagoon trailhead parking lot. The victim got out of her car to go for a walk. The suspect drove up next to the victim. The suspect was driving a newer model white panel van. The suspect opened the side door of the van and pulled the victim into the van. The suspect then forcibly raped the victim. After raping the victim, the suspect threw the victim out of his vehicle and drove away. The suspect is described as a white male wearing a T-shirt and shorts, neck-length brown/gray hair, unshaven. The van had no side windows and a door that opened outward on the passenger side of the van. The van was uncarpeted and there were no rear seats.



FUGITIVE BANK ROBBER

Location: 3686 Pio Pico Avenue, Carlsbad

Time/Date: 12:30 a.m. on 9/1/05

Investigation: During the months of June, July, and August 2005, eight bank robberies were committed by the same suspect: six in San Diego and two in Riverside. The approximate [total] amount of money taken



in the robberies was \$33,000.

The suspect would present a "Demand Note" advising the bank tellers that he had a weapon, and instructed the tellers to give him all of their money. All of the tellers related that the suspect had a day planner to conceal the

note and the money that he obtained. Subsequently, the suspect was tagged as the "Day Planner Bandit."

The suspect was identified and arrested at the Travel Inn Motel. The suspect, who was identified as Steven V. (DOB: 07-21-78), was arrested for eight counts of bank robbery, two felony warrants, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a controlled substance.

[His] female companion, who was identified as Shannon F. (DOB: 11-28-66), was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and possession of a controlled substance.

MULTIPLE THEFTS

Location: 2100 Costa del Mar Road, Carlsbad

Time/Date: 10:00 p.m. on 9/1/05



Report: After responding to a call from the La Costa Resort regarding suspicious activity in the parking lot, patrol officers located a white Ford Explorer that had been reported stolen in Carlsbad. The SUV was used by L. to case cars for thefts. L. fled the resort when confronted by security officers but abandoned the vehicle nearby. Following up on property and evidence found in the car, detectives identified suspect L. and numerous victims.

Detectives were able to locate and arrest L. and also to link [another

suspect] D. to several crimes. A second stolen vehicle was also recovered and D. was arrested. Detectives believe that the suspects may have committed more than 20 burglaries and thefts during the past two weeks, mostly along the coastal corridor from La Jolla to Carlsbad. Their focus [was] resort and beach parking lots.

REPORT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Location: 4500 Clairemont Drive, Clairemont

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. on 9/12/05



Officer's Investigation: I received a radio call to investigate a domestic violence incident at Clairemont Drive and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. The reporting party, "Female," was calling from a cellular telephone, indicating she and her ex-boyfriend (A.) were having an argument while in a moving vehicle. Upon arrival, I spoke with her and took her statement. Both [parties] stated they were not injured and declined paramedic assistance. Both...stated they only got into a verbal disagreement.

I did not observe any signs of external injury to [either].

While speaking with "Female," she stated she was afraid of A. and no longer wanted to be in a relationship with him.

She and A. were in her car driving south on I-5 toward the 52 freeway. They got into an argument after she told him she no longer wanted to be [with] him. He grabbed the steering wheel while she was driving the car. She told him to let go of the steering wheel. They continued on the freeway to Clairemont Drive where they went to the bank to get A. money. After leaving the bank, they got back into the car and started arguing again. A. grabbed the keys from the ignition and got out of the car. She asked A. to come back. He returned to the car and gave her back the keys. She called 911 from her cell phone. They continued to argue until [we] arrived.

VIOLATED COURT ORDER

Location: [1900] Morena Boulevard, Bay Park

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m. on 9/10/05

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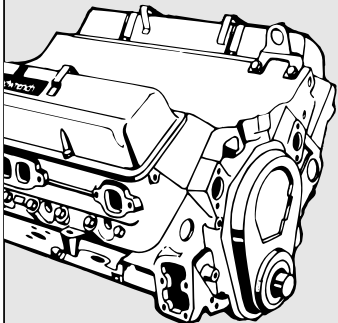
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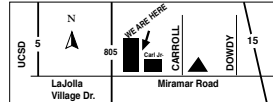
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DRIVEN

by KEN KUHLEN

Jack Delivers

When I see Jack Leary's Chevy panel truck, I think about the one my dad used to drive, when I was little and he was a salesman for Central Meat Company.

I introduce myself to Jack, the DJ at the La Mesa Village Back to the '50s Car Show, and tell him about my dad's work truck. "I'm thinking it was a 1948."

"Forty-seven through '53 is all the same body," Jack says. "They changed them in '54. They call it the Panel Delivery. It came in half ton and three-quarter ton."

Jack used to be a policeman in Montgomery County, Maryland. In 1998 he retired and became a DJ. He tells me, "Well, I was a DJ before I was a cop. I used to play 45 records at Teen Town, back in my hometown in West

Virginia. Then I moved to Maryland and was a cop for 20 years.

