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Snap Lingers On

Jeff Smith's review of *Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life* (Theater Review, September 29) misidentified Peter Gennaro as "Tony." He may have had Tony Mordente, who was her husband and father of her daughter, in mind.

Rivera — the snap of her extensions in *West Side Story* stay with me to this day!

Lewis Brown
New York City

Prostitutes And Whores

Kudos to Scott Barnett for his exposé on San Diego City Council District Two candidate Carolyn Chase ("I Played by the Rules," "City Lights," September 22). As a life member of the Sierra Club since 1976 and the local chapter's first paid conservation coordinator ('77 to '79), I find Chase to be the most recent member to prostitute the Sierra Club for personal/political gain. From former county supervisor and mayor Roger Hedgecock, the chapter's conservation chairman in the early '70s, to former city schools board of education president Ron Ottinger, chairman of the chapter's political committee in the '90s, to candidate Chase in 2005.

Longtime city residents know what happened to those two earlier political whores. Environmentally concerned voters in District Two should cast their ballots for either Rich Grosch, Kathleen Blavatt, Ian Trowbridge, or Lorena Gonzalez — all "nonendorsed" by the Sierra Club's (Carolyn Chase's hijacked) corrupt political committee.

As for Chase, she should perform a real public service to the residents of District Two by tossing her trademark "round straw hat" on the closest compost heap

and retire her campaign today.

Don Szalay
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Labor Of Love

My name is Chris Klein, and I am the husband of Carolyn Chase, the subject of your article "I Played by the Rules" in the September 22 issue ("City Lights"). I need to correct some factual errors in the article and dispel the innuendo in that somehow Carolyn and I have been manipulating San Diego Earth Day — or any other group — for our personal enrichment. By way of full disclosure, I am also the treasurer for the Carolyn Chase for Council campaign committee, co-owner with Carolyn of Earth Media, a California subchapter S corporation, and one of the founders and CFO of San Diego Earth Day, dba. San Diego EarthWorks.

In 1990, I resigned from TeleSoft, a computer company I had founded, and left a safe job with a salary in the high five digits to work as production manager of the first Earth Day fair — as a volunteer. For the next 12 years, Carolyn and I dedicated about five months of our lives each year to producing EarthFair in Balboa Park. This is no nine-to-five job; for me, the final month before the fair is generally 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.

From 1990 through 2002, I did this work strictly as a volunteer. In addition, I took on management of two other major annual events. I estimate that I worked about 14,000 hours for free during this period. If this were part of a plan to extract financial benefit from the organization, it is sly beyond my comprehension.

Most years, the organization did have one or two paid staff members; I just wasn't one of them, nor was Carolyn.

Dedicating almost half of my professional life to volunteer work did have its toll, however. Beginning in 2003, San Diego Earth Day did begin paying me to produce events and manage the office because, frankly, I couldn't afford to do it as a

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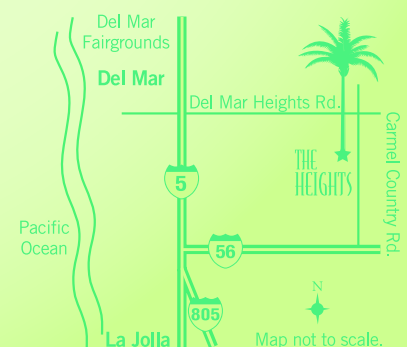


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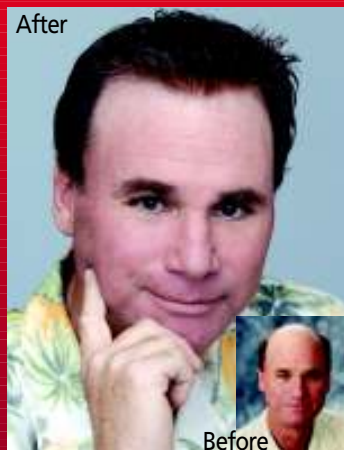
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Sniff, sniff, bowwow How bad is the festering drug problem among students at La Jolla High, arguably San Diego's toniest public school? Judging by a recent note to parents from principal **Dana Shelburne**, things might be bet-



ter. "I believe it is critical that I share with you the details of my decision to bring detection canines to La Jolla High," writes Shelburne in the October issue of the school's PTA newsletter. "I

have contracted with Interquest Detection Canines to bring highly trained contraband canines to LJHS on an unannounced basis throughout the school year. The dogs, Golden Retrievers, have been trained to detect, among other things, illegal narcotics, weapons, alcoholic beverages, and abused medications — all thanks to a sense of smell that is roughly one thousand times sharper than that of a human." Assemblies are being held to introduce the new dogs on campus. "The goal is to demonstrate the capacity of these dogs and leave no doubt in our students' minds that school is not the place for any illegal substance." According to an e-mail from one parent with children at the school, cocaine has become a scourge of late, with students gathering in restrooms to do lines between classes while girls act as look-outs. The writer says a November 1 PTA meeting has been called to introduce one of the animals, "Bucky the Wonder Dog," who will go through his paces in front of parents. The Houston-based sniffer dogs have been deployed previously in other local districts, including Escondido, Grossmont, Julian, San Marcos, and Valley Center.

Jerry's kids GOP mayoral candidate **Jerry Sanders** has been busy racking up big cam-



Jerry Sanders

campaign contributions from the traditional local deep pockets — as well as from some not-so-traditional sources. **Frederick Pierce**, the San Diego State University redevelopment czar, formerly chairman of the city's troubled retirement fund until he made his exit under then-mayor **Dick Murphy's** reform plan, gave \$300. **Ted Tollner**, the ex-SDSU football coach, now offensive coordinator for the Detroit Lions, kicked in \$600, as did architect and planning commissioner **Mark Steele**, who counts among his clients the Chargers, who are bidding for a new taxpayer-funded stadium. Rancho Santa Fe's **Pauline Foster**, mother-in-law of state education secretary **Alan Bersin**, contributed \$600. **Julie Dubick**, a one-time Bersin-sponsored school board candidate, and her husband **Mike** gave a combined \$600. The biggest family donation came from La Jolla Democrat **Murray Galinson**, wife **Elaine**, daugh-

ter **Laura Jo, Richard**, and **Jeffrey**, who each gave the \$600 maximum. Ex-banker Galinson, business associate of Democratic donor **Sol Price**, now runs Prospect Investments, LLC. In his role as chairman of the California State University board of trustees, Galinson has taken fire from angry neighbors fighting a real estate development in Del Cerro that SDSU is pushing. **Tom Felkner** and partner **Bob Lehman**, co-owners of Hillcrest's Bourbon Street gay bar, gave \$300 each. **Henry Hunte**, chairman of H.G. Fenton, the big Mission Valley landowner, gave \$300. **Ben Dillingham**, the wealthy ex-chief-of-staff to former Democratic mayor **Maureen O'Connor**, contributed \$300. **Joe Craver**, chairman of the airport board seeking to expand or move Lindbergh Field, came up with \$600. Gaslamp's **Ingrid Croce** gave \$300. **Jim Dawe**, the lawyer and lobbyist involved with the thus-far failed attempt to build a new downtown library near the Padres baseball park, gave \$300; his colleague, library foundation fund-raiser **Jim Bowers**, gave \$600. **David and Grace Cherashore**, heirs to Mission Bay's Evans Hotels empire, each gave \$300, as did company matriarch **Anne Evans**. Among developers and their consultants were **Laurie Black** of Mission Hills (\$300), historic-building delisting expert **Marie Burke Lia** (\$300), and downtown's **Malin Burnham** (\$300). But the biggest combined donation came from employees of Miami-based developer Lennar Corporation, which is in partnership with Padres owner **John Moores** and his JMI, Inc., to build a controversial \$1.4 billion real estate development east of the ballpark. Givers included operations director **Scott Kelly** of San Clemente; executive **Michael Kennedy** of Poway; marketing director **Jennifer Mares**; executive **Marco Vakili** of Laguna Niguel; and executive **Larry Clemens** of Irvine.

Don't want Donna Watch out, **Donna Frye**, here comes the "Salute to San Diego's Republican Elected Officials." Even though the offices they hold are technically nonpartisan, the five members of the county board of supervisors, all GOP loyalists, are teaming up for a fundraiser — the biggest ever, they hope — to benefit GOP-endorsed mayoral candidate **Jerry Sanders** and council candidates **Luis Acle** and **Kevin Faulconer**. "Because this event benefits the Republican Party of San Diego County and ongoing programs and campaigns to elect and re-elect local Republican candidates,



Pete Wilson

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— Matt Potter

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One Tank Of Gas Away

By Don Bauder

San Diego hates being considered a satellite of Los Angeles — until there is a crisis. You see, Los Angeles and environs are

San Diego's crisis cushion. When the U.S. economy is weak, and large cities that rely on air traffic for tourists are ailing, San Diego pulls visitors from the nearby "drive" mar-

ket, which accounts for 72 percent of local tourist traffic. Says Jack Giacomini, managing director of the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel in Mission Valley, "It still takes only one tank

of gas to get here from the major feeder market, which is Southern California." In the summer, when Arizonans are broiling, "It will be easier economically for the family to



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third-largest industry, employing 110,000 and generating annual spending of \$5.5 billion, according to the Convention and Visitors Bureau. It's true that the industry does not provide many high-paying jobs, and local statistics are suspect, but there is no question that the hospitality business buoys the economy in times of crisis.

And make no mistake: the United States is going into at least a short-term energy crisis that may catapult the economy into a financial/economic crisis. President Bush's plea last week for people to drive less was a tip-off; previously, he had shunned the conservation approach.

Back in 1998, the price of a barrel of oil fell as low as \$11. Gas was \$1.11 a gallon. It wasn't profitable for oil companies to add production capacity. Instead, they spent their money buying other oil companies. American auto companies continued to produce gas-guzzling cars. China's economy boomed and its citizens fell in love with the automobile. Now, many scientists feel Atlantic Ocean hurricanes may rage for another 20 years, possibly exacerbated by global warming. When supply is weak and demand is strong, prices rise.

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Katrina Haunts Mission Valley

By Joe Deegan

Never say never, but a hurricane like the one that hit New Orleans is unlikely to flood San Diego anytime soon. The San Diego

River, however, is another story. After a rainstorm last winter, the river's waters blew out a section of Fashion Valley Road that has yet to be repaired. Local weblog The Independent titled its January 7 response to that storm "Nature: Still a Bitch." It warned New York-

pointed out that "if you are staying at Hotel Circle, the nearest trolley station is Fashion Valley...conveniently located on the other side of the river."

None of last year's flooding on the San Diego River, however, came close to reaching the river's highest water mark. The biggest flood since records started being kept in 1914 occurred two years later, in January 1916, when 70,200 cubic feet per second gushed through Mission Valley. The top five floods came before 1938, and eight of the largest ten before 1942.

Floods on the lower San Diego River undoubtedly have become milder due to the El Capitan and San Vicente Dams, according to hydrology specialist and SDSU geography professor emeritus Philip Pryde. The City of San Diego built the El Capitan Dam on the San Diego River in 1935 and the San Vicente on San Vicente Creek in 1943. Both are situated in the hills above Lakeside.



San Diego River



Randy Berkman

ers, in town for the weekend's Chargers/Jets playoff at Qualcomm Stadium, to travel to the game early, stick to the freeways, and avoid north/south roads in Mission Valley. It went on to mention the trolley but

The dams' main purpose has not been to control floods but to provide water for San Diego's burgeoning population. Most of the city's water comes from the Colorado River, but San Diego is "happy to get as much free water as it can," says Pryde. "So the local dams often are allowed to fill close to capacity. If a large storm strikes when El Capitan is close to capacity, water spilling over its top could inundate the floodplain below."

After El Capitan overflowed in April 1941, the flood in Mission Valley peaked at 9250 cubic feet per second, becoming the seventh-largest flood in the San Diego River's history. El Capitan overflowed again in February 1980, but a

recording gauge was not in place that year. That flood's official maximum volume, 3420 cubic feet per second, is probably "understated," says Pryde.

As we've learned from the New Orleans disaster, the concept of "a hundred-year flood" plays an important role for flood-control designers. In a handout he uses for teaching, Pryde writes that the hundred-year flood "is frequently used as the maximum runoff size...for flood protection measures, and means a flood of this size or larger is expected to occur ten times in a thousand-year period (the intervals between these floods can, and will, vary greatly)." Pryde says that the hundred-year

flood size in use in Mission Valley today is based on a complex calculation but approximates the 45,400 cubic feet per second of a February 1927 flood, the second largest on the San Diego River.

For years San Diegans have questioned the wisdom of developing in the Mission Valley floodplain. According to San Diego's municipal code, new development that will raise the projected flood level of the hundred-year flood is not permitted. This complies with standards of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has ultimate jurisdiction over flood control in the United States.

FEMA's code demands that "Communities shall prohibit

encroachments, including fill [and] new construction... within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated [scientifically] that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during occurrence of the base (100 year) discharge."

But Randy Berkman of the River Valley Preservation Project tells me that the combined effects of the trolley line, a Fashion Valley parking-structure expansion, and reconstruction of the Stardust Golf Course, which required 200,000 cubic yards of fill, have raised the floodway baseline by a foot in central Mission Valley. (To comprehend the effect on the river of, for instance, the columns that support the elevated trolley line, he suggests you add ice cubes to a glass of water. As each one is added, the water in the glass rises.) Neither the city nor FEMA required developers to mitigate the effects of these projects, he says.

Instead, in 2002, FEMA issued a Preliminary Letter of Map Revision for the floodway in west Mission Valley. The effect of the letter, according to Berkman, is to accept the one-foot-higher level as the new floodway baseline.

Even worse, writes Berkman on his website, "the trolley east of Highway 163 has not been included in the mix! This is over one half of the entire project! The [letter] from FEMA violates the very definition of such a letter, which requires analysis of a whole project, not part of it!"



Floodwater rescue, Mission Valley

One tank of gas

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Many believe the supply/demand explanation is disingenuous. For example, Michael Shames of San Diego's Utility Consumers' Action Network says, "For gasoline to be \$3 a gallon, oil would have to be at \$95 a barrel. The refiners are making a killing off the hurricanes. They are gouging."

Either way — free market or manipulated market — a remedy won't come soon. Oil companies are pouring money into capital spending, but it takes a decade to bring a new project into production. And it will take a while for consumers to demand fuel-efficient cars and for auto companies to produce them.

There are, however, minority voices. "Oil prices are volatile," says Ross Starr,

economist for the University of California, San Diego. "It is conceivable that two years from now, the price will be \$30 a barrel," or half what it has been selling for recently. In any case, "the U.S. economy is less sensitive to the price of oil than it was a generation ago," explains Starr, partly because the oil-devouring manufacturing sector is a smaller part of the economy than it was back in the 1970s crisis years.

That is true, but the economy and its financial structure still face problems. Economists generally agree that the U.S. economy will soften the rest of this year and a quarter or so into next year. Then will come the traditional disaster bonanza: the economy will boom as reconstruction money pours into southern states.

But once again, there are dissidents. James Hamilton, economist at the University

of California, San Diego, worries that "once the downturn starts, it will tend to develop a momentum of its own. We are talking about something different from historical hurricanes. It will be hard to get the [energy] infrastructure back up; there could be substantial shocks to energy prices, and these factors could tip us into a recession."

The administration wants to pump \$200 billion into reconstruction, but the Iraq War is draining federal funds; conservatives want cutbacks elsewhere, such as in health care or the tax-cut program, notes Alan Gin, University of San Diego economist. Thus, the economy may not get the usual disaster-spending bump. A large deficit could bring higher interest rates and inflation. "There is one sure thing: consumer confidence is going to be hurt by these events," he says. Surveys indicate it's already

dropping.

Households making more than \$70,000 a year spend 1.7 percent of pretax income on gasoline. For those making less than \$30,000, it's 5.3 percent. Companies catering to lower-income people will feel the pinch: San Diego's Petco and Jack in the Box have already said they have been hit by high gas prices. On the day Jack in the Box made its announcement, the stock plunged 17 percent. There has been some gain in transit ridership in San Diego, but officials can't yet say it results from high gas prices.

When consumption falls, jobs are likely to be cut, thus worsening consumption. It becomes a snowball. If shopping falls off, so will retail employment and possibly advertising. Retailers are already cutting newspaper ad budgets. That's likely to impact the *Union-Tribune*, already

reeling from circulation losses.

More than in almost all U.S. markets, San Diego's debt-sated consumers, relying on a housing bubble to continue spending, may not be able to withstand price shocks.

Los Angeles tourists to the rescue — maybe. If the price of gas goes to \$3.50 a gallon, only 19 percent of Americans will cancel trips, according to a poll by Yesawich, Pepperdine, Brown and Russell. A little over half say they would alter plans: 26 percent would take shorter trips and 26 percent would save money on other vacation expenditures.

Despite winter and spring rains, San Diego is already having a good tourist season: hotel occupancy is running at 75.8 percent. Only four other markets in the top 25 beat that, according to Smith Travel Research.

Higher gas prices don't "seem to have that much effect

on the Southern California drive market," says Skip Hull of C.I.C. Research in San Diego. They won't this time; San Diego tourism will remain strong, he says.

"Many of the people who visit San Diego have relatively high disposable income," says Jerry Morrison, local hotel expert. Nonetheless, "I am amazed that we haven't seen a falloff with these higher gasoline prices."

San Diego may gain some conventions that would have gone to New Orleans and other devastated cities, say Gin and several others.

"I have never seen the price of gas impact us," says one student of the industry. Some say a lower promotional budget of the Convention and Visitors Bureau will hurt, "but that's hard to argue, since we had an excellent summer. Some managers bitch about the high

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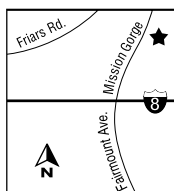
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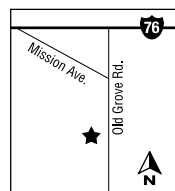
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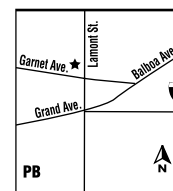
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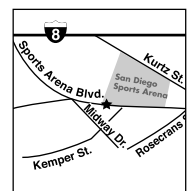
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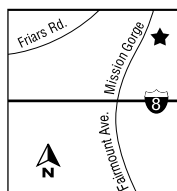
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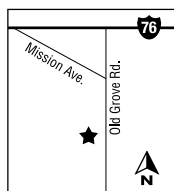
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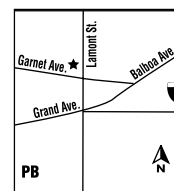
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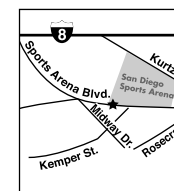
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One tank of gas

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gas price,” but that’s just a handy excuse for explaining lousy results, says this tourism pro.

But there is caution. “Volume won’t be as strong” as in past periods when the drive market bailed out San Diego, says Giacomini.

“If the housing bubble bursts in the U.S., and the economy goes down, San Diego tourism will go down, but, as after 9/11, we will do better than other cities in a bad environment,” says Morrison.

“In the past, the impacts of gasoline price spikes have been negligible,” says Sal Giametta, vice president of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. “People have spent less on food, bought fewer souvenirs. However, this time we are more concerned. Oil shortages compounded by increased gas prices, along with other things such as the federal deficit, inflation, and consumer confidence, give us reason to pause and closely watch the situation.” ■

Mission Valley

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FEMA should have required the Metropolitan Transit Development Board, says Berkman, to complete “a flood hazard study for the whole [project]” before any trolley construction in Mission Valley began.

Berkman has been fighting the trolley’s effects on the San Diego River floodway since the early 1990s. “I have stacks of e-mails from FEMA officials,” he tells me. “And Walter Gefrom of the city’s engineering department has been especially candid about what needs to be done. Berkman says that Gefrom told him several years ago that the elevated trolley platform at the 24 Hour Fitness on Ward Road would require a \$1 million mitigation project. An engineering firm suggested, as possible mitigations, lowering the station parking lot, moving an abutment, dredging a triangular area in the river east of Ward Road, widening the channel, and other measures, according to Berkman. But FEMA did not insist on any of them.

I try calling Gefrom at the city’s engineering department. “He’s no longer on the San Diego River floodway assignment,” a spokesman tells me, routing me instead to “a woman who now handles it” but who says she’ll ask her boss, senior civil engineer Jamal Batta. According to Batta, the west segment of the Mission Valley trolley to Highway 163 required no mitigation because the project did not raise the floodway level. Berkman figures FEMA’s 2002 Letter of Map Revision is the only thing allowing Batta to make this claim.

For the Green Line extension beyond Ward Road, says Batta, an engineering firm issued a “no-rise certificate,” stating that the extension would not cause a rise in the hundred-year floodway baseline, so mitigation was unnecessary. In the trolley’s middle section, between Highway 163 and Ward Road, a one-foot rise in the floodway level did result from the trolley construction. But, says Batta, in that area no flooding of “an insurable structure” in the floodway is ever expected to occur. So no mitigation needs

to take place there either.

Still, Batta admits, the city has its requirement that the San Diego River floodway level can’t be raised by construction. So it is incumbent on the Metropolitan Transit Development Board, he says, to ask the city council for “a variance” from that regulation.

Randy Berkman thinks FEMA has abdicated its responsibility to force the transit board to mitigate the trolley’s effects on the middle section of the river in Mission Valley. Having its own jurisdiction, the transit district does not need to consult the city when making decisions, but it cannot break federal law, says Berkman.

The middle section of Mission Valley that Berkman worries about does have levees on each side of the river channel. And SDSU’s Philip Pryde, concerned about the same section, more specifically the section between Highway 163 and Qualcomm Way, notes that during the late 1970s, property owners and the city jointly built a “soft bottom” channel in the area. But in his book, *San Diego: An Introduction to the Region*, Pryde

says, “[That channel] would safely convey a flood the size of the 1980 one, but not the size of the 1916 flood.”

A particular danger in the area, and in such other low-lying sections as Grantville, says Pryde, is that rushing floodwater often rips out vegetation and sends it downstream, where it blocks culverts. Last winter a fire department crew found the body of a drowned man in just such a bundle of bushes and small trees logjammed behind Fashion Valley. If blockages occur in the river’s flow, serious backflow results, exacerbating any flooding that is already taking place.