"When I retired, I went back to the trades I learned growing up. In the daytime, I painted apartments and I was on the radio from five to nine in the morning. And I ran into a guy who said he did this mobile DJ business and he made a killing. 'Okay,' I said, 'I like money.'

"So I got the sound system and started DJ work. Back there I was called Lawrence I. Bookem, the Q cop. I used my old police uniform, and the station I worked for was KBDQ. After a while, I got to talking to a relative of mine, and he was doing well in the DJ business out west."

Jack's truck is such a brilliant yellow, I ask if he chose that color to attract attention, for marketing reasons.

"My high school colors were black and yellow," he says. "The Kaiser High School Golden Tornadoes. I just took off on that. Everything that I have, my

business cards and my banner are the black and yellow. The truck is the 2000 Corvette Millennium Yellow.

"When I bought the truck, it didn't look so good. If I had known that day what I know now, I would have never bought it. The guys that had it before me, they Mickey Moused a lot of stuff and I had to go back in. Like the steering column box had to be reattached to the frame. The shock absorbers were on wrong and they got bound up, so we had to torch them off and put new holders for the shocks.

"It's got a 350 Chevy engine in it, and the transmission is a Chevy C-6. The only thing that's original as far as running gear is the rear end.

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did the interior and all the tuck and roll and everything. And Audio Plus did the stereo. Those companies do work on my truck, and in return I promote them at the various classic car and hot rod shows."

The La Mesa show is over for this year. If you want to see Jack or his truck soon, ask him to DJ a party.

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You need to keep your energy up to forge over hills, part the underbrush in a swath, and wage doom on a threatening tribe. Or a long day of power meetings with the VP of production, the CFO, and his incompetent assistant. Wonder no more as to why you want to smash a laptop into that little weasel's recessed chin and tear his throat out with your eyeteeth. You have to. The chemicals in your brain dictate that you dominate, feed, keep moving, stay alive, propagate your genes, breathe, breathe, breathe.

Wipe the blood from your beard, animal.

The woman in front of you at the bank. Her curves light off the lizard brain behind your eyes, fire alarms sound in your head, and in giant neon flashing letters that run from the nape of her neck to the small of her back spell out, "SEX! SEX! SEX!" Why? You have to.

Fight the lizard. Use your reasoning. Put your money clip in your wall safe and your keys in the dish by the door. Straighten your back, and think of the consequences society has built around our actions. Work as a team. Move the little levers on the machine at the gym, and don't stare at the bobbling ass on the elliptical trainer. Don't eat too much red meat, and wear your seatbelt.

Get home and you're a wad of entangled emotion all in perfect balance — your fear repressing your aggression, your desire trumping your fear. Turn on *Survivor* and watch the bikinis, foliage, and contests. Pit your animal nature against the ones on screen. Get out your credit card and buy everything advertised. You have to.

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

HOLLOW MAN (2000)
USA 8:00 A.M.
Get it? He's invisible, but his actions ring of a man who's morally bankrupt. Hollow, one might say. Still. Being invisible would be pretty cool. Being Kevin Bacon would not be cool.

TWINS
WB 9:30 P.M.
A set of beautiful twins inherits a lingerie company. Sounds a little too highbrow and chi-chi for me. Can we dumb this down so it appeals to my baser desires? Thanks.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

SEX AND THE CITY
WGN 8:00 P.M.
Recipe for making a show half as popular as it used to be:

- Take one production that delicately balances soap opera storylines, nudity, and foul-mouthed women.
- Remove the nudity and cursing.
- Lose male demographic.
- Lose half of female demographic.
- Cook on high until all your douche-maker clients pull their advertising dollars.
- Let sit in own juices.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
COCONUT FRED'S FRUIT SALAD ISLAND
WB 9:30 A.M.

I hate to be that old guy who says, "Back in my day..." But dammit! Saturday-morning cartoons suck now. What is this, a Spongebob rip-off? "Fruit salad" when I was a kid meant Bugs grabbed a pair of scissors and lisped his way through a hairstylist scene.