Last winter’s 22.49 inches of rain recorded at Lindbergh Field was the third-highest annual rainfall in San Diego record books. Annual rainfall has been increasing in San Diego in the past 20 years, says Pryde. But wet winters don’t correlate well with flooding. Single-storm intensities are bigger factors in the occurrence of floods, large amounts of rain in short time spans creating the most dangerous situations. And a sudden intense

storm is the very thing it would take to cause an already full El Capitan dam to spill over.

According to Pryde, the Arizona and Southern California region has the greatest variability in rainfall patterns of any region in the country. “And it should be emphasized,” he writes, “that we have a very poor idea (because of the brevity of historical records) of what the actual hundred-year flood size is for any Southern California river.”

Pryde goes on to warn about increasing urbanization “within the San Diego River watershed.” Buildings, cement sidewalks, and asphalt streets and parking lots, allowing no soil for seepage, send runoff flowing farther downstream.

“We’ve built too much in Mission Valley,” Pryde tells me. “Earlier building was more flood-conscious.” As an example, he cites the I-5 bridge over the 800-foot-wide San Diego River channel to the ocean. Old photos show the bridge’s destruction in the 1916 flood. Later “it was designed for a full El Capitan spillway capacity.” ■



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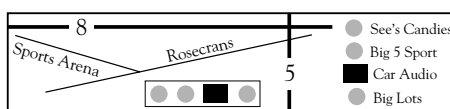
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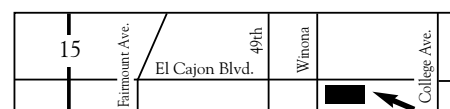
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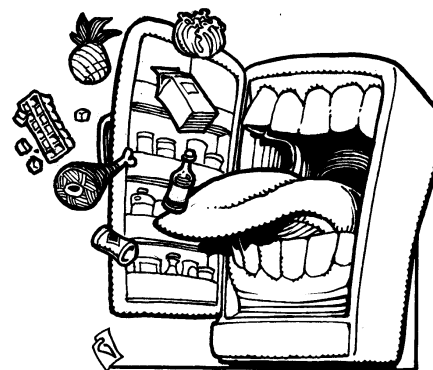


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Heymatt:

I've always wondered how come liquor doesn't freeze in the freezer, how come?

— Drunk and confused in Santee

Matt:

I'm only eight, but I've noticed that ice cubes have little peaks in them. They're not flat like a hockey rink.

Heymatt:

How does the crisper in my refrigerator work? Magic?

— Jay, out there

This week at the Alice household was our semi-annual Get Rid of the Fuzzy Stuff festival, which involves Grandma and various conscripts crawling through the fridge, sorting the edible from the throwable. Pa Alice always volunteers to do the freezer and takes a fifth of tequila with him. It's probably never occurred to him that tequila will freeze. Any alcohol will, but not at the temps generated by your average Kenmore side-by-side with in-door water dispenser.

Booze, aluminum, neon, practically anything you have hanging around your house will freeze if the temp gets low enough. Basically, reducing the temperature slows molecular motion in the substance, and depending on the structure and binding forces of the molecules, you'll eventually get some kind of looser or tighter bond between them. Water is a pushover. It's a simple substance made of hydrogen and oxygen atoms all sailing around at speeds determined in part by their temperature, slower if they're cold. At some temp below 32 degrees F. the molecular motion is slow enough to allow the attractive forces between one molecule's positively charged hydrogen atom to catch the eye of another molecule's negatively charged oxygen atoms and they stick together in the form of a predictable latticework solid. Once most or all of the atoms are stuck together, the unmated electrons clinging cozily to the oxygen, you have ice.

You might get peaky ice in an ice tray because water is one of only a few substances that can expand in volume when it freezes. The lattice ice structure created by the hydrogen bonds has slightly more space in it than do the same number of water molecules on the loose. Since water in an ice tray will freeze from the edge to the center, the "extra" ice commonly forms a lump there.

But what about Pa's tequila? It will freeze at some temperature higher than pure ethanol (the drinking form of alcohol). Ethanol will freeze -202 degrees F. Alcohol resists what water falls for so easily in part because of the carbon content of alcohol. There is an oxygen-hydrogen component in alcohols, but they also have various forms of carbon molecules, and O and H have little or no interest in sticking to them. Alcohol is more volatile and contains more energy than water, making it hard to slow it down and get its attention long enough to get it to solidify. Alcohol doesn't have many built-in atomic attractants like water's ionized hydrogen and oxygen.

Grandma's least favorite clean-up is the vegetable crisper drawers. The elves have found them to be the perfect place to curl up for an afternoon nap when it's just too hot outside. You might think of your magic crisper in these terms. Once upon a time, it was too cold outside, so man built a house. Then it was too hot in the house to store his food, so he invented the refrigerator. Then he realized the air in the refrigerator was too dry to store his green vegetables, so he invented the crisper. I'm sure you've noticed that bread, cheese, and unprotected veggies turn crusty or limp if left on a regular fridge shelf. Crisper drawers protect foods from the constantly circulating dry, cold air in the fridge. Crispsers aren't much magic, but because they're slightly damp, they're a particularly good place to find those fuzzy to near liquefied throw-outables.

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— K. B., the net

The answer is your vagus nerve (your throat and stomach) or maybe your phrenic nerve (diaphragm) or any of the feeder nerves from your chest, stomach, or diaphragm. Staff quack Dr. Doctor says hiccup questions are great because nobody really knows why we have them, what possible use they serve now or might have served in our murky past, what starts them, or what reliably stops them. They're this rebel phenomenon that suddenly attacks and can be a pain to get rid of. People have had unrelenting hiccups for years. Best guesses for the origin of hiccups are an overfull stomach, swallowing a lot of air, swallowing dry (starchy) foods that don't travel to our stomachs quite as fast as they might, drinking carbonated beverages, or a glob of food stuck in the throat impinging on a nerve, all or any of which might irritate the vagus or phrenic nerves and set our diaphragms into spasm. By the way, the stimulation of the diaphragm forces the gulp of air, then the glottis immediately snaps closed on the top of the airway to produce the "hic."

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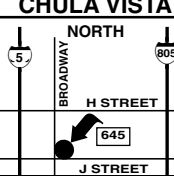
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By Patrick Daugherty

Detroit. Detroit. Detroit.

The Box would like to offer a big, "Welcome home," to the San Diego Chargers team who won last year's AFC West Division with a record of 12 and 4 and showed up Sunday to mercilessly humiliate the New England Patriots. Fellas, we've missed you.

I don't think it's an exaggeration to say San Diego was the best team in the NFL during Week 4. No other team played as well. The Bolts picked the right Sunday to get good, playing the reigning world champion on the reigning world champion's home field and winning by 24 points.

Pats head coach Bill Belichick said it best, "No doubt about it, San Diego is the better team.... They did a good job in every area. Better than we did. Pick out anything you want. They did a better job at everything."

The second half was murderous. The Chargers ripped 36 offensive plays for 243 yards; Pats managed 19 offensive plays for 61 yards. Chargers had the ball 21 minutes against 9 minutes for the Pats. Chargers scored 24 points in the second half; New England was shut out and had to walk home.

This brings the Chargers up to 2-2. Sunday's game will, as an unintended, but nevertheless unhappy consequence, inflate their point spread for the next month. This is sad. Still, it marked a welcome transformation from that blob we saw stumble around the playing field in Week 1 and Week 2. Saying that, it would be wise to keep in mind that Green Bay is 0-4, Washington is 3-0, Tampa Bay is 4-0, and — you better sit down for this one — the Cincinnati Bengals are 4-0.

It's clear the NFL has entered a new developmental phase. Good teams turn bad. Bad teams turn good. One wonders how to make sense of this. Well, wonder no longer, I have the answer. Want to know what's up with the Chargers? Get out your songbook, come over here and sing out:

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San Diego Chargers!
San Diego Super Chargers,
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Charge!*

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Lately, an odd, *unnatural* feeling has invaded the fleshy temple I call "Me." Since Sunday, my chakra has been churning up a new vision — one of hope, optimism, badminton games in the backyard, Sunday dinner with mom, children jumping in the neighborhood swimming pool, and gasoline at 75 cents a gallon. What I'm trying to say is, I keep seeing the Chargers in Super Bowl XL.

Only last month, my chakra felt like a pair of pants three sizes too small, although that's not quite right, I'm neglecting the added dimension of self-loathing and futility. Spend a lost weekend in Needles with an old girlfriend and you'll know what I mean. Or, to put it another way: NFL Week 1, Dallas 28, San Diego 24.

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San Diego Chargers!
Charge!*

There's our chart, matey. Hold the compass straight and true and, in due time, we will come ashore in Detroit. Detroit in February. That's a good thing.

NFL Week 4 stupid quotes:

Marvin Lewis, Cincinnati Bengals head coach, was asked to describe his team's performance after beating Houston 16 to 10. Lewis said, "We knew it was going to be a tough, physical football game."

Indianapolis head coach Tony Dungy. "Special-teams-wise, we did what we need to do to."

Miami head coach Nick Saban. "You are always really looking for the players to get the kind of intensity that you want back, in terms of what we need to do."

Arizona head coach and human disappointment Dennis Green. "I think we just feel better about playing a better game. That's really the key. We are glad we are playing better..."

San Francisco head coach Mike Nolan, after losing 31-14 to the pathetic Arizona Cardinals. "Our target has not changed. As far as it may sound fetched, when you look at it from a statistical measure, we are only one game out of first [place in the NFC West]."

The Vegas Line

NFL Week 5 (Home Team in CAPS)

<u>Favorite</u>	<u>Spread</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>	<u>Underdog</u>
CLEVELAND	3		35	Chicago
GREEN BAY	3		42	New Orleans
Tampa Bay	3 ½		31 ½	N.Y. JETS
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BUFFALO	2 ½		33	Miami
DETROIT	1 ½		33	Baltimore
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Philadelphia	3 ½		44	DALLAS
DENVER	7		34 ½	Washington
JACKSONVILLE	2 ½		37 ½	Cincinnati

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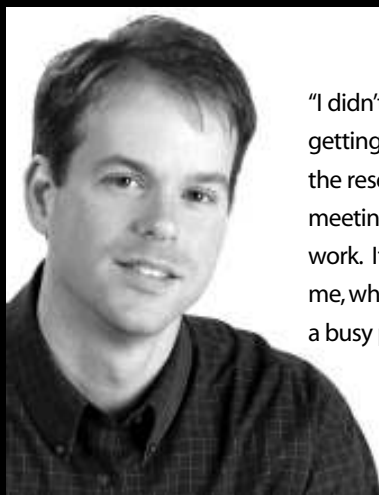
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Dress: casual

Diversity: n/a

Sunday worship: n/a

Length of reviewed service: 55 minutes

Website: www.ibcd.org

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked," begins the Psalms. George C. Scipione, director of the Institute for Biblical Counseling and Discipleship (IBCD), is an advocate for this verse. "Jesus set up the principle that a disciple will look more and more like the person who discipled him. Counseling is discipleship," said Scipione. "A non-Christian cannot point you to Christ. By definition, it's impossible. Non-Christians don't understand the gospel."

Scipione believes Christians should not participate in secular psychology and psychiatry. "Psychology is dangerous. The pupil [of a secular psychologist] will become an outright pagan, a New Ager. A lot of modern science is pagan philosophy plus proof text. The medical community has allowed more and more New Age principles into their practice. If you're going to get advice, there are things that pagans can do. These are things that are ethically acceptable and within the bounds of common grace and scripture." Scipione mentioned car mechanics and heart surgeons as types of professions from which Christians can seek non-Christian counsel. "But even financial advisors can offer advice that contradicts Biblical writings."

Scipione believes all counsel should be based on

scripture. He said he is in the minority among Christians to believe this. "Sanctification never comes in a pill. There are times when people do need to be on medication. These include when people have bizarre hallucinations or schizophrenia. But even if someone has a thyroid problem, which can cause depression, the thyroid needs to be treated, not the depression. Often, it is easier for the medical community to provide psychiatric drugs, rather than treat the real problem. Psychiatrists prescribe Prozac rather than administer \$5000 in tests to address the real issue."

Scipione emphasized that he does not dismiss the impact of depression or anxiety on people's lives. "People are real, with real problems. They need answers. If they don't get them from their church, they will go elsewhere," said Scipione. "People go to psychologists because their church doesn't believe in the gospel. Christians need to ask themselves, 'Is this a God-controlled universe? Do I have faith in the God of the Bible? Or is God an insurance policy?'"

"I know people will think I'm in a time warp, but this is the view of Scripture. This is the view from Genesis to the New Testament period, through the Reformation. It is the historical position of Bib-

lical Protestantism," said Scipione. "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Yes, there are new scientific advancements, but do people think God short-changed us with instruction on how to live? It is the liberals who will say [people like me] are in a time warp. They attack the interpretation of scripture and explain away clear Biblical instruction, like the instruction to have men as pastors or that homosexuality is a sin. They even explain away drunkenness as a sin, because they will say it is a disease. These traditions of men are contrary to scripture. [Liberal Christians] believe that the scriptures are naive and pre-scientific. They believe that man has so much knowledge now, that scripture isn't true."

Scipione said this liberalism has moved into mainline Evangelical churches. "Most churches are man-centered in their theology, so they will have man-centered solutions." Scipione said psychology "crept into the church in the early 1900s, when the church bought into a secular sales pitch. This was ignorance. Christians now take courses at universities, thinking these are neutral subjects. [Christians] have been convinced that the Bible can't change the

soul. Evangelical churches today have a secular anthropological view of man. The evangelical church is replacing scripture with social scientists.

"Evangelical churches don't believe the Bible is infallible and the inherent word of God. Mainline Evangelical institutions like Intervarsity and Willow Creek have brought in [secular] modernism and egalitarianism into the church. James Dobson is well meaning, but he integrates psychology with Christianity in ways that demonstrate he doesn't understand the theological issues." Scipione believes the integration of psychology and Christianity is an epidemic in the Christian community. "Most Christian counselors are syncretists. They are like South American Catholics who worship and pray to the saints to replace their local deities. This is the same compromise that Israel made when they brought pagan practices into their worship of God at Mount Sinai. Syncretism brings

heresy into the church.

"Another challenge is that pastors are so into church growth that they want to get people saved and into a Bible study, but they don't think they should spend time to counsel them," added Scipione. "If counseling is discipleship, a pastor who thinks this is saying, 'I'm not going to do the job God gave me.' Pastors no longer shepherd their flocks. Pastors need to step back and reevaluate their use of secular counseling. They need to wrestle with the Bible."

Scipione said IBCD was established to return to the belief that the Bible is sufficient to counsel people. "My passion is that, apart from physiological problems, which need the best medicine available, the church deals with every other problem using Scripture. I want the church to believe that God's ways are superior to man's ways. I am here to convince churches of that and train pastors on how to counsel." To accomplish these goals, IBCD provides counsel to patients at no charge and offers church leaders courses on how to counsel.

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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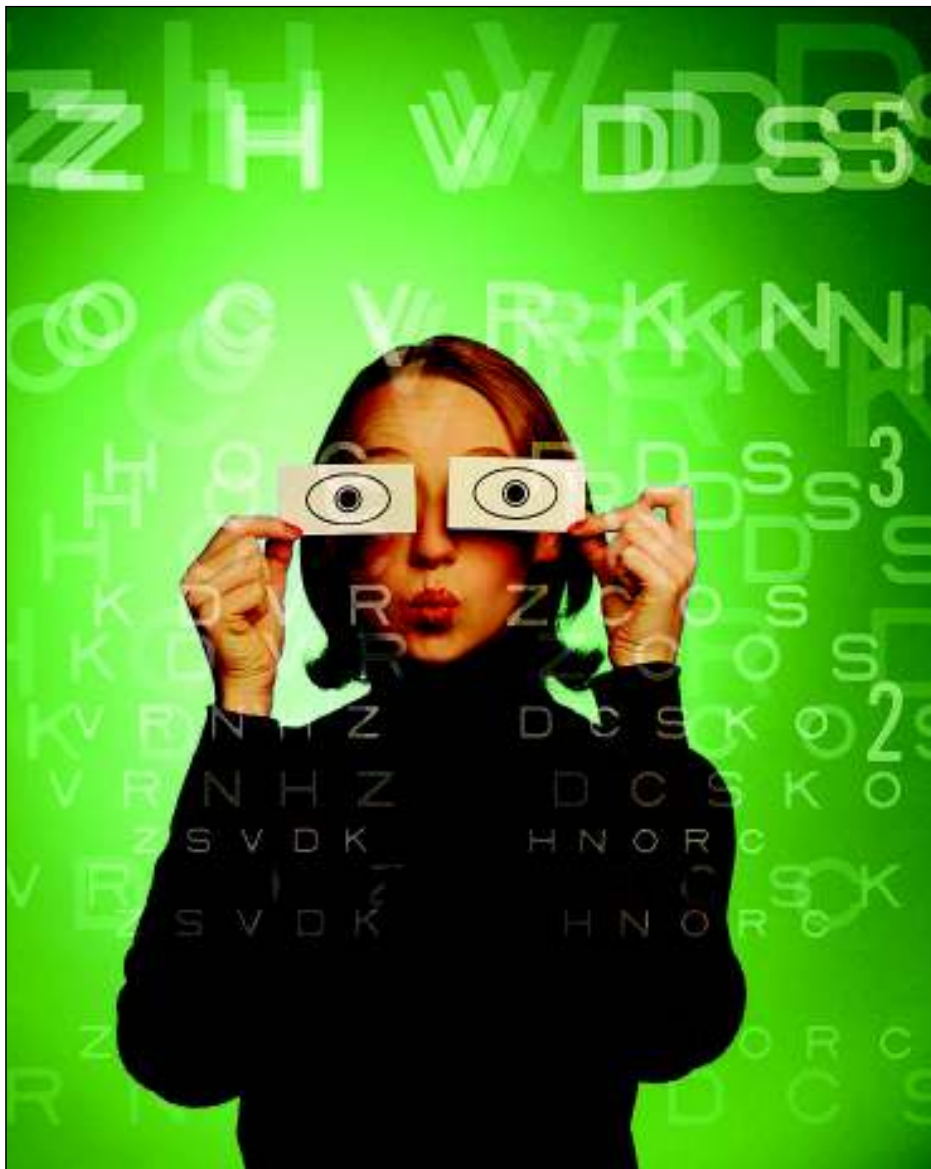
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Dear Saffron,

Our housekeeper Dawn has broken at least one thing every day that she's cleaned our house, which is once a week for five years. The math on that is over 250 objects such as clocks, electric pencil sharpeners, chairs, windows, vases (all things glass), even our television and radio. I'm not joking — some things are just cracked, but most things are completely ruined. In all seriousness, there's barely anything left in the house. It's a shell of its former self: just a few chairs to sit on and a table and a bare bulb hanging from the ceiling. The light fixture came crashing down yesterday (I suppose we're lucky she hasn't sued us). So I say to my wife, "Wife, darling, that Dawn is majorly clumsy," and she says, "I love Dawn. She makes my life much better. It took me so long to find a cleaning lady that really cleans and is nice to deal with and trustworthy. I'm sorry, but we're not getting rid of her." And I say, "Can't we tell Dawn to ease up on the muscle or slow down a bit?" And she says, "You make me laugh, that's why I love you" and kisses me and walks away. Our problem remains, so I say, "Sure, a layer of grime is removed from the mantel, but what about the busted Sony?" What's up with women and their loyalty and their need to apologize for each other?

PICKING UP THE PIECES IN DEL MAR

Dear Picking,

Since women are often saddled with the lion's share of household drudgery they may feel wildly grateful for any help they can get, hired or otherwise, and stand ready to defend that help. Maybe your wife believes that because this gripe about the housekeeper's clumsiness is yours, it's your responsibility to take it up with Dawn. I don't see anything wrong with sitting down with her (with or without your wife's participation) and having a good-humored chat: "Dawn, we think the world of you and have no intention of firing you. We love how clean you leave the house. But we wonder why you end up breaking so many household items. Accidents happen, but a large number of our possessions have bit the dust while being dusted. What's the problem? Can you try to be a little more careful? Are you working too fast? We don't want you to get hurt, and it would be nice if you didn't leave a trail of broken objects in your wake."

Dear Saffron,

Here's a simple question: What's the difference between a "friend" and a "fair-weather friend"? I've been called both, and I want to know what it means when someone calls me one or the other.

CURIOUS IN NORMAL HEIGHTS

Dear Curious,

I think you probably know what a friend is. The dictionary defines "fair-weather friend" as "not good in a crisis." This label expresses a complaint about a pal who is only there for the good times. You call a person a fair-weather friend if they don't stick by you when things get tough. If skies are blue and life is sunny, such a friend is right by your side, but when life's weather gets stormy, and one really needs friends, the fair-weather variety doesn't help or support you and often disappears. Whoever said this to you is upset and feels you let them down. If it's a relationship you care about, you might want to ask the person who's making this charge to explain what he or she means so you two can talk it over.

Dear Saffron,

In reference to a letter that appeared previously in your column: the depressed woman with the scary breast cancer question needs to get to the secondary doctor right away, but not just for treatment. Since doctors began looking for lumps aggressively, they've found many — and most of them aren't cancer. I've been to secondaries three times since 1999, and many of my friends can tell you the same story. It usually isn't cancer, just a fibroid or fatty lump. The first round is terrifying, but after that you calm down. Odds are very good that there's good news, not bad, waiting for her, and it sure sounds like she could use some.

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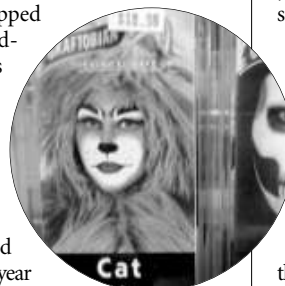
My family's costume shows were renowned in my small hometown. The neighbors would call our house Halloween morning to make sure my family would show up on their steps trick-or-treating. Every year we had a different theme, and there was always singing and a mini-show in our productions. One year my sisters and I had fat red Christmas bows on our heads and a wrapped box around our mid-dles. My brother was shrouded in ever-greens, and walked the neighborhood singing "O Christmas Tree." We had a sugarplum fairy, a Father Christmas, and a snowman. Another year we were a walking *Fiddler on the Roof* spectacle, complete with a fiddler. We were *The Lawrence Welk Show*, with Bobby and Sissy dancing, a lady dressed up as a Geritol bottle, and someone blowing bubbles above our heads. My favorite was the year we did Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. My father was Snow White. Halloween was a big deal.