G.I. JOE SIGMA 6
FOX 10:00 A.M.
They've even managed to kill G.I. Joe and leave him on the battlefield. This American classic is now heavily stylized and X-Gamed up to be just short of underwhelming. If EVERYTHING is EXTREME, then NOTHING is, DUMB-ASSES! I can't go on. I have to start a letter-writing campaign.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

GOLF
NBC 9:00 A.M.
I suppose if you want something really relaxing to watch on TV, golf hits the spot. But, wouldn't it be better to just go to the park? Golf does not inspire serenity in me. If ever forced to watch golf, the need to yell and scream and jump around is overwhelming. I want to run onto the green, wild-eyed, my hands clutching sweater vests and button-front caps, and I want to scream, "Do something! Stop staring at that little goddamned ball and for the love of God do something! Anything!"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
NFL FOOTBALL
ABC 6:00 P.M.
DUN! DUN! DUN! DUN! THIS IS MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL! DUN! DUN! DUN! TONIGHT! KANSAS CITY MEETS DENVER! DUN! DUN! BUT, WE'RE GOING TO WATCH IT ANYWAY! DUN! DUN! DUN! BECAUSE



Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World

WHAT ELSE IS ON? DUN! DUN!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

SUPERNATURAL
WB 9:00 P.M.
Another show about investigations into otherworldly events. Smell the rotting crap? It's fresh from the oven!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

MASTER AND COMMANDER: THE FAR SIDE OF THE WORLD (2003)
HBO 5:30 P.M.
Kip and I visited the movie boat, which is docked in San Diego's harbor. Grasping the helm and shifting my hat to the side like Russell Crowe, I started to bark orders at Kip who had tucked his arm in his sleeve to portray the little blond kid who got one of his limbs blown off in battle. "Heading Nor' by Nor'west, sir!" Kip yelled up to me. "Quiet! You little one-armed sissy!" was the last command I was allowed to give as captain. Boarding pirates (tourists) alerted the enemy captain (security).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

GOING TRIBAL
DSC 9:00 P.M.
I've dropped "commando" in favor of "going tribal" as my main euphemism to mean "wearing no underwear."

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DODGE CARAVAN, 1998, 4 cylinder, 7 passenger, automatic, air conditioning, AM/FM cassette, 77k miles, 1 owner, dark green, serviced regularly, runs great, \$4300/offer. 619-244-1066.

DODGE DAKOTA SLT, 1999, 4x4, only 20K miles on rebuilt engine, great condition, 2K miles on rebuilt transmission, all work done by dealership, \$8500. 760-294-2904.

DODGE RAM 2500 CLUB CAB, 1995, very tough truck, hauls 3910lbs., can tow 9100lbs., 5.9L (360), upgraded with MSD ignition, K&N FIPK II, \$6800. 858-395-2519.

FORD EXPLORER 4X4, 1998, XLT, V-6, immaculate, original owner, garaged, babied, Teflon waxed, not a single ding

and doesn't burn oil, JBL CD, \$5200/best. 858-229-4340.

FORD EXPLORER XLT. 2003. White with 3rd row and side air bags. Located in El Cajon. \$17,000. 619-992-2825.

FORD EXPLORER XLT. 1998. V6. 4 door. Wedgewood blue. Power everything. Premium sound system. 6-disc CD changer. 81,000 miles. Ford Maintained. Single owner. \$7500. 619-741-4929.

FORD EXPLORER XLT, 1998. Excellent condition, still gets good mileage, premium sound, 6 CD changer, subwoofer, amps, etc. Luggage rack, new tires. \$6250/best. 619-200-3679.

FORD F-150 SUPERCAB, 2004, super clean, only 6K miles, smells and looks new, garaged stored by deployed active duty owner, V-8, 5.4, \$23,900. 619-655-6967.

FORD F150. 1992. Supercab. Black. 96,544 miles. 4WD. 5 speed. Great condition. Maintained. Loaded. Lifted, extra large tires/rims. New tires, brakes, more. \$8500. 619-582-0100.

GMC SONOMA, 1998, must sell, 75K miles, 4cc 5 speed, beige, 3 door, extended cab with 3rd seat, manual transmission, CD player, \$6000. Clairemont, 510-825-4789.

JEEP CHEROKEE, 1996, 4x2, only 83,747 miles, 4 cylinder, air conditioning, metallic green, gray interior, 2 door, CD player, cloth seats, clean, maintained. \$4750. 760-635-3995.

JEEP CHEROKEE, 1999, 4x4, 93K miles, 4-door, power windows/doors. Moving out of state. \$7900. Chula Vista. 619-267-7475 or 619-961-6821.

JEEP CHEROKEE SE, 1994, 4 door, 4-wheel drive, 5 speed manual, 2.5 liter, 4 cylinder, bright red, black trim, gray interior, 138K miles, \$4700. 858-405-5785.

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I found myself calling out the word “Fatuuous!” with no idea why.

By John Brizzolara

A harvest moon the color and shape of a sagging but luminous pumpkin grinned fat and dumb over the city last Friday night. The first evening of the year with a feel of autumn to it and I needed to laugh—was eager to do so—and forget the lack of humor in recent events both public and private. The National Comedy Theatre on India Street, near the base of Washington obliged me with several chortles, some guffaws, an appreciative chuckle or two, an involuntary expulsion of breath accompanying the slapping of a thigh and a prolonged superior smirk you would have just loved to wipe off my face.