With my own kids, we've been a bit more subdued. No themes, no productions. But this year, I'm hosting a costume party and dressing as Marie Antoinette. I have a bet with my friend Bernice, who will be Queen Elizabeth I, as to who will win best costume. So I need some serious costume makeup.

In all my running around town, I've driven by Gypsy Treasure Costumes in La Mesa probably 500 times. "We supply a lot of local actors and actresses in theatre and television," explained owner Robin Melancon, "so we carry a large line of different makeups. There's theatre makeup and face-painting supplies, which are two different products. The face paint is a water-base product; the theatre makeup is a cream base. For face painting a child, definitely use the water base because it is simple; the parent can remove the paint easily with soap and water. Professional cream-based makeup, which they use in movies, will last all day, and it's usually removed with makeup remover."

Is the professional makeup thicker? "The makeup industry has come such a long way," Melancon replied. "Back in the '30s, makeup was thick, and actors and actresses used to hate to put all that makeup on. But now the professional cream makeup is so thin and the coverage is excellent. That makeup is used for glamour shots, and we also have people that come in to buy it for everyday use."

Melancon has put the products to a test. "Some of our face painters were questioning the difference between the cheaper paints and our paints, so we did a comparison test for them. We bought some of the cheaper makeup and brought it into the store and did a demonstration. On one side of the face we used the cheaper makeup and on the other half, the professional makeup. We did it in the face-painting paint, and we also did it with the theatrical, cream-based paint. What happened was within a half hour, the skin tone comes through



We were The Lawrence Welk Show, with Bobby and Sissy dancing, a lady dressed up as a Geritol bottle, and someone blowing bubbles above our heads.

the color on the cheap makeup. If you want your face to look good, you definitely want to stay with a professional brand."

Now old Eve is not a painted lady — eye shadow, lipstick, done. I'm not sure I can apply a lot of professional makeup and have it look good. "People always say that," Melancon said. "They always say, 'Oh that is too hard for me to do.' It's not; anybody can do it. The colors are applied by sponges and brushes. And it's important to use a sable bristle brush. If you don't, you will have bristles coming off the brush onto your face and then the paint will smear as you get the bristles off." Brushes run from **\$2.49** up to **\$6.98**.

For the truly hopeless, professional help is available. "Every year we call in a professional makeup artist," Melancon continued, "and he does booking all through October, and he's done some fantastic things with prosthetics and makeup. I have seen him take a really pretty girl and turn her into an awful-looking witch." This makeup was sounding like just the product for my costume. Time to talk brands. "In the foundations for theatre, television, and glamour shots, we carry Ben Nye [cream foundations, **\$6.98**; pressed eye colors, **\$5.98** each]. In the water-based products, we carry Kryolan, Mehron, Ben Nye, and Snazaroo. The professional brands have a wider selection of colors," she said. "In the water-based makeup, you're limited to about 100 different colors."

She pointed out some of her best sellers. "Kryolan Face Paint [a one-inch circular container of paint for **\$5.49**] is our biggest seller in the face painting products. Snazaroo Professional Waterbased Face & Body [**\$7.98** for 18 ml] is a second big seller. Their metallic colors [**\$9.98**] go on very dark and vivid," she remarked, smearing her hand in silver sparkle. "Mehron's Starblend Cake Makeup [**\$7.98**] is another favorite," she continued. "Just wet a brush and paint." With a brilliant sky blue, she painted another part of her hand. "These Ben Nye Magicolor Liquid Paints [**\$3.98** for one ounce] are very popular as well — brilliant color and the container comes with a little brush."

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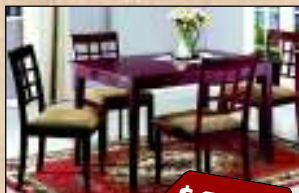
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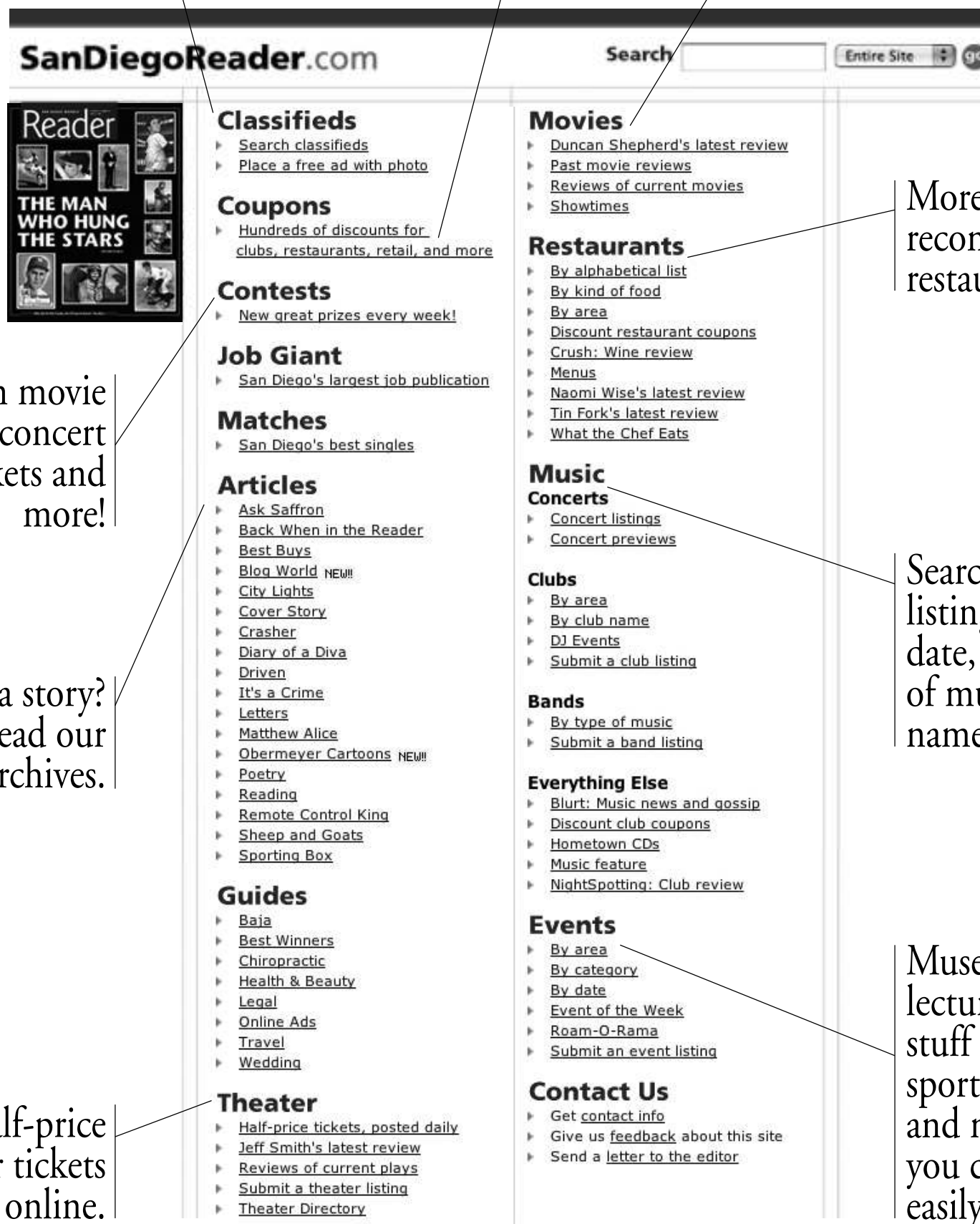


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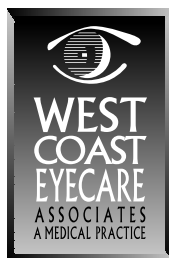
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Thirty Years Ago

Hillcrest to the airport. "This is one not too many people know about. You go to the far west end of Robinson and turn left on Curlew; it goes down to Reynard which goes right into Laurel, then to Harbor. We take a lot down to the Barbary Coast from the Brass Rail that way. Gays."

Parkway Bowl to downtown. "Let's say you're going to the El Cortez Hotel. Which is the shortest way?... It's taking Johnson Street to Highway 8 and 8 to 163. Going by 94 is shorter distance-wise, but it takes a longer time — you lose when you get to downtown."

Getting across downtown east and west. "C, B, A and Ash Streets are pretty good most times of the day. But during the rush hours, that traffic control computer screws things up and the lights get all out of sequence. Then you're best to take F Street west and G Street east. The lights on F Street are almost never goofed up by the computer."

—**"SHORTCUTS: CONVERSATIONS WITH A CABBIE,"**
Ray Lilly, October 9, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Isabel doesn't remember exactly when she began to sell flowers. She says she believes she has been doing it for about six or seven years, which means she's been working almost all her life; she is eight. The experience has produced a sharp, fast-working girl. She has an eye for clients, and while she collects the money from one, she already knows who to approach next.

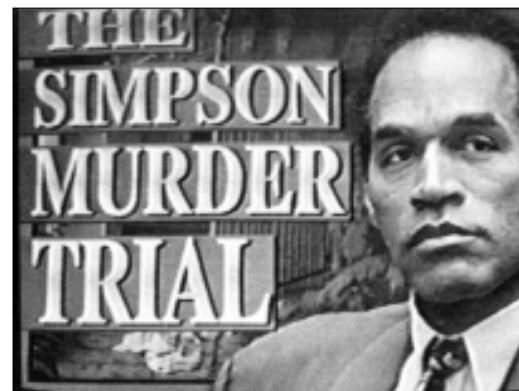
—**"FROM 5 TO 9,"** Maria Schnabel,
October 9, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

Tony Hawk was preparing for the September 28 Little Rock Pro-Am Challenge, one of the nation's most prestigious skateboarding contests, when the Del Mar Skateboard Ranch shut down. With no local skateboard course which to practice, the 17-year-old Hawk saw his chances for glory at Little Rock slipping away.

Rex Kay, ten-year-old heir to the Kaypro computer business, is one of San Diego's rising skateboard stars. Rex's mother, Nancy, says she's working with Kaypro attorneys to set aside a plot of land at the company's Solana Beach property for use as a skateboard park.

The park would be administered by Tony Hawk's father, Frank, who plans to charter a Boy Scout Explorer Post that



San Diego Reader, October 5, 1995

specializes in skateboarding.

—**CITY LIGHTS: "YOU CAN'T HEAR THE WHEELS TURNING,"** Paul Krueger, October 10, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Who knows when the '60s ended? Maybe it was a few months ago when Timothy Leary's drug-addicted daughter hanged herself in a jail cell. Or Altamont. Or 1985 in a UCSD library elevator, where two litesome coeds groaned about having to finish a term paper on Allen Ginsberg before going to a sorority party.

—**"SIXTIES FLICK,"** Colin Flaherty,
October 11, 1990

Ten Years Ago

The Simpson trial, chromatically speaking, was a joke. It became a game, Dr. Seuss-ish and, chess-wise, oversimplifiedly moronic. A double murder was committed on June 12, 1994, about 10:10 p.m., a heinous crime, and an \$8 million trial has ensued that, while complex in terms of DNA tests and blood samples, has been reduced simply to the matter of race. Who murdered Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman seems to be irrelevant. A practical joke, the black and white issue, has replaced it, and we've fallen for it.

—**CITY LIGHTS: "O.J.'S POST MORTEM,"**
Alexander Theroux, October 5, 1995

Five Years Ago

Packer suggested that it was Adlai Stevenson more than Alger Hiss who, for his parents, was the "one who was martyred" by the rise of the conservative movement. "And Nixon," he said, "because of what he did to Stevenson and others, was my father's most hated enemy. My generation hated Reagan, but not with the same intensity that my parents' generation hated Nixon."

—**READING: "BLOOD OF THE LIBERALS,"**
Judith Moore, October 5, 2000

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DANCING BIKE

by Josh Board

I got invited to a biker party and imagined characters from the Clint Eastwood movies that I grew up watching — fat bellies, black widow tattoos, facial hair.

As I approached the party in Imperial Beach, motorcycles buzzed by as if they were bumble bees gathering around a hive.

Most of the crowd was African-American. I saw two bikers who had the look I imagined, except the tattoos were of a skull and a bottle of whiskey.

Though it was intimidating to see the various group names stitched to their leather vests — Four Horsemen, Hawg Riders, Wicked, Total Chaos, Flaming Knights, and Wolf Pack — the bikers had their families at the party and welcoming smiles on their faces.

A few guys remained seated on their bikes in the street. I asked one about motorcycles in the African-American culture. “Man, we’ve always been into bikes. You’ve seen too many movies. And you only hear about blacks on bikes when they crash. Wesley Snipes had that accident years ago, and Kellen Winslow Jr. [the NFL player from Scripps Ranch] when he got hurt on



one...”

I talked to Lloyd “Napsta” Austin, the president of the Twisted Motorcycle Club and chairman of the Southern California Motorcycle Association’s San Diego chapter. “We’re diverse. We are made up of males, females, Marines, doctors, lawyers, and various races. People think we’re thugs and gangsters, but we’re not. We’re a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the

“If your jaw hits the street at 65, that’s a bad damn day.”

biker image.”

I asked him about his crew. “Twisted MC started in early 2003 by a group that met in Popeye’s parking lot on Euclid and Federal for Sunday rides.”



Other groups have been around longer. Black Sabbath (not the band) has been in San Diego for 30 years. There’s also an all-women bike club called Hurricane Biker Girls that someone told me has

been around for a while.

There were bikers at the party from Los Angeles and Riverside and two groups (Coast 2 Coast and Goodytymes) from Oceanside.

I saw one guy speeding

down the street and then riding with his front wheel in the air. I asked Austin about safety. “Bikes can be extremely dangerous. Got to keep it real. Some people in cars jerk the steering wheel toward me and start laughing. People also try to squeeze you out and keep you from passing. They’re mad because they’re stuck in that parking lot we call the freeway. They need to keep in mind that when you pick your ride, you choose your stride. I choose to go without a roof, wind protection, radio, comfortable seats, cell phones, and climate con-

trol. And I don’t have to sit through traffic. Those on four wheels should chill.”

Austin admitted that sometimes it’s the biker’s fault. Many don’t take classes, or they may have bought a bike that’s too advanced for their riding skills.

I listened as bikers told their horror stories about cars that didn’t see them. Austin tells me that sometimes bikers get too focused on a wall or guardrail and then they end up making mistakes. “Recently I was going 94 east to 15 south and an inexperienced rider ran straight into a guardrail, body rolling into traffic and hitting another on a motorcycle. Others tried to avoid the ‘dancing bike.’ Everyone was okay.”

Austin told me that when he was in the military, he hit a curb on base and ended up in the bushes.

I ask him about his bike and his nickname. “I’ve been into motorcycles for six years. I have a Honda CBR 1000 RR with Repsol paint scheme. ‘Napsta’ is one who has a condition characterized by frequent and brief bouts of napping. I work and go to school full-time, so I have been known to nap, even at loud parties.”

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I asked Napsta if he had ever had a bike stolen, and he laughed. "I've had three bikes stolen. I think the crotch rockets [sport bikes] are easy pickings. Harleys weigh over 700 pounds. Sport bikes weigh 400 pounds, and a few guys pick up a bike and throw it in a van or truck and drive off. Sometimes it's done in broad daylight. I had one bike stolen at San Diego City College. The police said it was the third bike stolen from that lot in the three weeks since school started."

When one guy rolled up on a Harley, I asked him why they were so loud. "This isn't loud," he said. "Did it sound any louder to you than the other bikes?" He didn't seem friendly, so I didn't ask him further questions on the subject. I went back to Austin, who told me, "When a motorcycle is stock, it's quiet. Even Harleys. A lot of riders change out the exhaust pipes for more power, a better sound, and to be heard. When some car hits or cuts you off, they say they didn't see you. Colorful vests don't provide the answer. Drivers are sometimes startled by the noise, but sometimes it helps them hear you. Some bikes are over 130 decibels, which is way too loud [a jet is 120 dB during take-off]."

One couple walked in holding hands. Both wore biker vests. They told me that they have more in common than just motorcycles. "But we do enjoy riding together."

I asked if the cops hassle them, and the guy

said, "Not unless you are doing something stupid."

I asked the couple what they think of the helmet law, and they disagree. She thinks it's a good idea, and he said, "Nobody should be telling you what to wear when you ride, whether that's a seat belt in a car or a helmet on a motorcycle."

Austin says, "I support the helmet law 100 percent. You should wear a full-face helmet. If your jaw hits the street at 65, that's a bad damn day."

I ask him if he's been in any serious accidents.

"The second bike I had was a Honda that I wrecked. I was down for four months with a broken arm and foot. I had road rash, too. Jeans don't hold up at freeway speeds."

I talked to one couple who had similar bikes. I asked them, "Would the relationship work if you had different bikes?" They said, "Probably. Since we are a mixed marriage, people usually ask if that works. I say, 'Mixed marriages do work. And so do mixed drinks.'"

A few guys were making fun of each other's bikes, but it was in good spirits. I asked Austin about the friendly ribbing, and he said, "My first bike was a Suzuki Katana. Someone called that a 'Can-a-tuna.'"

I overheard Austin talking about chicken strips, and I became Homer Simpson: "Mmmm...chicken strips and tuna." Turns out a chicken strip is a portion of the bike tire that is unused because the rider is too chicken to lean the bike into turns.

As I was leaving, somebody offered to let me try out his bike. I declined. Didn't want to change the meaning of "Crasher."

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by Barbarella

Late People Suck

The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.

— Franklin P. Jones

This is unfuckingbelievable. Who shows up to a dinner party an hour late?" I had been making an effort to remain cool regardless of our dinner companion's tardiness, but could not physically contain my outrage for one more second. "I mean...I mean...who does that? I'm actually worried. She must have gotten in a car accident. In fact, she better have gotten in an accident, because at this point that is

the only excusable thing I can think of. Uh, excuse me?" I waved at the suited man behind the bar and pointed to my glass, empty but for a small umbrella, a slice of pineapple, and the frothy residue of the chi chi I had downed in exasperation. "Could I please have another one of these?"

"It's cool," said Lucy, placing her hand on my arm. "She's Latin, you know. Being late is a cultural thing."

"No, it's not cool," I said. "It's selfish. If she showed up

an hour late for work, she'd be fired." The restaurant would not seat us until our entire party was present. I was tempted to tell them we were one short so we could get on with the fun, but it wasn't my party, and therefore not my right. By the time our straggling friend showed her face, I had worked myself into such a tizzy that I could not make eye contact with her for fear that I'd explode.

Friends have called me uptight. "Loosen up, Barb," they say, "it's *just* a party," or "*just* a show," or "*just* whatever." Sometimes they're right. If someone tells me a party starts at 7 p.m., like a dork, I'll arrive right on time — when the host or hostess is still scrambling to put food on the table or light the candles. I have learned, through one awkward situation after another, that when a

party is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., guests are not expected until 7:30 p.m. It has taken me a while to understand this, since my parties begin at their appointed hour. Recently, I scheduled a soiree for 4 p.m. At 3:45 I had everything ready and held my phone in anticipation of my first guest — who didn't arrive until 4:30.

Though I'm trying to be more laid back about time, I still find that I am eager to reach events long before my friends. This is why I insist on meeting at the event, and not at another location ahead of time. Meeting ahead of time triggers my anxiety. If I have it in my head that I have to be someplace at a certain time, chances are that those who are meeting me "ahead of time" will have a more relaxed position than I do. When they are late, and they are *always* late, my heart rate quickens and my mood worsens.

David, poor David, has given up trying to talk me out of my frequent bouts because he has learned that accommodating my time requirements is more realistic than trying to change them. Case in point: one recent night David asked me, "What time do you want to *leave*?" We were heading to the Movable Urban Mix being held at the Airport Lounge for yuppie net-workers like myself. David knew not to ask me what time it started — it didn't matter. What mattered was the arrival time my mind had locked onto. David also refrained from asking what time I wanted to *get there* — even if it was 5 minutes away, I might want to allot 15 extra minutes for parking. According to plan, we entered the lounge at 5:30 p.m., our friend

Nathan joined us by 6:30 p.m., and the place did not become packed until 8 p.m. Seated with my drink, I was content to observe the late arrivals.

I am no hypocrite when it comes to time — I don't want people to waste my time by being late, and I would not want to waste their time by insisting they be early. For example, when going to see a movie, I usually have to arrive an hour and a half early (more than two if it's a new release). To spare my friends the boredom of waiting in the lobby (which for me is a welcome time to analyze others and let my mind wander), I always offer to go ahead and save their seats.

I don't expect people to be early, but I do expect them to be punctual. I believe that one's punctuality directly relates to one's respect for others. If I have plans to meet you and you are more than 20 minutes late without having phoned ahead to notify me (with special dispensation for the two people in San Diego who don't own a cell phone), I know five things: (1) You are self-centered; (2) You have no respect for my time; (3) You harbor a victim complex; (4) You are a poor planner; (5) You will not be given the opportunity to waste my time again.

By "victim complex," I mean you have no control in your life — you are the type who, rather than take accountability for numbers 1, 2, and 4, will blame outside forces like bad traffic, faulty alarm clocks, and unexpected interruptions, like a phone call from your mother or a run-in with an old friend.

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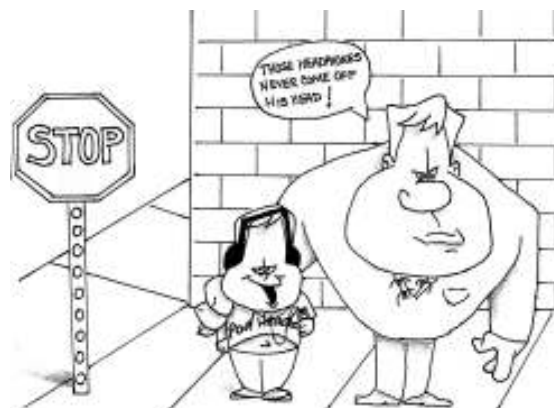
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whether it's meeting a friend for coffee or appearing on TV as Oprah's guest, I am early. Out of respect, I assume the other person's time is more valuable than my own. I would rather spend 20 minutes of my time waiting and assure my punctuality than presume, consciously or subconsciously, that I am somehow more important and therefore more worthy of being waited upon.

"Come on, Barb," you may say, "20 minutes? What's 20 minutes in the grand scheme of things?" But you will have proven my point with your question. To me, 20 minutes is enough time to communicate through your actions one of two things: either you give a shit about other people or you don't.

Tonight, David and I will celebrate our anniversary — three years of adventures and laughter, three years of mutual respect and adoration. We have reservations at Trattoria Acqua in La Jolla. Selecting the right outfit, applying makeup, and doing my hair are things that should not be rushed. Our reservations are for 6 p.m. I've already told David we're leaving at 5 p.m., just four hours from now (parking in La Jolla is a nightmare, and there's nothing wrong with an *aperitif* to whet our appetites). It's time for me to hop in the shower so that I will be prepared to step out the door with David, whom I know will be ready and waiting. ■

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WHAT IS Mission Valley's Future?



Over the past 50 years, Mission Valley, once home to dairy farms and truck gardens, has grown into one of the most developed and congested parts of the city. The commercial direction of the valley began in 1961, when May Company built the Mission Valley Shopping Center in the floodplain of the San Diego River. A few years later, banker C. Arnholt Smith bulldozed his minor-league ballpark just west of U.S. Highway 395 (now SR 163) and teamed up with Ernie Hahn to build Fashion Valley in the floodplain. In 1974, Jim Copley's *Union-Tribune* opened its headquarters 300 yards from the river, destroying a large swath of wetlands.

As building accelerated, citizens occasionally tried to slow it, to preserve diminishing open

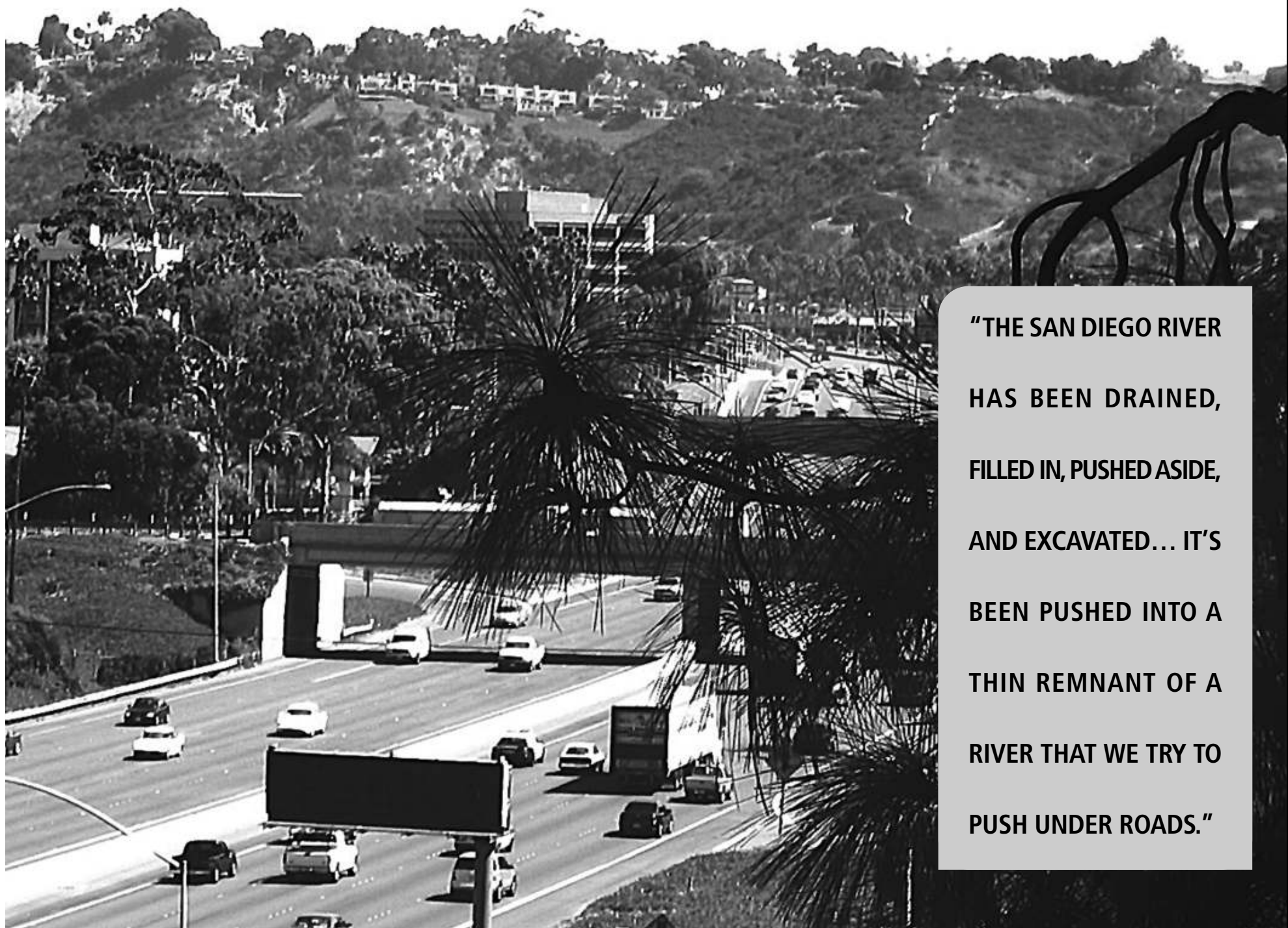
space and protect wildlife habitat along the river. But city hall, influenced by the Mission Valley development lobby, channeled the river behind riprap levees to better enable construction. Today, the residents of thousands of new condominiums have increased the valley's congestion. A billion-dollar-plus federally funded trolley line has made only a dent in the traffic.

Next year, San Diegans will be given a vote on the valley's future. A ballot measure sponsored by Stockton developer Alex Spanos would turn over 60 acres to him, his family, and his Chargers football team. Billed by supporters such as the *Union-Tribune* as a way for the city to acquire a "free" football stadium, the plan would allow Spanos and as-yet-unnamed development partners to build several thousand condo units

and a shopping mall on the site of Qualcomm Stadium and its parking lot.

The *Union-Tribune* has already begun its campaign on behalf of the development.

"San Diego, a charter member in the Dumbing Down of America Association (DDOAA), is not certain it wants to grow up," wrote sports columnist Nick Canepa this past September 17. "Why did the Padres want a new ballpark? Why do the Chargers want a new stadium, because Qualcomm is the Waldorf Astoria? Their argument always has been that the place is a dinosaur with three bad feet and the fourth on a banana peel." In June, he wrote: "Sixty acres of land, property on which the city annually loses millions, is what stands in the way of San Diego losing the Chargers and eventually San Diego State



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"The project calls for a \$450 million stadium, a park, 6,000 condo units, a hotel and business space. Some worry about Mission Valley already being too crowded (although City Hallians didn't seem concerned about it until this popped up). But, if this isn't done, what will happen to those 166 acres? They'll be developed, naturally. Qualcomm Stadium eventually is going to be blown to bits, if it doesn't collapse on its own, no matter what the myopics believe."

But as the Chargers initiative draws nearer, other voices have been raised. One of the loudest belongs to Lynn Mulholland, an airline employee who lives in a condo not far from the stadium. She is one of the few members of the city's official

community planning group for Mission Valley who lives in the valley. She's also vice president of the Mission Valley Community Council. During a recent interview, she explained why she is a fierce critic of the Mission Valley vision set forth by the *Union-Tribune* and its developer allies.

Q. What's your background?

I've lived in San Diego since '75, and during that time, progressively, I've just wondered, "How can the city allow what little remains of the open space to be destroyed?" I think the real — the most devastating thing I noticed in particular was, as you go on Friars Road east, past the stadium to Mission Gorge Road, you cross over the San Diego River. And as you go east, on the right-hand side there used to be a lot of tule there and

marsh on the east side of the river, and you could see ducks going in and out. I used to drive down there every day, and one day there was soil all over there. The tule was totally destroyed. And I wondered, "How could they do that?"

The San Diego River has been drained, filled in, pushed aside, and excavated. It was once frequented by numerous fauna, and it's been pushed into a thin remnant of a river that we try to push under roads. The assault has been massive, and I think we really need to reconsider what we're doing, and we want the city council to wake up and listen to the people, because they're not.

Now, recently the trolley was extended to go out to State. And it went just south of the Mission Playmor condominium complex. That was a sanctuary for birds. It was magnificent. They bull-

dozed right through it. I called the project manager and said, "Aren't you even at least supposed to have a mitigation area?" And he said, "Oh yeah, we do it in Santee." "Santee? How do you know they're going to fly out there?" And he didn't say anything. I said, "Well, is it ready?" He said, "It'll be ready in three years." That was his answer: "It'll be ready in three years."

Since 1985, when they came up with the Mission Valley Community Plan, which calls for some open space, they have added over 10,000 residential units, hundreds of businesses, miles of roads, and not one square millimeter of park. Not one fire station. An emergency vehicle, whether it is a fire truck or an ambulance or law enforcement, cannot get down Friars Road because it's so congested. Now that's true also for Interstate 8. And



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Qualcomm Stadium

you read all these things in the city about "We love the open spaces. We'll ensure sustainability." Nothing could be further from the truth in practice.

Around '92 I saw a notice about some community group — the Mission Valley Community Council — so I went to the meeting and I just kept going to these

meetings. Then I heard that there was a Mission Valley Unified Planning Group that actually made recommendations to the city council, so I started going to those meetings.

Then I became a member probably around '95, something like that, '95, '96. I sat in on those meetings and I kept listening and I kept

asking, "The traffic is so bad — why encourage or recommend construction of another 3000 or 4000 units?" And the answer I always got was, "The city council says it's okay, it's acceptable. The traffic levels aren't going to be adversely affected."

Of course, we know that's not true. For every thousand units, it adversely impacts con-

gestion. And then they say, "It's already accepted on the books, and it's private property."

Now, Valerie Stallings was our councilmember at that time, and that was Valerie Stallings's stock answer: that it's private property, it's already been approved by the city council. So then Valerie resigned and there was

another election and someone passed around that Donna Frye was running. And then she agreed to run. She has no ties to the corporate world.

This Mission Valley Unified Planning Group was formed by certain individuals who went to the city council and said they wanted to be an advocate for Mission Valley, and the city council approved it and I guess they set up their rules and regulations.

They were all business interests. So it became very embarrassing, and finally the city said in the early '90s, "You have to get some residents on there, some people who live in Mission Valley." And so that's when I started going to these meetings, and it took several months before I was voted on as a member.

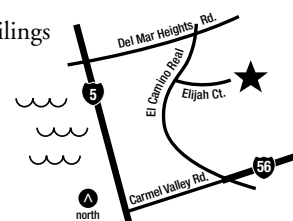
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ley. The problem that most people have is, when you work 40 hours a week, after you fill up the car with gas and buy groceries and cook and clean and do the laundry and everything, you really don't have much time for yourself. So after working eight hours a day, you don't want to go to a meeting. If you're lucky enough to have a day off during the week, you might be able to go to some of these evening meetings.

The unified planning group meets on Wednesday at noon in Mission Valley. Most people work Monday through Friday, basically somewhere between 8:00 and 5:30. If they're lucky they can combine their breaks and half-hour lunch for an hour, but the meetings last one and a half hours, sometimes two hours.

Q. Where is the meeting conducted?

In the library in



Quarry in Mission Valley

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Mission Valley. And the people who attend are employees of corporations. Now, ostensibly they volunteer to go to these meetings. But they all seem to go to lunch after the meeting.

Q. Can we name some of the corporations?

Courtesy Chevrolet. Delawie, Wilkes, Rodrigues, Barker.

They're architects. Sudberry Properties. Vantile, LLC. Alta Company, LLC. PM Realty Group. Commonwealth Land Title Company. Atlas Hotels, that's a big one. That's a real big one.

FSDRIP stands for First San Diego River Improvement Project. There was a big controversy, I guess, in the late

'70s, early '80s, about dealing with the river. The developers said, "This land is so valuable, we don't want it underwater." And people who wanted to appreciate it and acknowledge its inherent value said, "We want to ensure some sustainability." Somewhat of a compromise was FSDRIP, which has a

buffer, a vegetated buffer. Now that's supposed to be a habitat for various ambulatory and airborne beings.

The project is basically between 163 and 805. Now, west of 163 the river sort of gets really reduced. The city council allowed Fashion Valley to build that [new] parking lot in the

riverbed. And I remember asking them at a meeting, why are they destroying the riverbed? And their answer was, "When it floods, it won't hurt anybody because we won't let anyone park there."

We have a lot of homeless people that sort of take up residence along the river. Now these people are disenfranchised in many ways. The planning group talks about how we have to route the homeless out of the vegetation. They want to cut down the vegetation along the river because of the homeless. They're using the homeless as an excuse to strip the land of vegetation.

Often members of the unified planning group want to further disenfranchise what remains of our open space, citing the homeless as the reason. It is shameful that the disenfranchised are an excuse

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The obsession with development, evidenced by the density of condos/apartments/businesses and wretched road congestion, is insatiable. In biological terms, such a concentration of interests, such a small pool, is incestuous.

Q. What are some of the big projects currently pending that are a threat to the environment of Mission Valley and why?

A. There are three. One is the Quarry Falls development, north of Friars Road. It's bounded by Friars Road, Mission Center Road, and 805. The northern boundary is the southern boundary of Serra Mesa.

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Q. And the second project?

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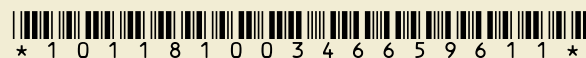
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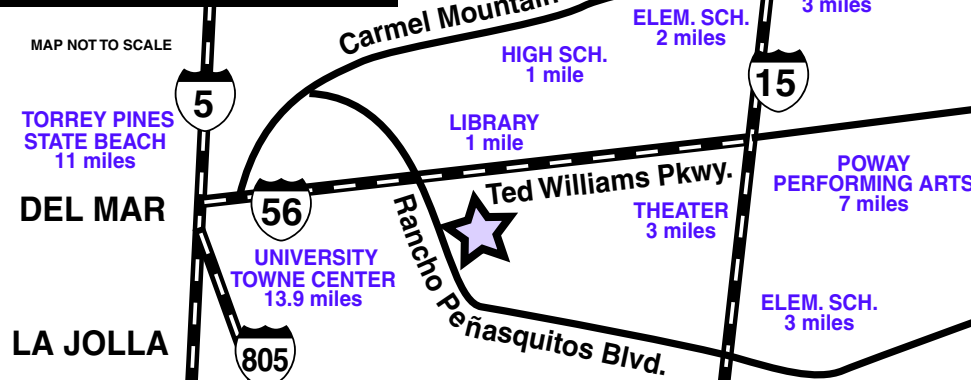
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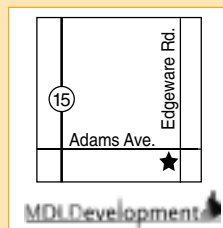
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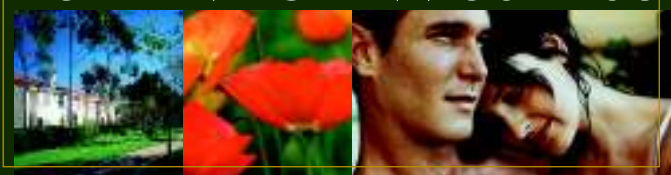


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WHAT IS Mission Valley's Future?

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of having thousands of condos built on that golf course next to them.

The ironic thing is that John Wilhoit, who represents the planning department at the unified planning group meetings, has said the rationale for adding more condos and residences to Mission Valley is that if people live here already, then they don't have to drive here, so the traffic will decrease. If that were true, Friars Road would be empty. So that rationale does not really stand up.

Q. What's the third project?

The Chargers are proposing a bigger stadium, 6000 condos, and

support businesses — restaurants, department stores, grocery stores, cleaners, jewelry stores, everything.

That is in a floodplain. Now they want to put more tons of concrete in there and residential units. It's irrational.

In surveys of residents in Serra Mesa and in Mission Valley, respectively, 61 percent and 73 percent of the people are opposed to the Chargers proposal. Over 87 percent of the people in both communities chose one of three [options] that acknowledge the terrain: the river park, the regional park, and the open space.

Q. Is there any form of development on that site that you think people would support, or should

it just be a park?

Not in response to the survey we did of residents in Mission Valley. People were given a choice of housing and retail, housing only, and a cultural center. And over 87 percent of people chose a park.

"MY BELIEF IS THAT THE RESIDENTS ARE NOT GETTING HEARD BY THE CITY. THE CITY IS TURNING A DEAF EAR."

Q. Which option do you favor?

I would like to see it a regional park, because it is a floodplain. As you go farther north towards Friars, there could be a

30-, maybe 50-acre park for people, with lawn, trees, and shrubs.

Even though the community plan calls for a park in Mission Valley, since that community plan in '85 was approved by the city council, the unified planning group

one park.

Q. Do you see any need to build another stadium for the Chargers 'cause they're threatening to leave and a fair number of people seem worried about that?

I don't think there's a fair number of people that are worried about it. We live in a community where far more people participate than watch. We have far more participants than spectators. Every day people walk, jog, run, bicycle, swim. They don't want to sit and watch someone for four hours.

Q. You and others don't feel a need to try to accommodate them in some way, in terms of finding them another location?

We wanted to relocate it.

Q. Relocate it off the present site?

Yeah. The first suggestion? Los Angeles. The second suggestion was downtown near the ballpark.

But also, please remember in our survey we did ask, "What do you think about updating the community plan of Mission Valley to reduce density and impose height restrictions?" And 86 percent favor that.

Q. The Mission Valley plan that was adopted by the city council in '85, has that been at all successful in constructively guiding the development of Mission Valley?

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by the various departments in the city and by the unified planning group. And then the unified planning group recommends to the city council that these applications be approved. You have applicants who are corporate. And the members on the unified planning group are employees of corporations. They recuse themselves on their own applications, yet there's a real brotherhood here. There's a real camaraderie here; they're very cozy with one another and support each other's proposals for development.

They wanted to talk about City of Villages. They want to locate a lot of units near the stops for the trolley. But the thing is that most people work north and south of here, so they take 15 and 805 and 163, especially, and sometimes 5. Only 5 percent of the population works downtown, and there are no employers of large numbers of people as you go east. People are not riding the trolley.

They had Mark Steele, who's from Steele and Associates, who's drafting the plan for the Chargers, come to our meeting and talk about what they wanted to do. There's a bigger stadium and 6000 condos. And he actually said they were going to have a green area. You know what it was? It was fake lawn that they could use as parking when they have games there.

I think the whole thing — and Councilmember Frye is saying this also — the whole thing ought to be open space. It ought to be a regional park, and there could be about 30 or 40 acres, or 50 acres for people on the north side, along Friars Road, where it's higher. But where it's a floodplain, and where it's always especially damp, even at the end of August, there ought to

be an area where it can be flooded when it rains. It ought to be a marshland.

I mentioned it to John Wilhoit. On our survey, 86 percent of the people want to amend the community plan to

decrease density.

My belief is that the residents are not getting heard by the city. The city is turning a deaf ear. The residents don't like the congestion now that we have and do not want any further

development.

Q. Is there some sense that the development interests there have the ear of the planning department and are steering this in some way?

Oh, absolutely! There's a very cozy

arrangement that they have with each other.

Q. Does the membership of the planning group need to be restructured?

I think we need to have greater representation of people who live in Mission Valley and

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Q. And how would that be? How would you restructure it?

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ning group would come to me privately and say, "I really admire what you're doing. [But] I can't support you. This is my job."

Q. So you're the only one who's sort of a thorn in their side?

Well, I like to think I am presenting a view-point of most of the people, not only in Mission Valley but in our neighboring communities.

Q. How many resident spots are there on the

unified planning group?

Six.

Q. Out of how many?

Twenty-four. The bylaws require that six members be residents, six be business owners, six be property taxpayers, and six be property

owners.

Q. I see. But then some of those residents also work for development interests?

Absolutely. One is an architect. Someone can be defined by two, three, or all four

categories.

Q. So basically the panel is controlled by these development interests.

That's right.

It's visible in the development in Mission Valley. And remember,

this is a floodplain. Look what's happened in New Orleans. And that's something that needs to be considered. And it's not.

There's a subcommittee of the unified planning group that's charged with updating the community plan [to include Quarry Falls], and I'm a member of that. But also there you have the developer and you have the owner. And you have the employees of Fenton. You have the secretary of the developer all voting to update the community plan.

Q. We've talked about the unified planning group. There's also a group called the Mission Valley Community Council?

We meet in the evening so that people who work during the day can come to the meetings. We've been around probably since about the early '90s, maybe '90 to '93, something like that. And we're involved with the community in terms of communicating to our councilmember — the city council — our thoughts on traffic, on housing, on culture, on open space.

We're not so corporate-oriented. I think the city needs to listen to us and reflect — we want them to resonate with us. We want to see our thoughts incorporated into their plan.

Q. Does there seem to be more interest in these issues as of late?

I think so. Some people are really volunteering. I've been calling people based on this survey, and we've got people copying the survey and giving it to their friends. I think we're getting some interest here of people who have time to volunteer. Mostly people who're retired or have their own businesses, which is good. They can make their own hours. ■

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“AFTER AN
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THE ROAD,
AND THAT’S
WHEN THE
MISTAKES
START
COMING.”

Darlene Murphy has been a driving instructor for five years, most of that time at Bakkers Driving School in San Diego.

What percentage of students are teenagers? “Right at this moment, probably about 99 percent.”

How many teens do you instruct each week? “When school’s in session, I don’t start working until about 3:00 because most of the students are in class. So, I have about two daily. And I work seven days a week. And when school’s not session I take about four daily. That’s about as many as I want to do in a day because if I can’t give the same attention to the last student as the first one, then I’m not doing my job.”

Do teen students drive better than older students? “I find that they have very good reaction time. But even among the teens there is a big difference. I have noticed, for instance, that teens who do active sports are really well-coordinated and have good timing.”

What’s the most common error made by teen drivers? “Most students do their right and left turns and stay mostly in a protected neighborhood and others can make it onto the freeway. So when I see a student do very well, I try to push them to do more because the more I can get done on that first day, the more comfortable the parents are going to be behind the wheel, because they lack the extra brake pedal that I have.”

Have you ever been in an accident with a teen driver? “Never. Because you don’t take a student where they don’t belong. I have my foot always near the brake. If there is a pedestrian nearby, my foot is on the brake. There have been many occasions when I have to stop them. I have never let it get so far as to where a pedestrian may be in danger.”

What’s the most common question teens ask during their lessons? “They want to know if they have to go on the freeway.

There’s no parallel parking. That’s a worry.”