The first show on Friday nights begins at 7:30, Saturday also. A second show follows at 9:45 on those nights. I spent the first five minutes of the show—during which, a comic actor and this evening's director Dorian “Telephoto” Lenz was onstage—constructing the first and second sentences of this column. Lenz asked the audience for an adjective consisting of at least three syllables and I found myself calling out the word “Fatuuous!” with no idea why. He accepted the word, then asked for a noun and a verb. In a moment he had “Fatuuous, catapult” and “Capital,” which members of the two improv teams (the Coronado Harbor Patrol and the San Diego Free Agents) were to guess in a game of charades while carrying on an extemporaneous conversation riddled with sentence fragments.

When actor (or “actlete”) “G.I.” Joe Birdsong actually got the word fatuous, thus ending my insufferable smirk, then quickly got the other two words, I caught on. They were cheating. Were they in a soundproof booth while I called out in

my stentorian baritone, “fatuously?” (I had actually shouted the awkward adverb form and Lenz shortened it correctively—Lenz? Corrective, get it?) I think not. But I suppose it was cheating in the name of entertainment. I could prove nothing, of course.

Another segment, called “Sing It,” involved actletes improvising a conversation. When a spoken phrase struck director Lenz, he would call out, “sing it!” The first phrase was spoken by Krissy “Wide Angle” Lenz (a relative, no doubt, of the director) and the phrase, her own, she was given to put to song was, “I Have a Tin Ear.” This was an agonizingly accurate rendering of a songwriter with this malady, no sense of rhyme, and accompanied by a man who might be deaf on the synthesizer. At once funny, rendered with rigorous versimilitude and painful.

Her stage partner was then given the line, “I’ve got a Duty to the Press” and told to sing it. He managed rhyming (sort of) the word tomorrow with the name Edward R. Murrow. He concluded the short and atonal composition with the musical observation that “nothing rhymes with column.” This got me thinking the words “slalom” and “golem.”

My mind continued to wander. These players were smart, funny, and fast and I could never do anything like this, but I realized that the engine of entertainment here consisted of distracting momentum through not bad material, but the absence of material at all. The illusion of actors making up their dialogue as they move through a play, movie, or TV show is one I nurtured through childhood until I was distracted by what had to be good writing whose purpose was, in fact, to foster that same illusion “artfully.” That idea of actors auto-scripting their roles is still prevalent, I discovered in the 1990s in Los Angeles while hanging around television writers, but mostly by bad actors. Improvisation is, I gather, a very useful exercise for those in the profession, but I assumed it was as a means to an end; a way to mend holes that may spontaneously occur in the fabric of the story and usually by accident. Say an actor sets his clothes on fire in a scene and can’t pretend he hasn’t that kind of thing. Here it was the whole point and, in the end, though I got in free, I would have gladly spent more than \$15 to see one of the actletes throw up his or her hands, burst into tears and sob sincerely, “I can’t do this. I give up!”

But that’s me. My mind still wandered during a skit where an interviewer is questioning an alien couple from the planet Calamity. He translates the questions and answers. “What kind of food do you eat?”

“Shibob.”
 “[Incomprehensible]”
 “She says they eat peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches made into rolls. He disagrees and says the pine nut is the better food.”

I began fidgeting with my program and saw that the audience could call for a Delay of Game Penalty during the bit. “If the scene is boring, dull, or uneventful, the referee [director] will warn the actletes they have 15 seconds to move it



National Comedy Theatre on set of Lawrence of Arabia

or lose it.” The trouble was, I could see no way to invoke this clause and besides, everyone except me found the whole thing hilarious.

“The audience would like to know about your native flora and fauna.”
 [Garbled gibberish here and wide arm gestures indicating, possibly, huge claws]
 “She says they have giant piranha with large overbites.”

As I could not get up and leave the small theatre without stepping over half the 30 or so audience members, disrupting everything and drawing attention to myself, I resorted to one of the yogic meditative routines I have devised for myself over the years. I considered Zen exercise 14A, which consists of listing the occurrence of the word “cool” in Bob Dylan’s “Subterranean Homesick Blues,” and instead opted for exercise 31D. As the theme of the evening was acting, I went for this one that called for the recollection of every line of dialogue delivered by a female character in David Lean’s 1962 film *Lawrence of Arabia*. Soon I was relaxed but attentive, my mind focused and alert. Thanks again to the program of the national Comedy Theatre, I was able to induce laughter during the remainder of this unfunny—but only to me, clearly—comedic conceit. I read the names of the other actors who appear from time to time on the India Street stage. Among those listed were Loren “Static” Kling, (present tonight), Renee “The Wrath of” Kohn, Michael “Hi Ho” Silvera, Zach “Kidney” Stones, and David “Power of a” Tierney. The players are interchangeable from week to week and you can learn more at www.nationalcomedy.com or by calling the box office at 3717 India St. at 619-295-4999.

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