What’s the most memorable driving experience you have had with a teen?

“A little girl who died two months ago. I gave her her first behind-the-wheel. And it just broke my heart when she died. She died in a car accident. She did not pass her permit test. I explained to her that she could not go out driving until she had that permit in hand. Four days later she got into the car and was not wearing a seat belt and it was a little moist on the road....”

Have you ever failed a teen? “I have never failed a student because I am not an examiner. But, on occasion, I have had to approach a parent and tell them that the student was not quite ready for that road test.”

Any other interesting stories? “I had one lady who was a senior citizen, and it was very upsetting when I told her I would have another lesson with her because she was driving medicated and did not disclose this fact to me.... And my job’s risky enough without somebody who’s behind the wheel, driving under the influence. She mentioned antidepressants, anti-anxiety pills, pain and heart pills, you name it.”

Gilbert Deng, an instructor at Budget Driving School in Chula Vista, has taught for 11 years.

What percentage of students are teenagers? “About 40 percent.”

How many teens do you instruct each week? “About 20 each month.”

Do teen students drive better than older students? “No, absolutely not. Because teens are immature.”

What’s the most common error made by teen drivers? “They are unconscious. They don’t pay attention. From the computers and the video games, once



Darlene Murphy

they get into driving, they cannot take the real thing. They don’t pay attention.”

What do teen drivers do well? “They usually don’t delay the payments.”

Have you ever been in an accident with a teen driver? “One time. We pulled out from the curb and a car hit us. It was our fault.”

What’s the most common question teens ask during their lesson? “They use the words ‘Can I’ too much. It means they can’t make their own decisions. It is common sense. They just need to take two seconds to think about it and they can solve it, but they don’t do it.”

Have you ever failed a teen? “You can’t fail a teenager. After that six hours [of instruction] I have to give them their certificate, by law.”

What is most teens’ reactions to their first lesson? “The first time is the most safe, the one [during which] they pay the most attention. But that lasts one hour, maximum. After an hour, they get used to me, they get used to the road, and that’s when the mistakes start coming.”

Tim, of U-Pass Driving School in San Diego, says 70 percent of his students are teens.

How many teens do you instruct each week? “Let’s say three or four teenagers a day, seven days a week.”



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What's the most common error made by teen drivers? "Speeding. Brake-leg speeding. Deceleration braking. That means that they are braking late and pushing gas too much."

What do teen drivers do well? "Most teenagers are very quick to learn. They are very successful because they are young and they can listen and learn."

Have you ever been in an accident with a teen driver? "No."

What's the most common question teens ask during their tests? "They ask if they are okay or not. They want to know if they are doing everything fine."

What's the most memorable experience you have had as a driving instructor? "A senior [citizen] was taking four two-hour sessions, and at the last one he was sitting behind the wheel at a red light and the guy was late to think. I said, 'Mr. Hopkins, you are

late to think!' And he was not responding. 'Mr. Hopkins, you're too close, you need to brake, you need to brake!' He didn't talk to me; he was just looking straight. So, I jumped on the brake and pulled the car over and I got out of the car, went to the other side, opened the door, and he [fell out] Oe. The guy died behind the wheel. The guy was 93 years old. He was talking to me, and I was concentrating on his driving, and he just passed away behind the wheel. There was no accident, no damage."

Greg Haberman has owned and operated San Diego's Teen Driving School for about 12 years.

What percentage of students are teenagers? "About 95 percent."

How many teens do you instruct each week? "In the classroom, this can vary — it's tough to say — 20 or 25 students. Behind-the-wheel training, about 10, 15 students a week...maybe 20."

Do teen students drive better than older students? "No. They learn how to drive, teenage drivers, but they don't really know how to drive

well. They take the training to develop good driving skills and good driving judgment. I think teen drivers learn faster. They are easier to teach. They are more curious about driving. They like to experiment and try to drive."

What's the most common error made by teen drivers? "I guess improper lane changes; you know, not looking over the shoulder prior to changing lanes. Not scanning the intersection. Or taking the traffic lights for granted, you know? Green light means to go but only when safe."

What do teen drivers do well? "I think they have quick reflexes, so they can react faster. They have very good vision. They can see better. Usually they don't

have bad habits developed because they are learning how to drive. They are open-minded about learning. They're good listeners, usually; they don't argue. But definitely the physical aspects: quick reflexes, good hearing."

Have you ever been in an accident with a teen driver? "Yes. We were rear-ended by another driver who ignored the proper following distance. And one time we hit a pole. This was a very minor accident. The student driver simply went too fast making a turn, and we have dual-control systems but I couldn't slow down fast enough. He made too sharp a turn. It was quite minor because I was able to use my second brake. We were able to eliminate impact by

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What's the most common question teens ask during their lessons? "They want me to explain to them how to pass the license test, what is expected of them. We try to explain what the procedure is when getting a license."

What's the most memorable driving experience you have had with a teen? "I usually remember very well if a student passes their license test at the DMV. If they pass the test, it is a very good experience for us."

Any other stories? "One student, when asked what was his experience driving, told us he was very experienced.

Then I found out he was experienced at driving in video games.... It was actually quite funny. Usually we take them to parking lots, but this one student thought he was very sure he could start driving immediately without any parking-lot experience because his previous experience on video games."

Have you ever had to tell a teenager that they needed more lessons? "Yes. We tell them sometimes if they need more lessons."

How do most teens behave when they come to driving school? "Excited, definitely. Very few of them are scared. Most of them are good drivers,

surprisingly. They know how to drive, which is my biggest surprise. They know how to drive even before their first appointment."

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THE LITTLE LANDERS PART TWO CLASH OF THE WATER -TAMERS.

Lanterns converge on Redwood Hall like strings of sparkling beads. This isn't any Saturday get-together at the clubhouse. Little Landers will celebrate Founder's Night, June 21, 1913. Some sing hymns in the evening air.

Others want a fight. When William Smythe founded the colony on a San Ysidro hillside, four years ago, he'd promised an agricultural breakthrough for the common man. But half the project doesn't have enough water, no electricity. Kerosene lamps barely illumine the rough-hewn cabins and bungalows. Some live in tents.

Little Landers' homes face a park. They have an acre, or two, to farm: some on the mesa above, others down by the Tia Juana River, where crops flourish. Smythe promised a modest living. Those expecting Arcadia — or equal progress — now believe the anti-Smythe propaganda in the newspapers: "Windy Willie" sold handkerchief-sized farms to "the elderly and the invalid." Tonight Smythe will defend his stewardship.

Inside the rustic building two fireplaces share the chimney between them. To the

sides are a lending library of books, Bibles, and hymnals. Across the way are a piano and a hand-cranked Victrola. In the rear, coffeepots percolate on a black cast-iron stove. Redwood Hall is the colony's multi-denominational church, Grower's Bureau, school (everything from philosophy to Spanish lessons), lecture hall, and site of town meetings.

Little Landers file in, faces deep-tanned, foreheads pale as a winter moon. City folk in tweedy suits are here, plus reporters from several papers, even state senator L.A. Wright. The crowd quiets. Smythe speaks: "Our movement is now broadly recognized as one of the bright hopes of the race."

Amid whoops and hollers, malcontents suppress expletives. Smythe always could spellbind, his voice resonant, his rhetoric florid. And he does know his subject. Buffalo Bill Cody said Smythe's study of irrigation, *The Conquest of Arid America*, is the world's second most important book after the Bible. Smythe's been hailed as a water-tamer and a prophet — and loathed as a charlatan.

"Have I done my full duty by the Little Landers of San Ysidro? Did I work in the spirit of social service, or for salary, commissions, and other pecuniary benefits?"

Rather than reply, Smythe steps back. Others queue up to speak. The first, P.M.

Price, calls Smythe's vision of millions of one-acre farms "the greatest movement of the time." Then he reads a letter from William Clayton, John D. Spreckels' general manager: "I do not know what Little Landers think, but I know that against terrific odds you carried your point. . . It would be a good thing if San Diego had 500,000 Little Landers."

George W. Marston, L.A. Blockman, and John F. Forward, each of whom donated to the project in 1910, its worst year, give testimonials. Senator Wright, astonished that allegations exist, says: "I would rather have the distinction of founding the Little Landers than of writing the greatest book in literature."

The room erupts. Carrying an armload of documents, secretary-treasurer J.A.E. Thurlstrup leaps up, waves a hand to quiet the crowd. He reads from a transcript. Since Smythe founded the colony, he's been compensated, "including salary, commissions, and expenses, just \$47.50."

The crowd rises. "No danger threatens San Ysidro today," Smythe shouts above the cheers. "Her fundamental principles are demonstrated and already her example is beginning to color the thought of the world."

The meeting, which could have ended the experimental community, became "a veritable love feast, and a distinct triumph" for Smythe (Herbert Hensley). Little Landers sang and told jokes into the wee hours.

The dream was alive but still had promises to keep. In the June 1913 edition of *West Coast Magazine*, Smythe wrote an interim



Flood of 1916

report. "San Ysidro has not yet reached the stage where it can show the 'fine art of little landing.' That stage will be reached, however, and then there will be many whose income will much exceed \$800 a year."

In 1913, one of ten Americans made that amount. "The idea," said Smythe, "calls for housing our people." For a small capital investment, Little Landers could own a "humble" home and an acre to farm and, if industrious, will always "have a job of their own, working for themselves, from which no one can discharge them."

By 1914, the colony had 300 members, including 116 families, and had become a checkerboard of string beans, cabbage, tomatoes, black- and loganberry bushes; and rows of peach, apricot, lemon, fig, and orange trees. Gardens surrounded homes on the hillside, many yards with chickens and rabbit hutches shaded by bougainvillea.

Hospitals paid Phillip Sanger 20-25 cents for a quart of goat's milk. He had 85 head grazing on the hill, their bells tinkling as they ate. C.J. Young, 73 in 1914, had 1000 rhubarb and 1800 asparagus plants and lived

QUOTATIONS:

1. Dr. Talmage (quoted in *Constructive Democracy*): "Although we have the evolutionist to tell us where we came from, and the theologian to tell us where we are going, we are still confronted by the somewhat interesting fact that we are here."

2. Herbert Hensley: "Strangers to Southern California are not inclined to take its rivers seriously."

3. Lorenzo Judd: "I'd like a utopian society, but I can't visualize one in the near future. Not as long as Americans are Americans."

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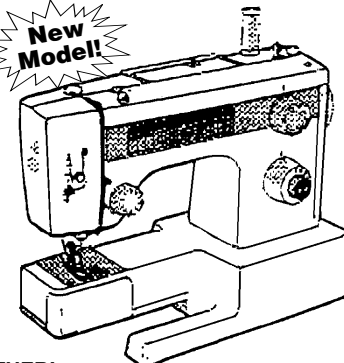
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A. Aaronsohn headed an experimental Zionist colony in Palestine. He visited America to learn the latest irrigation techniques, especially from Smythe, the acknowledged master. Aaronsohn found the waste of soil in this country "horrifying." Only the Little Landers understood, he said, adding "You show what future agricultural generations will have to do." He modeled his project after San Ysidro.

Smythe, satisfied with his "mother colony," in 1914 moved on to found others: at Los Terrenitos (i.e. "little lands" in Monta Vista Valley, 17 miles from Los Angeles), Runnymede, near Palo Alto, and Hayward Heath.

Many colonists, finding an acre too small for machine or even animal power — which put their hard labor in unfair competition with mechanized means of production — departed. As did those for whom close quarters and constant bickering became too much. "They longed again," writes Robert V. Hine, "for the large city, where one's next door neighbor is unknown."

No one thought the Rundles sisters would ever leave. They came from Indiana, in 1911. With a comfortable nest egg, they built a two-storey house (on today's Seward Avenue), overlooking the park. They helped found the

women's club, taught Sunday School at Redwood Hall, and loved to debate literature, philosophy, and the art of living.

One of the sisters asked her "melancholic" son to join them. Thinking that fresh air and vigorous labor might revive his spirits, as ten-hour workdays had for H.P. Sawyer and others, she bought an acre down by the Tia Juana River for him to garden. One day they found his body by the shore. He'd shot himself in the head. Shortly thereafter, the sisters returned to Indiana.

The colony was founded, in 1909, on isolated terrain just this side of the border. Tijuana had one street: two curio stores — Ibs and Sabines — a saloon, Chinese restaurant, bullring, and José Alvarez's meat market. Smythe dreamed of a "middle landscape," neither city nor country but partaking of both. By 1915, San Diego began to

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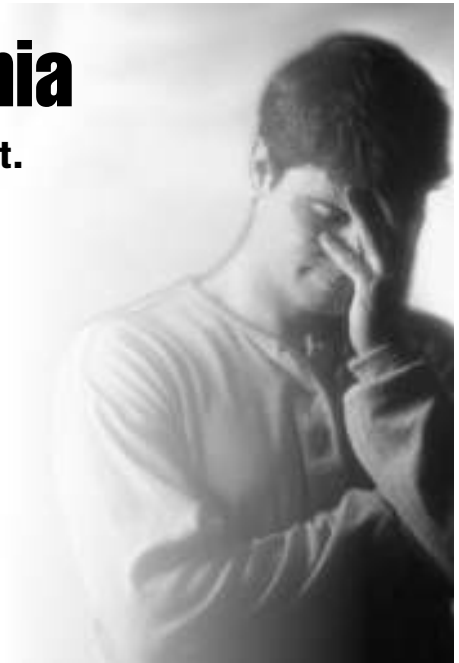
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stretch southward, and Tijuana was becoming a tourist mecca. When California banned horse racing in 1915 (and prostitution in 1917), handicap races at the Sunset Track and Lower California Jockey Club lured visitors, as did the Agua Caliente hot springs, and other enticements. Cars and trucks, heading to and from the border, deluged San Ysidro's dirt streets with traffic jams.

William Smythe devoted his life to irrigating the west's arid regions. He pursued his calling "with a young man's enthusiasm." As the nation moved west in the late 19th century, a different water-tamer emerged: the "pluviculturist," or rainmaker. "Storm kings" swore they could coax precipitation from the skies, stop hail from falling, even "outdo Moses." Robert St. George Dyrenforth, a "cloud-compeller" (later nicknamed "Dryhenceforth"), used dyna-

mite. Clayton B. Jewell, a "smell-maker," preferred an incense made of "secret gas." James Pollard Espy stumped for a "Rainollette" machine. Furnaces with tall smokestacks would blast columns of heated air aloft. Of Espy's plan, Willis Gregg, head of the Weather Bureau observed, "Your schemes are ingenious, but Nature does not fit them."

In *The Conquest of Arid America* (1905), Smythe dismisses pluviculture as "a brief but exciting intermediate stage" toward scientific irrigation. To this day, however, it's hard to account for the ability of Charles Hatfield — the legendary "Rainmaker" — to conjure tempests. After a lengthy study, Thomas W. Patterson concludes: "The record makes no real headway against the legend."

Hatfield said he couldn't make it rain. But by sending chemicals into the air that

acted as magnets, he could attract clouds — and "accelerate moisture" once they appeared. And they often did. In 1904, he said, his record was 16 successes, one failure. By 1915 he was in demand throughout the west.

Smythe was a Progressive. Aside from his radical irrigation techniques, Hatfield was a staunch conservative wanting "no conventions upset." The two, however, shared much in common. Both dressed like bankers. Both experienced firsthand the severe Midwest drought of the early 1890s (Smythe in Nebraska, Hatfield in Kansas). As a result, each made water his life-work and pursued it with missionary zeal. Both loved San Diego. Smythe wrote a history of the area; Hatfield married a local woman and had a farm in Fallbrook. And each had ardent scoffers: the San Diego *Union* called Smythe a "jaw wagger";

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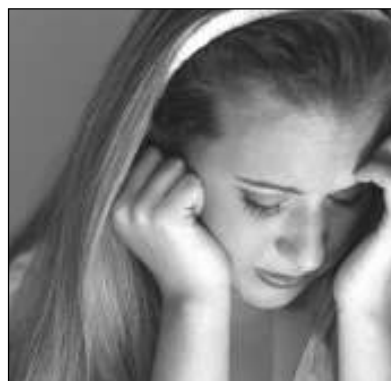
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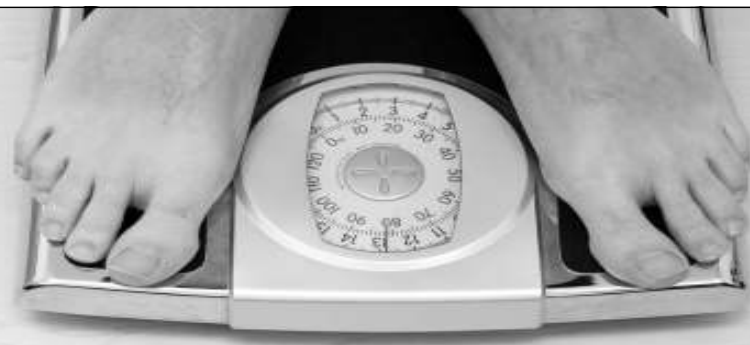
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"I will fill Morena Reservoir to overflowing," Hatfield told the San Diego City Council December 13, 1915, "for the sum of \$10,000." Although San Diego had 13.62 inches that year, the council made a formal agreement with him but never signed a contract. On January 1, 1916, Hatfield and his youngest brother, Joel, set up shop on a hillock overlooking Morena Reservoir, which was one-third full at the time.

Aided by Campo resident Sam Cameron, the brothers built a 20-foot tower, then added an eight-foot pedestal on top for "evaporating tanks," which Hatfield filled with secret concoctions. He probably knew about El Niño before it had a name, and even about the "Pineapple Express," which brings heavy moisture from the Pacific. The mystery is how he knew when major storms, from the north and southwest, would arrive together — twice.

On January 5, 1916, Ella McCain of Potrero saw "black, round rolls of clouds over Morena, which seemed to be drawn from different directions." They swirled over the reservoir. "There were other storm clouds too, but these seemed to be below them." And then it rained.

And rained for days, so much that people "could not get their breath for the water running down their faces." On January 16, a low pressure system drew four air masses to Southern California. "It's only sprinkling now," Hatfield told the city council by phone, "but within the next few days...just hold your horses..."

At Morena, 12.73 inches fell between January 17 and 20, 28.01 for the month. The reservoir filled almost to capacity, as did Sweetwater and Lower Otay Dam. Dry gulches became creeks, then streams, snaking down primeval channels. Flatlands, like Mission Valley, flooded into lakes.

Smythe, who had opposed farming close to the Tia Juana River, was visiting the colony at the time. On January 17, the river became a tumult of sludge and felled trees. It burst a bank, near the border, and cut a new channel straight for the farmlands. While William Hevener and

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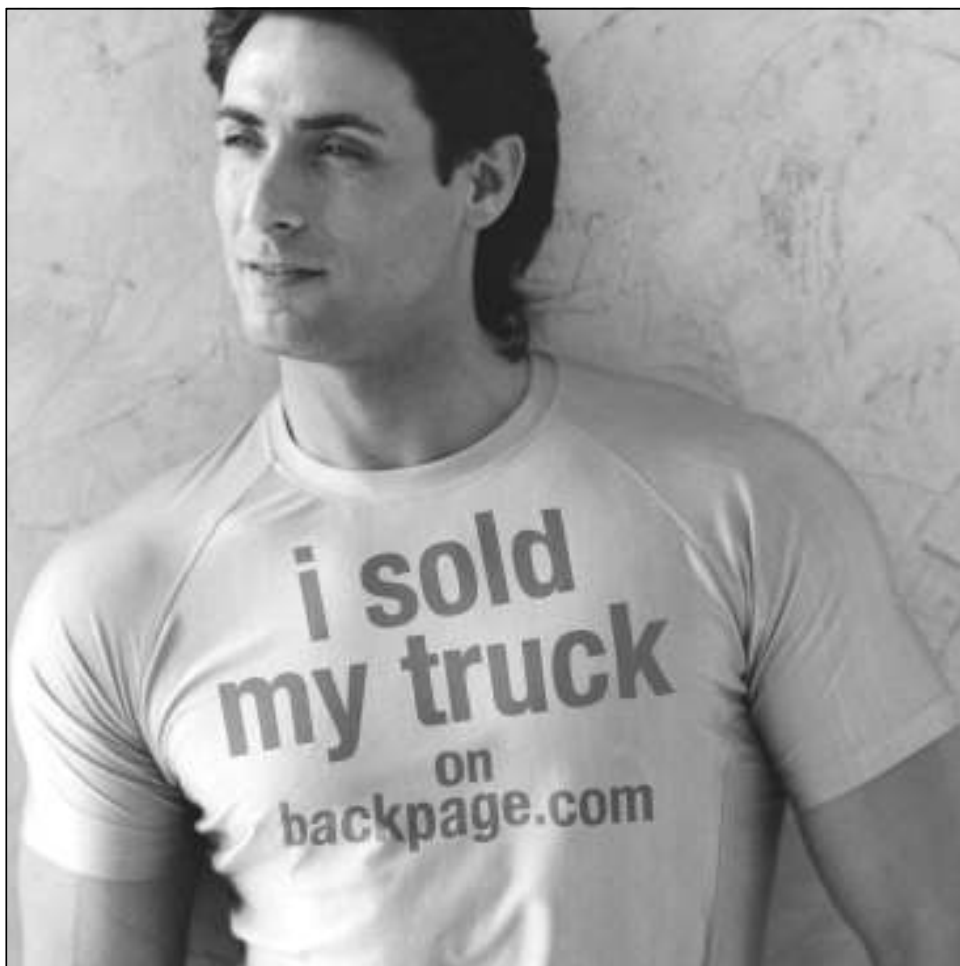
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others pushed wheelbarrows loaded with valuables to higher ground, the 54-year-old Smythe ran to the river. All day and night he did rescue work — which later, says Herbert Hensley, “caused him to fall seriously ill.”

On the hillside, Hevener, Philip Sanger, and others watched a small house tumble head-over-heels down-river. Then a three-story struc-

ture bobbed past them. Then tragedy. Mrs. Max Kastner and her sister-in-law, Anna, were stranded on a sandbar. Rowboats and improvised scows, roped to treetrunks on shore, made several attempts to rescue them — starting far upstream and letting the current pull them down — but failed. The women disappeared in the mud-brown torrent.

By morning, 25 homes had washed away. The 110 acres of bottomlands — huge chunks of which had disintegrated, along with the entire crop — stood under six feet of water. The colony’s new, \$25,000 pumping plant was destroyed, as were water mains crucial for irrigating the mesa.

Homes on the hillside were spared, as were the upper fields. But the colony, and

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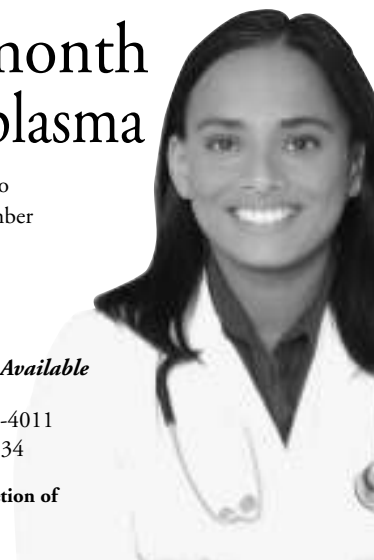
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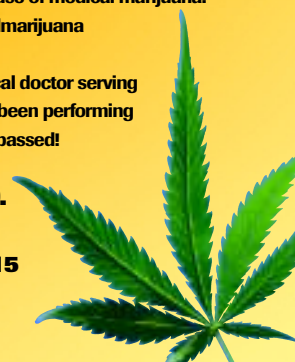
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much of San Diego County, was devastated. The Red Cross erected a large tent on East Seaward Avenue for refugees. On January 19, an exhausted Smythe appealed, at a city council meeting, to "the generous people of San Diego to lend a helping hand," not just for the colony, "but for a system of life which means much to the entire world."

The people of Tijuana brought immediate aid. San Diegans, who had looked with disfavor on the "kooky" experimentalists, donated food, clothing, and household goods. These took two days to traverse deluged terrain between the city and the border.

Although the flood turned the colony's best farmlands into a "gravel bed," Little Landers might have revived parts of the lower acres had not nature — or Hatfield — struck again.

On January 16, Hatfield phoned the city council: "In ten days you'll get a *real* storm."

On January 26, bulging, iron gray clouds pinwheeled over Morena. Then a flood swept away the Fallbrook train station and ripped up tracks for several miles. The adobe bell tower at Pala mission collapsed, as did bridges throughout the county. Reservoirs overflowed.

At 4:30 a.m., the morning of the 27th, R.C. Wueste noticed a wide trickle in the center of Lower Otay Dam. At 5:05, the earthen face gave way. A wall of water surged through the breach, dove down Salt Canyon, and thundered to the sea. A pipeline man, trying to run ahead and warn farmers, drowned. Emanuele Daneri and his wife saw their winery of 37 years vanish in seconds. Others fled for their lives.

When it reached San Ysidro, some said the brown, foaming headwall stood 40 feet high. The second flash flood scoured the Tia Juana River valley. A delta stretched from the base of Little Landers' park across the border to Jim Coffroth's new Jockey Club racetrack, and west to San Diego Bay. Debris and dead animals piled high on Coronado's beaches.

The colony died slowly thereafter. "By the end of 1918," writes Henry S. Anderson, Little Landers were "an evident failure." Those who continued had outside sources of income. By 1925, only four remained.

Of his many attempts, San Ysidro came closest to achieving Smythe's vision of "a little land and a living." Shortly before he died in 1922, Smythe wrote *City Homes on Country Lanes*, a bold restatement of his earlier themes. The Foreword begins: "I am an optimist."

Smythe dreamed of controlling water to fertilize arid regions. Hatfield wanted to unleash the heavens. "My tests were the most potent I ever made," he lectured reporters on February 4, 1916: "Up at Morena they told me it frequently clouded up like rain, but the clouds passed without shedding a drop. None of 'em got away while I was there, I can tell you."

Hatfield died in Glendale, in 1958. Although reviled as "the world's champion guesser," who based his attempts on the law of averages, Hatfield always claimed the crown of rightful Water King. ■

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Joseph Franklin Rutherford, president of the Jehovah's Witnesses from 1916 to 1940, planned to see Kensington engulfed in flames one day. If his predictions held true, he foresaw himself standing in the third-story watchtower of his 20-room home named Beth Sarin (House of the Princes) on Braeburn Road, surrounded by God's resurrected faithful, surveying the violence and destruction of Armageddon as played out on the battlefield of Kensington. "Could Kensington endure the environmental impact of the traffic brought about by the thousands of sightseers for this event?" asks Dr. Thomas H. Baumann in *Kensington-Talmadge 1910-1985*, his 196-page history of the neighborhood, published in late January of this year.

Rutherford, unfortunately, did not live to see the blockbuster finale. He died in 1941 and is said to be buried somewhere on his property, although his neighbors protested violently when a church member, William Heath, formally applied for a permit to inter Rutherford near his home in a plot of ground on the canyon side of the home. Rutherford, however, was so convinced that the apocalypse would take place in his

corner of San Diego that before his death he had his home landscaped with plants indigenous to the Holy Land so that the souls of the prophets on hand to view the show would feel more at home.

Kensington-Talmadge 1910-1985 cost Baumann roughly \$7500 to research, and more than 500 copies have been sold since it has been placed in stores within the Kensington-Talmadge community. Recently Baumann was hon-

ored by the San Diego Historical Society for his book, which is one of what historical society archivist Sylvia Arden describes as a disappearing genre. "It used to be that publishing a book was relatively inexpensive," Arden says, "but within the past decade prices have skyrocketed, and now most local histories are limited to small pamphlets. Dr. Baumann's book is important not only for the extensive amount of research it represents, but because it is part of a

ington and its twin neighborhood Talmadge from their beginnings as real estate ventures in 1909 to the present, it does shed light on more than a few of the neighborhood's peculiarities. Digging, it seems, has been a mania for several Kensington residents. In addition to the alleged surreptitious stashing of Rutherford's body, others who have lived in Kensington have passed their time tunneling through the area's canyons. The late Glen Havens became a sort of local

He began to enlarge his pit barbecue. "Before we knew it, Dad started to dig and he kept going."

dwindling number." Local histories of Alpine, Carlsbad, and La Mesa are among the few recent examples of the genre. The completion of Baumann's book was particularly timely, as Kensington will be celebrating its diamond jubilee at the end of this month.

Although Baumann's history does deal at length with the practical aspects of the establishment and growth of Kens-

celebrity in the '50s and early '60s for the more than 700 feet of tunnels he and his sons dug through the sandstone underlying his property. According to Baumann, Havens's industrious project began one day in 1949 when he began to enlarge his pit barbecue. "Before we knew it," one of the sons said, "Dad started to dig and he kept going. He said it made him think.... Pretty soon the

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whole side of the hill was covered with sand. It was a lot of good, clean fun. We tunneled right up to Carol's bedroom closet." Carol Havens's wedding reception was held, incidentally, in April of 1960 in one of the rooms her father carved out of the earth beneath their home.

According to Baumann, Havens's project was widely written about in the local press, although Havens was not the first in Kensington to dig compulsively. In 1919 a 70-year-old retired druggist named W.R. Young began to dig a tunnel into the side of a canyon northeast of where Fairmount Avenue meets Montezuma Road. Young reportedly began to dig the 250-foot tunnel for health reasons, and in a statement to the press said, "I heartily recommend this to men who are feeling the approach of old age." To aid him in his endeavor, Young recruited boys from the neighborhood to help him, and by the summer of 1920, his unique form of exercise had achieved remarkable results. While the initial digging of the tunnel had provided untold hours of fun for the youngsters, the years that followed the tunnel's completion also proved to be equally exciting. Through the years it became the playground for packs of runaways and a street gang named the Sons of Satan, and at least one youngster met with an untimely demise in an unfortunate cave-in.

In 1941 Young himself was killed in an auto accident near his home on East Mountain View Drive. Three years later, when new owners moved in to occupy his house, they claimed that they heard him return on a nightly basis to wander about in the attic. The mysterious footsteps persisted for more than a year, then suddenly ceased. The tunnel itself was finally sealed shut in 1970 when the Alvarado Community Association had 20 feet of concrete poured into its two entrances. From then, until the publication of Thomas Baumann's book, nearly everyone had forgotten about the tunnel's existence. ■

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I HAD DONE AN IMAGE OF A METEOR COMING DOWN FROM THE SKY, and Sandra had seen it. I had actually seen a meteor, and she had actually seen a meteor. And we talked about this folk tale that says a person who sees a meteor begins to sing.” Michele looks away through the big shop windows to the wind-ruffled tree that shades the doorway, as if the memory were mixed with the flakes of citron sunlight.

“We started a discussion about the woman in the Western landscape. Not in a political way, but in a way that we felt a kind of erotic and intimate interest in. Erotic meaning sensual and intellectual and territorial — all the things that happen when you’re in your landscape. So we decided to work together.”

Michele offers a book on her outstretched palms. The slipcase looks like a square of smoothed, marbled granite or white smoke drifting across winter-gray water. Affixed to it is a cast-bronze, roughly modeled reclining female figure, headless, armless. The metal has a leaden patina mottled with white. *Sleeping Inside the Glacier*, two poems by Sandra Alcosser, 16 etchings and collographs by Michele Burgess, published in 1997 in a hand-

printed edition of 35 by Brighton Press.

“Sandra had been on this float down the Missouri River with other poets from Montana, and she had started writing about the river as a storyteller, a new take on the Missouri River and the settling of the West. All the stories that the landscape has to tell geologically, through human history, through personal histories — all that is revealed by peeling layers of historical information, stories, first-hand accounts, and lost ships frozen in the glacier. “For Sandra it was these four voices. For me as an artist and as a printmaker, the metal plate was a perfect surface to begin exploring this idea. An etching plate, when you’re working on it, provides all sorts of textural history. Zinc is what I worked on mainly. It’s a very soft



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“The plate is a landscape. And the page is a landscape. And the human body is a landscape. Even a page with text running across it is a landscape. Those were the kinds of ideas that we came to. So she started writing, and I started making images. We worked on this book over a period of three years.”

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They’re called *livres d’artistes*, artist’s books, or fine press books. Even people steeped in the form struggle to limit and define the field. The books are most often produced through the collaboration of a writer and an artist, plus specialty handcrafters in the fields of typography, bookbinding, and printing. The result is art with the sequential flow of a book and a book with the individuality and presence of a work of fine art. Editions are often of limited numbers, and prices can reach \$2000 or \$3000 per copy.

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books date back to the oldest illuminated manuscripts or the volumes of embellished type of the Renaissance. They were an experimental form for the Surrealists and surfaced again in the U.S. in the 1950s. Today, San Francisco's small presses form the most active art-book community on the West Coast. San Diego's publishing house evolved out of a print studio, the San Diego Print Club, established by printmaker Bill Kelly in 1978.

As Bill tells it, around 1984, "I was at a lecture by a British publisher at the central library here. He'd published a book about Virginia Woolf that was done by an artist who had worked for Woolf. He published only special books

done on special papers, and I said, 'It's amazing that books like this exist.' I was slightly aware that Goya had done a book, so it was a matter of putting two and two together and figuring that contemporary artists also could have books connected with them. Then I went to the library's Wangerheim Room to see their small collection of Arion Press in San Francisco.

"At the time [then-local artist] DeLoss McGraw and I were making a print together when we heard that San Diego State was selling off their letterpress department. I vaguely knew that these artists' books were made by letterpress. I didn't know what letterpress was, exactly, but we went up and bought all this stuff.

"Buying the equipment was disastrous. It was a pile of tools and metal, and it weighed a ton. We had to rent a truck to get it down here. We set up the presses and then stood around looking at it. We didn't know

project in 1985."

It was followed the same year by another McGraw-Snodgrass collaboration, *The House the Poet Built*, each in an edition of 50 copies and each comprising hand-colored

"USUALLY THE BOOK COMES FROM THE INSIDE OUT. YOU START WITH A KERNEL OF AN IDEA, AND YOU START BUILDING ON IT."

what to ink, what to pull. We just didn't know anything. But through the process of learning, we did our little blue book [6 1/4" by 4 5/8"], *A Colored Poem*, with DeLoss and poet W.D. Snodgrass. That was our first

etchings and poetry.

"We took *A Colored Poem* on the road, and it sold really well. We were just basking — 'Ah, a way to make a living that we like.' So it was that first fluke and the fact that it did well

that sent us off on this tangent."

At the time, Michele was a printmaker using the print-club facilities for a series of large etchings, exchanging odd jobs around the studio for press time. She is now codirector of Brighton Press.

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In the world of fine-book publishing, time is measured by an artist's calendar, not by the stopwatch of a commercial press. Brighton has produced 19 artists' books and 4 related single-sheet works in the past 14 years. Nothing is hurried.

Michele explains, "Every book has certain aspects of the journey of making it that gives us some-

thing, that yields some information that we're looking for as artists. Basically we're looking to the book to give us experiences and training in human endeavor. And in our craft. But we're most interested in the rub-together that happens between the poet, the artist, and the craftsman.

"Usually the book comes from the inside out. You start with a kernel of an idea, and you start building on it, and then, eventually, after the images and the text, it starts to become the skeleton of a book. And then it has its own life.

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lated. It's somewhere in our mind's eye. But then when the pages start happening, then something takes over and starts bossing us around, letting us know what we can and can't do. And sometimes favorite things have to be eliminated. We try not to give in to practicalities. That's sort of our last stand. But there are practicalities, and most if it is physical. What are the machines, or what are our hands capable of doing?"

Michele slides the volume of *Sleeping Inside the Glacier* from its case. Loose pages spill out of their translucent, frosty vellum cover. Most are varying tones of cool blue-grays and whites. Two are warm, pale cream. The three kinds of Italian and Japanese handmade papers have rough, natural edges.

"We decided not to sew the pages together so the book would have this kind of a feel inside it, the way a glacier has. We researched glaciation and were both inspired by the idea that the new snow sits on top of the old snow, the old snow becomes the sand where the new snow melts in between. Those two things create the glacial ice. Then because of the pressure the glacier moves forward. And that's so much like the creative process for us."

Sandra's poems are set in delicate 8-point type, with a solid left-hand border, the right-hand wandering down the page. Viewed as a single shape of speckled lights and darks, the text echoes Burgess's fluid, abstract prints. In its smallest size, the font (called Palladion) appears to have exaggerated ascenders and descenders; the spines of the h's and d's and b's rise from the closed-in body of the letter like the first sprouts from a seed. The serifs are short and sharp, like barbed fishhooks.

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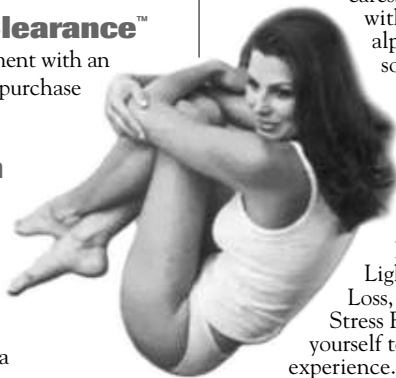
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Not all Brighton's books are as collaboratively intense as *Sleeping*. One of their most successful titles is *Sternberg: A Life in Woodcuts*, "sort of a celebration of one person," according to Michele. "This is Harry's book. He was in his 80s at the time, and he did 40 woodcuts just for this book."

"We tried to create as beautiful a presentation of them as possible, and he trusted us to do it. That was our aspect of the collaboration. He would come in every other week with a couple of these, and I think we only edited one or two of the images, if that. And we acted sort of as the catalysts who made it come off."

A Life in Woodcuts contains 40 bold woodcut

vignettes of Sternberg's family and their life on the Lower East Side of New York, both images and text, some humorous, some gripping. They are printed on Sekishu rice paper; the shadow of the next print can be seen through each page. The book is bound in rich red Japanese book cloth. Inset is a photograph of the artist's family.

"The book structure itself is the carrier of the message," Michele says. "And

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"People have bought this who don't know anything about Harry. They've fallen in love with the book just as a book. And that's our goal, really, to put these books in the hands of people who just fall in love with them as entities. The books that we've made that are sensually irresistible are the ones that have done best. The books we've made by famous people — that has no bearing on whether a

MICHELE ADMITS SOME PROJECTS HAVE FALLEN PREY TO PERSONALITIES.

we used the transparent paper as a way of evoking memory and anticipation in an autobiography. And we used the cover as a window and a frame. But we wanted the feel Victorian and delicious in color, not fancy and leather-bound. He has a sort of funky approach, which none of his compatriots had. We wanted that to come through. We didn't feel it would be appropriate to have gold tooling and

book sells or not, really."

Of course, not all writers or artists are temperamentally suited for such collaborations. Michele admits some projects have fallen prey to personalities, "and in some cases at a very painful time, when there's been a lot invested in the book. If that happens, most of the time we'll stop the project. We have a whole drawer of those. In some cases we haven't stopped the book, and it becomes an

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incredible burden, a force of will, to finish it.”

It sounds like a painful divorce. “It is in a way, where someone’s left with all the furniture and a few misbehaving kids, but no house to put them in.”

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When There Were Trees, poem by Nancy Willard; drypoint engravings by Michele Burgess; paper color and design by Marilyn Britt; 11” by 5”; accordion-fold, bound in natural-dyed silk and Japanese paper in an edition of 25.

“This is our newest book, published in May of 1999,” says Michele. “It happened because [San Diego artist] Marilyn Britt read Nancy Willard’s poem ‘When There Were Trees.’ I had already done a one-of-a-kind [project] with 33 watercolors in response to this poem. And Nancy and I had also worked together on another Brighton Press book. We had this long-standing relationship with her.

“Marilyn started experimenting with natural dyes. And specifically for this project she developed 27 colors, all from tree material.” The dyes are derived from leaves, needles, twigs, buds, roots, berries, and catkins. “She came to us and asked if we could make a book of this. Not only did she make the dyes, she took the trouble to make them archival and lightfast. And so often in craft, nobody follows through on that level.

“She worked three years just to dye each sheet of the paper [we would be printing on]. That’s very scary when you pull a bad print and you lose that piece of paper. Marilyn also designed the type and reworked the poem so it appeared visually different than the way the poet originally wrote it.”

Each book uses only five or six of the 27 colors, which range from soft sage greens, to earthy gray-tans, to muted golds. On the final page is a list of all the colors and an indication of which are used in this particular volume. The list is handwritten in pencil, adding a very personal note and an informal, almost casual connection between reader and designer.

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Says Michele, "Originally the book was designed so the poem would appear on the trees. It just didn't work, it was hard to read. And then we were going to put some aspects of the poem printed on this rice paper, so you could see through it, but after we put it on a sheet by itself, we liked it so much that we eliminated the rice paper idea. Visually the book came to be just by seeing what it looked like at each stage."

Within the first few weeks after publication, copies had already been acquired by Stanford University and the rare-book collection of the New York Public Library.

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Brighton was one of six California fine-book presses invited to participate in a panel discussion at the San Francisco Institute of Art in 1998. Publishers and artists informally discussed the process of creating their books. Bill Kelly talked with California sculptor Manuel Neri, who, with his long-

time model, poet Mary Julia Klimenko, has done two books with Brighton. The first, from 1991, was *She Said: I Tell You It Doesn't Hurt Me*, an edition of 25 that comprised eight hand-painted etchings and eight poems.

Neri claims a "sort of Svengali role" in develop-

one of Mary Julia's professors said their relationship rather matched the relationship between Mary Julia and Manuel. So she wrote these poems as the model speaking to the artist. And the poems are tough. It's the real thing. It's about a relationship." Bill remembers the first public reading;

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ing Klimenko's gift for poetry. She has served as his model for 28 years. As Bill Kelly describes *She Said*, "It was a series of persona poems. Mary Julia adopted the persona of Frida Kahlo, and Manuel was Diego Rivera. It came about when

Manuel "was particularly severe in [his] response. [He] sort of rolled up in a ball in the corner."

BILL: Of course, the intrigue is that the artist is speaking to the model in his work, and the poet is speaking to the artist in

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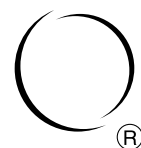
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hers. And what an incredible idea for an artist's book. It hit Brighton Press so clearly as an idea that reverberates and layers the meaning of the book itself.

My first experience with the two of them was when Manuel flew in [to San Diego] on a Friday night, and Mary Julia came in on a Saturday morning. And then we were politely asked to leave our studio. Manuel and Mary Julia wanted to be alone to create this first body of work together. So we packed up, and they said, "Why don't you come back about eight o'clock tonight and we'll see what happens."

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MANUEL: We had talked about maybe working here in the studio in Northern California. But we got this idea that we wanted to get close to the presses and have her pose there, around the equipment and the whole craziness of it. I think it worked well for us anyway.

BILL: So they inhabited the press. And that first day we came back about eight o'clock, and she was reading him poetry while he was working away at the plates. We knew that something special was happening. We could sense it. It was a really quite wonderful moment.

MANUEL: Printmaking has never been one of my fields. For me art has always been a hands-on thing, and I have a lot of trouble with printmaking, that technical side of it.

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And hanging over the [etching] acids he got, I

would say, involved. We had to protect him a bit from this, because there are some dangers connected with working with acids. But mostly with his cigar flakes falling on the plate. I guess it's the immediacy of what

they did together that really started the project off beautifully.

Manuel's physical presence is completely clear. He put palm prints on these wonderful etchings.

MANUEL: And after

you had printed those heads, and then I had colored them, when I started tearing them up, I turned around and there was a look of sheer terror in your and Michele's eyes. Or apprehension at least.

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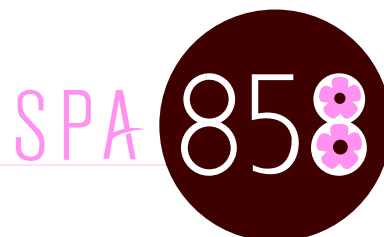
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job in terms of the publishing of it. It forces you into an appreciation and understanding of the craftsmanship component of a book and a work of art. That's what book arts are to me, and that's why we're involved — against making sense in any other way. A lot of us agreed last night that it's not really a business we're in, though we keep trying to make it so.

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place. You can't write it off as just another dumb art book.

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"With the kind of publishing we do," Bill says, "after you've talked with the artist, then you design, then you pick papers, the type, then you print. The last thing you do in this process is the binding. But the binding is probably the single most expensive part of the book in terms of a lump sum. So when you're all done with the book, and you're most eager to have it out in the world, you still have sometimes \$200 or \$500 per unit between you and the outside world. We often go in with a prayer at that point."

"There is only a handful, maybe three or four [specialty hand-binders], in the country. We send everything to a fantastic woman artist in Massachusetts. But we basically don't know what the binder is going to charge until they put a book together. We've learned that you speak to the binder very early on so

you don't run into a problem at the end.

"To help cover costs, we go to the public with presales. Sometimes that really helps us get a book off the ground. Harry Sternberg's *A Life in Woodcuts* is a good example. The

and in kind of a foul mood, and the phone rings. Somebody wants to look at the book. I've never heard of them, but I said, 'Ehhhhh, well, send him in.' We'd had someone in earlier who I was sure was going to buy it, but they didn't, so I wasn't

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book was done, we'd printed it, it had gone well, but it still had to be bound. We knew the first bill from the binders would be between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

"The presale offers were out, and we're in the studio working away. I'm tired

hopeful.

"The man came in and said he was referred to us, so I said, 'Here's the book,' then I totally ignored him. Then I hear, 'How much is this?' So I told him — \$3000 or \$4000, whatever it was. And he says, 'Okay, I'll take

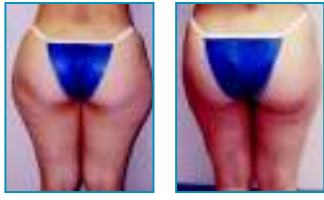
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looked at the book and didn't say a word to me.

"On the fifth trip, Michele went with me. This time we had a meeting, and they were friendly. Afterwards, I said, 'Wasn't that a great meeting?' And Michele said, 'They barely spoke to us.' And I said, 'You don't know. That was a good meeting.' By the sixth or seventh trip, they bought Faith Ringgold's book, *Seven Passages to a Flight*. So I'd accomplished my job. Now I don't care if I ever sell them another thing.

"But on the other side of it, some of the curators and librarians are the greatest people I've ever met. They've opened their collections to us, showed us everything — the Library of Congress, the Newberry Library, some truly wonderful collections. We learn so much from seeing those books. That's part of our work too. Most people don't know what great art exists in this form, because they hardly ever get exhibited."

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In May of this year, three

Brighton volumes were included in an exhibit of women's fine-art books at the Geisel Library on the UCSD campus. The Man-deville Special Collections Library already owns several Brighton titles, and according to a new agreement with the press, the library will acquire one copy of each new title. They will also purchase, index, catalog, and preserve Brighton's "work in progress" archives. This will include the artists' and writers' early notes and sketches, preliminary prints and page designs — any of the preparatory material related to the publishing of a title. The archive will document the collaborative process.

Lynda Claassen is the director of the special-collections library. "I'm not sure whether I mentioned this idea to Bill or Michele, or whether they mentioned it to me. We all may have had the idea percolating around for a while. It's funny how those things get lost in the mists.

"But Brighton's works

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“David Godine, the Boston publisher, was addressing about a hundred of us at the Getty. Godine got his start in this kind of publishing.” Bill recalls the incident with a faint smile. “And he said, ‘You people don’t exist. You’re the smallest piece of the pie. You can’t even imagine.’ He asked, ‘What do you think is the

biggest piece of the publishing pie? Religious books. And second comes self-help books. And third...’ By the time he got down to poetry and then to fine press, he said, ‘There’s nothing left. So you’re not even a factor.’

“One guy, one of us, a publisher from Germany who’s working in New York, said, ‘I take exception to that. I exist, and I exist very well, thank you.’ And they got in this big fight. But sometimes I think Godine’s right. We don’t really exist.” ■

— Linda Nevin

Examples of artists’ books can be seen at the website of San Francisco Institute of Art instructor Charles Hobson, who served as moderator for the SFIA conference. www.charleshobson.com.

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volunteer anymore.

Like all corporations, San Diego Earth Day is managed by a board of directors: professionals, almost all of whom are or were active volunteers. All of the compensation to Carolyn or myself was approved by the board, as are the policies concerning who may exhibit at the EarthFair.

Our income from San Diego Earth Day in 2003 was \$33,000, not \$60,000 as stated in the article. This included production of two other major events in addition to the EarthFair, as well as the normal accounting and office work associated with "keeping the doors open." If you know someone who is willing and capable of doing all that for less than \$3000 per month, please send them along.

I hope that your readers will see through the other sour-grapes accusations made in this article. None of the individuals quoted have contributed to San Diego Earth Day in any way since its incorporation. Nor, in fact, have they made any formal requests to the board of directors. And yet, they criticize its policies. It's

sad, when I do believe we are all really working for the same goals.

Beyond this, there are too many other unsubstantiated accusations to know where to begin. It is of no small interest that none of the charges concerning Carolyn's Planning Commission work has been taken to the Ethics Commission — an inexpensive and effective way to get an independent review, if you are really interested in justice. It appears that partisan gossip can carry the day when the truth won't.

If Carolyn or I can address any of the other hanging questions left by this article, please feel free to contact us at 858-272-7423 or at cklein@earthdayweb.org.

Working for San Diego Earth Day has given me a life worth living, one that makes a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of San Diegans each year. I owe it all to Carolyn's inspiration and leadership, without which none of this would have been possible.

Chris Klein
Pacific Beach

Scott Barnett responds: In recorded interviews with Ms. Chase, she stated that she and her husband are currently earning \$56,000 per year from

Earth Day. A review of the 2003 Earth Day tax filings (the most recent one posted on the California attorney general's website) showed that Earth Day paid \$60,000 in consulting fees in 2003. Ms. Chase confirmed that these fees were paid to her and her husband, Chris Klein.

Appalled By Politics

I am a candidate for city council District 2, quoted in Scott Barnett's article on Carolyn Chase, "I Played by the Rules" ("City Lights," September 22).

Her husband, Chris Klein, released his response to the *Reader* prior to publication; the letter was posted to an e-mail list by Ms. Chase with the following statement:

"[A]s to the complaints about the Sierra Club process — or actually everyone in the article criticizing me — each of them — whether from the beginnings of Earth Day locally or with the Sierra Club — are all people I had to hold accountable to the applicable rules either as Chair of a Committee or a member of a Committee — and they didn't like a particular outcome."

Let me make it abundantly clear that I did not criticize Carolyn Chase, have never been associated with Earth Day or the Sierra

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On one level I'm frustrated. If [movie theaters] were serving my needs, I wouldn't have to do this," says Shane Flores, founder and facilitator of the Secret Cinema Salon. Flores has lived in San Diego for most of his life. What inspired him to start the salon? "I realized that there were a lot of movies that I got used to seeing when I lived in New York or San Francisco that were not coming here, were never going to come here, and had never come here."

LOCAL EVENTS

Flores defines his film-loving group on his Secret Cinema blog: "Secret Cinema is an act of desperation...a means to an unknown end." Secret Cinema Salon is "a time and place to see these films...and (this next part is very dear to our hearts) talk about them with others who think about and love cinema."

Every other Sunday the Secret Cinema Salon is held at the Media Arts Center of San Diego. The movie that will be screened for discussion on Sunday, October 9, will not be revealed until the audience has taken their seats. "Part of the reason it's secret is to try to create [the right] mental space. You're probably not coming unless you've made some sort of commitment to be open-minded," Flores says.

The salon gained notoriety for showing *Battle Royale*, which, according to Flores, "will probably never be shown again in the U.S., for a variety of reasons." According to one fan's synopsis, the controversial and violent movie takes place in Japan at

some future date. In the film, *Battle Royale* is the name of the program wherein "classes of 14- and 15-year-olds are chosen at random and sent to a remote island where they are given weapons and three days to kill one another, until the sole survivor emerges as the winner."

At the other end of the film spectrum, Flores received groans from audience members one Sunday evening when he announced the movie of the night would be *The Adventures of Milo & Otis*, sans dubbing or subtitles. "The idea was to see how a film holds up when it's not meant to be a silent film. I'm surprised no one walked out of *Milo & Otis*, because we were doing something very difficult. As an adult film it has no credibility whatsoever; I apparently traumatized people for showing them this cute cat and dog movie. But still, nobody walked out."

The salon has drawn as few as three people in an evening and as many as twenty. "I'm more surprised at who doesn't come than who does," says Flores. Congregants of the salon range from the mid-20s to 50s and are predominantly white and middle class. Though gender is balanced, Flores hopes to draw more minorities to the discussions. "Especially when I show films that would be better served with a mixed crowd. The conversations suffer for lack of diversity."

Flores looks for films that are "newer or completely off the map of the distribution system." He laments the fact that "we don't see any films from the largest film industry in the world [Hollywood]," and wonders, "How is it that in Southern California we get no Mexican cinema at all? I



From *Battle Royale*

probably wouldn't be able to do this right now if it wasn't for the Internet."

Flores has made a rule for himself: He will not show two Asian films in a row. "All the interesting cinema in the world is happening in a few Asian countries right now. But people have told me, 'Stop showing Asian movies every time.' So every other week I get away from the entire continent to keep it mixed up."

The most recent film Flores shared with his group was *The Valley Obscured By Clouds*, a French film made by a German filmmaker in 1972. "It's most famous for having a Pink Floyd soundtrack, but the reason I showed it was I thought it had an interesting approach to sensuality and [posed] questions about what comprises cultural tourism and colonial exploitation."

Is there anything Flores won't show? "There is one film I know of that I'm debating whether or not I can show. Even by today's standards, I'm not sure it's legal for me to even own this film."

One of the few websites that sell this questionable movie, *Emperor Tomato Ketchup*, offers a synopsis: "Made in 1970

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"I don't think I'm ready to show this film," says Flores. "There are places I think if people saw this film, I could easily get arrested — according to our social laws now, it would fall within that [illegal] realm."

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Lucybell in Concert, Saturday, October 8, 9 p.m., at Box Underground, El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). \$50 U.S. 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

See “Godspell” at noon, 3 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, at Tijuana Grand Hotel (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

Mexican Rodeo, with rodeo performances, food, and entertainment, is Sunday, October 9, starting at noon at Villa Charra, Ejido Chilpancingo. \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-685-0810. (TIJUANA)

Celebrate Lobster during festival in Puerto Nuevo with food contests, music, and entertainment on Sunday, October 9, 1 to 6 p.m. Tickets: \$20 U.S., which include lobster, three beverages. (PUERTO NUEVO)

RBD in Concert at Monumental Bullring by the Sea, Sunday, October 9, 6 p.m. 011-52-664-688-1080. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

MYSTICAL PERSIAN dance celebrating ancient Mehregan Festival of Friendship and Harvest, Saturday, October 8, Neurosciences Institute.

(SEE DANCE)

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La Academia provides music and entertainment, Sunday, October 9, at noon, 3, and 5 p.m., at Tijuana Grand Hotel (on Boulevard Agua Caliente). 011-52-664-688-1080. (TIJUANA)

A Horse Show is planned on Sunday, October 9, 1 p.m., at Cor-

tijo San José. 044-664-688-1080. (PLAYAS DE TIJUANA)

The Play Desire is presented Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12, at 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in

Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Tequila Festival runs Wednesday through Friday, October 12–14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Avenida Revolución. \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-684-0481. (TIJUANA)

Ballet Folklorico Ehecatl performs Mexican music and dances on Wednesday, October 12, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., in Salón Social Vicente Guerrero, San Quintín. Performance repeats Thursday, October 13, 3 p.m., at Rosarito Beach City Hall. 011-52-664-687-9636. (SAN QUINTIN, ROSARITO BEACH)

OUTDOORS

Dense Ground Fogs are a trademark of the onset of autumn along San Diego’s coastal strip. Fog materializes during the night and early morning hours when moist marine air that has settled in valleys and low areas is chilled below the dew point. These ground fogs are distinct from the low overcast that usually blankets the coastal strip on late-spring and summer mornings.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Fall Birding in Palomar Mountain State Park hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, October 8, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Expert birder/naturalist Geoff Rogers leads scenic hike. \$25. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (PALOMAR MOUNTAIN)

Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including October 8. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). \$2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Walk through Sycamore and Eucalyptus Trees during hike in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve with Canyoneers, Saturday, October 8, 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 1 to 4:30 p.m. Participants may take short, level walk, or longer walk to waterfall midway through preserve (six miles roundtrip). Parking fee. Directions: 619-255-0203. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

"Seasonal Life, Survival for All," naturalist Dorothy Klitzing leads easy two-mile hike with talk about plant and animal life on Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m., at Daley Ranch (starts in main parking lot on La Honda Drive). Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Explore Old Escondido East during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Autumn Colors and Fall-Blooming Plants evident during hikes on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, October 8, 9, 12, in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Walks: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

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Mine Peak, elevation 1850 feet above sea level, stands atop the west end of the Coyote Mountains in far-southern Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. On a clear fall or winter day atop Mine Peak, the view seems to go on forever, with the rounded, fractal landscape of the Carrizo Badlands in the north, the cobbled Tierra Blanca, In-Ko-Pah, and Jacumba mountains to the west through south, and the flat, hazy Yuha Desert and Salton Basin to the southeast and northeast. October high temperatures are falling fast in the desert — from 90s early in the month to 80s by month's end — so it isn't too early in the season to explore here as long as you avoid hiking during midday or early afternoon.

The Coyote Mountains have a core of uplifted ancient granitic and meta-



Storm clouds over Carrizo Badlands

morphic rocks overlain by marine sediments. Some five million years ago, much of this same landscape lay below sea level and underneath a shallow sea occupying the southeastern corner of California. In the millions of years since, the layers of oozy sediment that had accumulated on the sea bottom were uplifted by the action of tectonic forces related to those that tore Baja California away from mainland Mexico. Erosion quickly cut through the softest mud deposits, leaving somewhat harder sandstones and fossil-shell reefs exposed — as you can see today at Fossil Canyon, Painted Gorge, and other areas at the east end of the Coyote Mountains in Imperial County. On the west end of the Coyote Mountains, at Mine Peak, the much older, underlying metamorphic and granitic rocks now poke head and shoulders above all the softer stuff.

To mount a mini-expedition to Mine Peak's summit, exit Interstate 8 at Ocotillo, and proceed north and west on County Highway S-2 for eight miles into Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Watch the roadside mile markers from that point on. At mile 53.4 according to the markers, turn right onto the West Dolomite Mine Trail (a dirt road). Drive 0.7 mile — if the toughness of your

automobile allows it — then turn sharply left (north). Go 0.2 mile to a large parking area and stop. Beyond this point,

continue up the old road 0.6 mile to an abandoned dolomite mine. From there, simply scramble straight up the rock-strewn

MINE PEAK

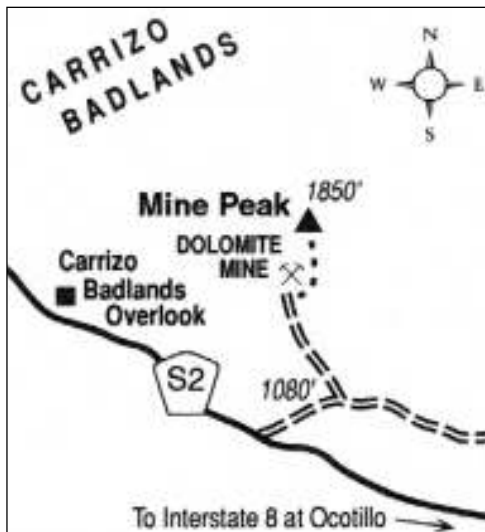
As the Anza-Borrego Desert cools from torrid to merely warm, try a refreshing hike to the viewful summit of Mine Peak.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 90 miles

Hiking length: 2.4 miles round trip

Hiking difficulty: Moderate

the road sharply deteriorates, so it's better if you're on foot from then on. Cross a wash and ridge, due north, to reach the rounded summit of Mine Peak, another 0.6 mile away.



Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m.,

at Visitors Center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and na-

tive plants, Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

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

Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Torrey Pines State Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper on Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m., at lifeguard tower. Free. 619-758-7743. (LA JOLLA)

Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tour led by trained guide, Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m., starting at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue). \$8 general. 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

San Diego Kite Club hosts kite flying second Saturday of each month, including October 8, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Shores North Park (on Mission Bay Drive, north of Fiesta Island entrance). Free. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

Bring Weeding Tools and Work Gloves to help Audubon Society volunteers remove invasive plants at California least tern nesting site at Mariner's Point on Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to noon. Reservations and directions: 619-224-4591 or 858-581-7602. (MISSION BAY)

Identify Wildlife Tracks when San Diego Tracking Team hosts beginning and intermediate tracking walks, Saturday, October 8, 8 a.m., in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Children welcome at beginning hike. To reach Adobe Ranch House, take Canyonside Park Drive off Black Mountain Road, follow signs to ranch house. 858-484-3219. Free. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

Improve Trails, trim vegetation, repair fences during trail maintenance day in San Dieguito River Park, Sunday, October 9, 8 a.m. Free. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x5. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Fledgling Birders invited to Audubon Society field trip at Santee Lakes, Monday, October 10, 8 to 11 a.m. Possible sightings include osprey, black-crowned night herons, egrets, grackles, wood ducks. Considerable hiking on level ground. Bring scope. Meet trip leader in parking area between first and second lakes. Vehicle entry fee. 619-280-7710. (SANTEE)

See Coronado's "Mini-Mansions" during one-hour, half-speed stroll with Walkabout explorers, Wednesday, October 12. Outing starts at 4th Street and A at 8:45 a.m. Optional coffee stop follows. 619-231-7463. Free. (CORONADO)

Faster Moving Earth is catching up to slower moving Mars in their perpetual, circular race around the sun. On October 30, Earth will approach Mars at a minimum, very comfortable distance of 43 million miles. Already, this week, Mars appears as a bright, reddish point of light in the eastern sky after about 8:30 p.m. By early November, the even more luminous "Red Planet" will rise at the time of sunset and set at sunrise.

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Allyson Green Dance presents "original works that explore the relationship of interactive performance and new media," October 7-9, at San Diego Museum of Art. Program includes new pieces: *Heart Beat Light*, *Flower*, *Recordar*, more.

Dancing begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$20 general. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Contradance to calling by JoAnn Koppány, music by Lime in the Harp, Friday, October 7, 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)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on first Friday of every month, including October 7, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at My Dance Academy (3837 Plaza Drive). \$7. 760-803-9982. (OCEANSIDE)

Mystical Persian Dance by Banafsheh Sayyad and Namah ensemble for Mehregan Festival of Friendship and Harvest, Saturday, October 8, 8 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door, \$15 students. 858-653-0336. (LA JOLLA)

Sayyad conducts contemporary mystical Persian dance classes on Sunday, October 9, 1:30 and 3 p.m., at Standley Middle School (6298 Radcliff Drive). Beginners at 1:30 p.m., intermediate/advanced at 3 p.m. \$30 for one workshop, \$50 for both. 858-450-0108. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Ballet Folklorico en Atzlan performs Sunday, October 9, 2 p.m., at Centro Cultural de la Raza (2125 Park Boulevard). Dances from state of Guerrero, Mexico featured this month. Free. 619-235-6135. (BALBOA 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). Live music, instruction by Steve Maranto, Bonnie Insull, Hamilton Avila on October 9. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Swing and Ballroom Dance Party, Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Introductory dance les-

son by Mary Manzella included in admission fee: \$8. 619-229-0141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

FILM

Singing, Dancing, Laughing, Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds in Stanley Donen's 1952 *Singin' in the Rain*, at Cinema Under the Stars, Thursday through Saturday, October 6-8, 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the 1948 flick at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Secret Cinema Salon," Sunday, October 9, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x125. (GOLDEN HILL)

"Beyond Treason," examining "a massive cover-up, including military and civilian experimentation, dating back over 60 years," screens Monday, October 10, 7 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4726 Santa Monica Avenue). What causes Gulf War illness? Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

Filmmaker Louis Hock presents *La Mera Frontera* and *The Mexican Tapes: A Chronicle of Life Outside the Law*, Monday, October 10, 5:30 p.m., in Arts Building room



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LOCAL EVENTS

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The Mystical Memory Piece
Off the Map by Campbell Scott screens for Film Forum on Monday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Stars: Joan Allen, Sam Elliot. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

A Buster Keaton Celebration is planned for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). See *The General* on Wednesday, October 12, 6 p.m. Buster's grandson, Robert Keaton, will offer post-show question and answer. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self" — film series in conjunction with exhibit opens with *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Thursday, October 13, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch, Robert Duvall's film debut as Boo Radley. \$10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego International Children's Film Festival, Friday through Sunday, October 21–30, at Museum of Photographic Arts.

OUT & ABOUT

"CYCADS DOWN UNDER:

Exploring the Living Fossils of Eastern Australia" by Suzi Ironmonger for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, October 10, Surfside Race Place.

(SEE LECTURES)



Short and full-length features films from around world, filmmaking workshops, programming for teens.

Screenings begin at 9:30 a.m., with hour-long program of short films for children ages 1 and older

and their families; full-length films for children and teens follow (10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily). Teen film night is Friday, October 28, at 5 and 7 p.m.

Opening night movie and

party with dinner: \$15 adults, \$10 for those 17 and younger. Week-end morning shorts: \$5 general, \$3 for seniors, kids, active military. All other films: \$7 general,

\$5 for all others. 760-470-2481. (BALBOA PARK)

The Silent Film "Nosferatu,"

Friedrich W. Murnau's 1922 classic, screens with live music on Monday, October 31, 8 p.m., in Seuss Room of UCSD's Geisel Library. Musical ensemble includes theremins, Moog synthesizers, ritual percussion instruments, orchestral instruments. Free. 858-534-8074. (LA JOLLA)

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

LECTURES

"Rembrandt's Painting Technique" divulged by Balboa Arts Conservation Center conservator Betsy Court for "Art in the Afternoon" series at Timken Museum of Art, Thursday, October 6. "What Were Rembrandt's Religious Views, Anyway?" Robert Hoehn answers question on Thursday, October 13. Lectures begin at 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

K-9 Search and Rescue in Action! Canines Mandy and Aura show off

their skills with their human, Jan Frazee of Southwest Search Dogs, when Sisters in Crime gather, Thursday, October 6, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$3. 760-366-1962. (HILLCREST)

Ponder a New Airport during forum hosted by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Thursday, October 6, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Wyndham San Diego at Emerald Plaza (400 West Broadway). Keynote speaker: Jeffrey N. Shane, under secretary for policy in U.S. Department of Transportation. Focus is on how air travelers will get to San Diego's present and future airport. \$75 general. 619-400-2869. (DOWNTOWN)

"Finish High School in Half the Time" — self-described "world's fastest reader" Howard Berg leads workshop, Thursday, October 6, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Learn to "speed read and speed learn." Free. Reservations: 619-258-8486. (LINDA VISTA)

"Pluralism and the Ethics of Dialogue" explored by Harvard University comparative religion scholar Diana Eck, Thursday, October 6, 8 p.m., in Price Center Ballroom at UCSD. Free. 858-453-4618. (LA JOLLA)

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“The Future of Archaeology” is explored by students who’ve recently returned from field when Archaeological Institute of America gathers on Friday, October 7, 7:15 p.m., in room G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free. 619-232-6203 x119. (KEARNY MESA)

“The Jesus Seminar on the Road,” what is evidence of Jesus as figure of history, how can it be found? Lecture entitled “Excavating Jesus,” Friday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.

Workshops on Saturday, October 8: “The Jesus of the First Century” (9:30 a.m.), “The Jesus of the 21st Century” (1:30 p.m.).

Events take place at Pilgrim United Church of Christ (2020 Chestnut Street). \$60 for all sessions, or \$15 for Friday, \$25 for either Saturday workshop. 760-729-6311. (CARLSBAD)

“Tipping the Balance: A Review of the Confirmation Process and the Impact on the Future Direction of the U.S. Supreme Court” examined by panel of University of San Diego law school experts, Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m. to noon, in Grace Court Room of Warren Hall at USD (5998 Alcalá Park). Free without credit. 619-260-4692. (LINDA VISTA)

Layered Acrylic Collage demonstrated by Mae Crauder-Davis when Clairemont Art Guild meets, Saturday, October 8, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

Taste Coffees of Africa and Rare Teas on offer during tastings on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, 2 p.m., at Peet’s Coffee and Tea (350 University Avenue, 8843 Villa La Jolla Drive, 7845 Highland Village Place). Free. 619-296-5995. (HILLCREST, LA JOLLA, TORREY HIGHLANDS)

Scottish Author T.E. Watson focuses on what it takes to be successful on both sides of Atlantic when Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators gathers on Saturday, October 8, 2 p.m., in room 106A of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). \$9. 858-485-8151. (LINDA VISTA)

Workshop on Astro-Giftology and Astro-Energetics sponsored by Terry Lamb and Cadent Cross Institute, Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Transpersonal Growth Center (9966 Dolores Street, suite 103). \$45. Registration: 619-299-2897. (SPRING VALLEY)

Earth Charter Community Summit, Saturday, October 8, 1 to 6 p.m., at Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (1600 Buena Vista Drive). Speakers: Lee Van Ham of Jubilee Economic Ministries, environmental designer Jim Bell, other panelists present vision, applications of Earth Charter, sustainable living, justice, peace. Free. 760-721-3091. (VISTA)

OUT & ABOUT

THOROUGHLY MODERN folk-pop! Ellis Paul for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 13.

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Easy Fabric Baskets created during workshop led by Nadine Spier, Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). \$60 fee includes materials. Sunset labyrinth walk, 4 to 6 p.m.; workshop is \$25. 760-742-1489. (VALLEY CENTER)

Pros and Cons, League of Women Voters host forums describing eight initiatives pending consideration by voters, Saturday, October 8, 2 p.m., at San Diego County Credit Union (501 North El Camino Real). (ENCINITAS)

Busy on 8th? Second forum offered Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free. 760-643-0177. (OCEANSIDE)

Prepare for Día de los Muertos during papier-mâché skeleton-making workshop on Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Back from Tomboctou (3564 Adams Avenue). \$20. Sugar skull workshop follows at 3 p.m.; \$15. Reservations: 619-282-8708. Classes on various dates through October 29. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Tour the Library of San Diego Jewish Genealogical Society with veteran genealogists Jackye Sullins and Roberta Berman, Sunday, October 9, 1 p.m., at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center

(4126 Executive Drive). 619-583-0826. \$3. (LA JOLLA)

Heritage Scrapbooking Class led by historian/artist Helen Hal-may of the Congress of History, Sunday, October 9, 1 to 4 p.m., at

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“Cycads Down Under: Exploring the Living Fossils of Eastern Australia” presented by Suzi Ironmonger when San Diego Horticultural Society gathers, Monday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Ironmonger owns cycad nursery in Fallbrook. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

Decorative Arts Lecture Series cohosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library resumes on Monday, October 10, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). British author, tour guide Ann Gore speaks on 18th-century landscape gardener Humphry Repton. Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

“Intro to GPS” offered on Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-

9020). Class repeats Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

“Organizing Stuff: Scanning Slides” explained when Graham Henstock speaks for Computer-Oriented Group of North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, October 11, 1 p.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). 760-744-7530. Free. (CARLSBAD)

“Sideways — The Wine Class” offered by John Alongé on Tuesday, October 11, 6 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). Participants watch select scenes from movie, taste Pinot Noirs, discuss themes of conversations in flick. \$30. Reservations: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

“Borderless Dreams” Art Talk, guest curator Alessandra Moctezuma and artists Laura Alvarez, Ruben Ochoa, and Perry Vasquez discuss current exhibit, Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Oceanside Museum of Art (704 Pier View Way). \$5. 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

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"Colorful Foliage for Your Garden" explored by San Diego Horticultural Society president Susi Torre-Bueno when Point Loma Garden Club meets Wednesday, October 12, 10 a.m., at Ocean Beach Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free.

Also on 12th: "Oriental Design for Beginners" workshop by Jackie Tomlinson, at noon. \$12 fee. Reservations required. 619-276-0209. (OCEAN BEACH)

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How much to use, and when? Landscape designer Jan Tubiolo, master composter Elizabeth Ramos discuss these topics, Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Stories Behind "From Blueprints to Buildings: San Diego Architecture" told by Michael J. Stepper (described as "father of the Gaslamp"), architecture professor William Harris, Wednesday, October 12, 9 a.m., in Thornton Theatre at San Diego Historical Society. Free. 858-481-8278. (BALBOA PARK)

Sugar Skull Making Workshops offered in commemoration of Día de los Muertos, Wednesdays, October 12 and 19, 4 p.m., at Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue). Donation. 619-232-5181 x11. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

"The Crisis for Immigrant Rights in California" examined by Nativo Lopez (from Mexican-American Political Association)

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and Peter M. Camejo (former gubernatorial candidate), Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., in Nasatir Hall room 100 at San Diego State University. Free. 619-379-2667, 619-482-0061. (SDSU)

Border Artist Marcos Ramirez "Erre" presents slide-illustrated lecture, Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., in room 3601 of Mira-Costa College (One Barnard Drive). Ramirez participated in Whitney Biennial. Free. 760-795-6613. (OCEANSIDE)

IN PERSON

History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society continues when Leland Fetzer discusses and signs *San Diego County Place Names from A to Z* on Thursday, October 6, 1:30 p.m. in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"A New Yawk Life," exploration of love/hate relationship with New

York City through 37 characters performed by Jovial Kemp, Thursday-Saturday, October 6-10, at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). \$15. 619-584-3593. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Celebrate a Year of First Fridays, monthly open mic for prose writers hosted by San Diego Writers, Ink, on October 7, 7 p.m., at Gallery 504 (3041 University Avenue). Donation. 619-582-2466. (NORTH PARK)

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"The Banner Bandit, or Double Trouble Was Her Plight," Julian Triangle Club's annual old-time melodrama and olio presented October weekends through October 30 at Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Boo the villain and cheer the hero! Live entertainment between acts, community sing-alongs preceding play.

Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays; community sing-alongs begin 15 minutes before each performance. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$2 for children 2-12. 760-765-3863. (JULIAN)

Small Potatoes performs for Fallbrook Americana Music Series, Saturday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., at Hilltop Center (301 East Elder). Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 17 and younger. 760-723-2563. (FALLBROOK)

The Legal Thriller *Lincoln Lawyer* is signed and discussed by author Michael Connelly, Saturday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

Music Director of the Symphony for United Nations, Joseph Eger, discusses his new book, *Einstein's Violin: A Conductor's Notes on Music, Physics, and Social Change*, Saturday, October 8, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Debut Fantasy Author Maria Snyder signs *Poison Study*, Sunday, October 8, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

GoGirlsMusicFest 2005, Saturday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., at Hard Rock Café (909 Prospect Street). Performances by Renata Youngblood, Annie Bethancourt, Victoria Roberston Band, many others. \$6. All ages before 10 p.m., 21 and older afterwards. 858-525-2632. (LA JOLLA)

The Young Dubliners take the stage on Saturday, October 8, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets to see this "hard-rocking Irish band" are \$20, \$25. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

North County Author Moira Noonan discusses her new book, *Ransomed from Darkness*, Sunday, October 9, 2 p.m., at Pala Mesa Village clubhouse (3332 Via Alta Mira). Book is "story of one woman's release from the bonds of the New Age movement to regain her Christian faith." Offering. 760-728-2707 or 760-731-6501. (FALLBROOK)

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Slam, Watch, or Heckle Judges during San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, October 10, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. \$5 fee for competitors, \$2 donation for spectators. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Open Mike Poetry hosted by Larry Dossey, Monday, October 10, at Twigg's Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:15 p.m. Free. Bring a poem for publication consideration. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Chicken Soup for the Soul" Creator Jack Canfield and coauthor Linda Williams will be joined by San Diego area contributing authors for signing of latest book, *Chicken Soup for the Soul — Stories for a Better World*, Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (11160 Rancho Carmel Drive). 858-618-1814. Free. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Collaborative Mystery Authors Bette and J.J. Lamb discuss, sign *Heir Today* at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard), Tuesday, October 11, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Thoroughly Modern Folk-Pop! Ellis Paul performs for AcousticMusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 13 (\$15, \$20); following concert by Paula Frazer and the Moore Brothers, Wednesday, October 12 (\$12, \$15). Concerts at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Laurie Okuma Memorial Reading by Georgiana Sanchez on Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m., in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Sanchez is author, storyteller, poet. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

Crime Spree! Florida crime writer Bob Morris (*Jamaica Me Dead*) and debut crime author Theresa Schwegel (*Officer Down*) sign books on Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Venezuelan Folk Harpist Camen Barriero performs traditional folk music, *musica llanera*, Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). Donation requested. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Trio Expression, Gunnar Biggs (contrabass), Rick Helzer (piano), Duncan Moore (drums) perform

OUT & ABOUT

YOUTHFUL INTENSITY, mature interpretations — Miró String Quartet, Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, Saturday, October 8.

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for Concert Hour series on Thursday, October 13, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (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)

Oceanside Music Festival, events get underway with concert by high school choral groups, including show choirs and musical

theater ensembles, Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Truax Theater at El Camino High School (400 Rancho del Oro Drive).

Oceanside Academy of Performing Arts presents "Broadway Review," Friday, October 21, 7 p.m., at Star Theater (402 North Coast Highway).

"Saturday Afternoon at the Movies" offered by Pacific Coast Concert Band, with live music set to old film clips at Grace Chapel of the Coast (102 North Freeman Street), Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m.

The Sleeping Beauty, written by Nicholas Reveles and performed by San Diego Opera Company's Touring Opera Ensemble at 7 p.m. on 22nd, at Star Theater.


"Celebration of Sacred Music" presented by Day Spring Ministries gospel choir and vocalist Annet Nakamoto, Sunday, October 23, 2 p.m., at Saint Mary Star of the Sea (609 Pier View Way). Offering.

Festival concludes with "Wine, Cheese, and Jazz" by Ron E. Bell and the BellPepperz, Sunday, October 23, 4 p.m., at Flying Bridge Restaurant (1105 North Coast Highway). Reservations: 760-722-1151.

Except where noted, tickets are \$15 general; \$50 for festival pass. 760-967-2005. (OCEANSIDE)

NPR's "Morning Edition" Host Renée Montagne speaks on Sunday, October 30, 3 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$42-\$102. 888-399-5727. (SDSU)

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SPORTS

Barry Alford Pine Valley Memorial Ride hosted by Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists is Saturday, October 8. Fifty-miler starts at 8:45 a.m. at fire station on Alpine Boulevard (exit I-8 at Tavern Road). Bring money for Mexican lunch. 619-426-8192. (ALPINE)

8K BeachFest Run and Walk heads south from Crystal Pier to Mission Beach jetty and back on Saturday, October 8, 7:30 a.m., starting at Grand Avenue lifeguard tower. Race-day registration starts at 6:45 a.m. 619-298-7400. (PACIFIC BEACH)

All Women, Full Contact Football — the SoCal Scorpions, a member of the Women’s Professional Football League, plays NFL-style football against Los Angeles Amazons, Saturday, October 8, 5 p.m., at Edward’s Stadium (750 Nautilus Street). \$5. 866-71-STING. (LA JOLLA)

Tito Classic surf competition, Saturday, October 8, 7 a.m., at south end of Oceanside Harbor. Spectators free. 760-434-7474. (OCEANSIDE)

The Shakespeare Rogues cricket team meets up with team at UCSD, Sunday, October 9, at Coronado Cays Park (near Coronado Cays Boulevard and Grand Caribe Causeway). Match starts at 10 a.m., will continue most of day. 619-805-5149. (CORONADO)

Granite Hills/Dehesa Loop bicycle ride hosted by Knickerbikers, Sunday, October 9. The 24-miler for “tourists” starts at 9 a.m. at Bank of America (at 2nd Street and Peach Avenue). Bring money for lunch. 619-561-4961. (EL CAJON)

Lake Jennings Fishing University convenes each Sunday at 1 p.m. at Lake Jennings County Park (10108 Bass Road). Free. 619-390-1300. (LAKESIDE)

“Dare to Soar the Bridge” 8k run/walk from Embarcadero Park north to Tidelands Park in Coronado, Sunday, October 9, 8 a.m. Bridge open to two-way traffic at all times. 858-353-2205. (DOWNTOWN, CORONADO)

“5k Run for Youth — For Stress-Free, Violence-Free Society,” Sunday, October 9, 7 a.m., in Balboa Park. Event takes place in 30 cities across continent. Registration: \$25, pledges requested, benefiting Art of Living Foundation. 858-342-2512. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Chargers host Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday, October 10, 6 p.m., in Qualcomm Stadium. Game broadcast on ABC. Tickets: \$41–\$84, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (MISSION VALLEY)

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)

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Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. \$45. 619-865-8255. (MISSION VALLEY)

Religious-Themed Artist John August Swenson debuts his newest serigraph, October 7 and 8, at Bazaar del Mundo Shops (4133 Taylor Street at Juan). Hours: 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Free. 619-296-3161. (OLD TOWN)

Brats and Beer, time for 32nd annual downtown La Mesa Oktoberfest, with live music, folk dancing, arts and crafts, kid's carnival, bratwurst and other German food, October 7-9. Hours: 11 a.m. to

midnight on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. 619-440-6161. (LA MESA)

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center reopens with festivities on Saturday, October 8. Ranger/author Paul Remeika on "The Geology of Anza-Borrego" at 10 a.m.; free. Naturalist stations, face painting, kids crafts, solar cooking demonstrations, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Diana Lindsay on "Marshal South and Life at Yaquitepec" at noon (free). Ice cream social at 2 p.m. Park superintendent focuses on "The Bighorn of Anza-Borrego" at 3 p.m. (free). 760-767-4205. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Little Italy Precious Festa, Sunday, October 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on India and Date Streets.

Lena Prima (daughter of Louis) headlines, collegiate cheese carving competition, live entertainment, bocce ball and stickball tournaments, Alfa Romeo car show, craft booths, food for sale. Free admission. 619-233-3898.

Chalk La Strada, an Italian street-painting festival, features artists using chalk as medium to create colorful and detailed works of art on asphalt streets. View chalk art from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, between Date and Columbia Streets. Free. 877-DO-CHALK. (LITTLE ITALY)

Tenth Annual Polish Harvest Festival is October 8 and 9 at Polish Roman Catholic Mission and Cultural Center (1735 Grand Avenue). Folk dancing, food, Polish music. Festival starts at noon both days, closing at 9 p.m. on Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. 619-668-0485 or 858-847-0611. Free admission. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Oom-Pah-Pah, traditional German Oktoberfest hosted by German-American Societies of San Diego, Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, noon to 10 p.m., at clubhouse and beer garden (1017

South Mollison Avenue). Live German music, dancing, food for sale, vendors' and craft booths, children's fun zone, more. Admission: \$3 for people over 21 (free for active military and those under 21). 619-442-6638. (EL CAJON)

Nuts for the Arts, Bates Nut Farm hosts fine art festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artwork on display and for sale by 40 artists, food, entertainment. Free admission. Find the farm at 15954 Woods Valley Road; 760-749-3333. (VALLEY CENTER)

Pacific Beachfest 2005 is Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on beach and boardwalk between Crystal Pier and Thomas Street. Taste of Pacific Beach food court, kid fest, music, community stage, giant sandcastle, arts and crafts, fireworks (7:30 p.m.). Free. 858-273-3303. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Cars and Hoops II custom car show, Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Valhalla High School (1725 Hillsdale Road). Viewing is free. 619-670-7588. (EL CAJON)

Ninth Annual Beans-n-Jeans Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, October 8, 5 to 8 p.m., at Coronado Ferry Landing Marketplace (1st Street and B Avenue). Food, music, line dancing, family fun. \$10. 619-519-2025. (CORONADO)

Coronado Classic Speed Festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, at Naval Air Station North Island. "Over 200 of the world's top racing machines from years gone by" competing on spectator-friendly 1.6-mile course. Over 1200 cars on display from 66 car clubs; Navy jets and helicopters, vintage aircraft on display. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets: \$30 per day, \$40 for both; children 12 and younger free with paid adult. 619-858-1545. (CORONADO)

Fiesta del Rio, "rediscover your California/Californio pride" through live stories, music, dance, and drama of peoples that lived near Tijuana River Estuary in earlier times on Saturday, October 8, noon to 4 p.m., at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza (950 Ocean Lane). Games, crafts for kids. Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

California-Friendly Gardening Fest, Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Lectures by professional landscapers, plants for sale, garden scavenger hunt for kids, magic show. Free. 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

San Diego Golden Retriever Meetup Group gathers to "trade tales and training tips, Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m., at Nate's Point (on Balboa Drive at El Prado,

south of Cabrillo Bridge). Free. 858-603-8798. (BALBOA PARK)

Gourd and Pumpkin Festival planned at Welburn Gourd Farm, Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gourd art, pumpkins and gourds available for purchase, workshops and demonstrations, crafts, food and drink. Free admission. Find Welburn at 40635 De Luz Road; 877-420-2613. (FALLBROOK)

Open Studio with Live Model — offering 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)

McRae/Albright Ranch Open House is Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 127-year-old house was home of Harrison Albright, architect who designed Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Coronado Library, U.S. Grant Hotel. Grounds feature 130-year-old Moreton bay fig tree. \$5. Find house at 3754 Barbic Court; 619-460-3754. (SPRING VALLEY)

"Moments in Time: An Exhibition of San Diego History" opening and workshop on Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road).

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Multicultural Festival, Saturday, October 8, noon to 5 p.m., at University Square (on University Avenue and 60th Street). Musical performances, ethnic foods, arts and crafts. Free admission. 760-630-6687. (COLLEGE AREA)

Taste of Seaport Village, Saturday, October 8, after 10 a.m., at (where else?) Seaport Village (849 West Harbor Drive). Tickets: \$10. 619-235-4014. (SEAPORT VILLAGE)

The House of Spain hosts lawn program at International Cottages, Sunday, October 9, 2 p.m. Free. Food for sale. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

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BILLBOARD, JOHN VACHON, 1948



"Marston House — Celebrating a Century, 1905-2005," festivities on Sunday, October 9, 1 p.m., at Marston House (3525 Seventh Avenue). Arts and crafts style-home was designed by Irving

Gill and William Hebbard. Two of George Marston's granddaughters will be on hand; speakers include Roger Showley of *San Diego Union-Tribune*, Kathi Diamant of KPBS, preservation architect Paul

Johnson, Hal Sadler. Admission: \$19.05. 619-232-6203 x163. (HILLCREST)

Holistic Living Expo, Sunday, October 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Windmill (890 Palomar Airport

Road). Psychics, mystics, healers, artists. Admission: \$5 general, two for \$8, \$3 seniors and teens, free for children. 800-722-7330. (CARLSBAD)

The 22nd Annual Interplanetary Conclave of Light, a procession "celebrating that we are not alone in the universe" hosted by Unarius Academy of Science, is Sunday, October 9, 3 p.m., at Prescott Promenade (on East Main Street). Free. 619-444-7062. (EL CAJON)

Oktoberfest sponsored by Ramona Chamber of Commerce, Sunday, October 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 969 Main Street. Wine tasting, antiques, Wild West performances, antique vehicles on display. 760-789-2784. (RAMONA)

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 board shuttle buses for tour. \$25. Required reservations: 619-233-5008. High-heeled shoes not permitted. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

You're Invited to a Halloween party given by Weaver's Tales through Sunday, October 9, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater. Guest artist Bob Baker takes stage for *Strings! Magical Strings!*, October 12-16 (admission for these performances is \$5 general).

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)

Moon Festival for Children, Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at San Diego Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). Interactive storytelling, scavenger hunt, traditional Chinese moon cakes and calligraphy, art activities. General admission: \$2, children 12 and younger free. 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

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All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompanied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

Create Puff Gliders during San Diego Aerospace Museum Family Day workshops, Saturday, October 8, at 12:30, 1:30, and 2:30 p.m. (sessions last 45 minutes). Included in paid admission. Reservations: 619-234-8291 x19. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Mini-Sailboat Races highlight family day activities on Sunday, October 9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Maritime Museum. Children 12 and under admitted free, with activities including mini-boat races, raising sails, sea chantey sing-alongs, rides on historic 1914 *Pilot* boat.

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IF WE MUST DIE

If we must die – let it not be like hogs
Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,
While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs,
Making their mock at our accursed lot.
If we must die – oh, let us nobly die,
So that our precious blood may not be shed
In vain; then even the monsters we defy
Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!
Oh, Kinsmen! We must meet the common foe;
Though far outnumbered, let us show us brave,
And for their thousand blows deal one deathblow!
What though before us lies the open grave?
Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,
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Claude McKay

LINES 1–17 IN *THE ILIAD*

Sing, Goddess, Achilles' rage,
Black and murderous, that cost the Greeks
Incalculable pain, pitched countless souls
Of heroes into Hades' dark,
And left their bodies to rot as feasts
For dogs and birds, as Zeus' will was done.
Begin with the clash between Agamemnon –
The Greek warlord – and godlike Achilles.



Homer

Which of the immortals set these two
At each other's throats?
Apollo

Zeus' son and Leto's, offended
By the warlord. Agamemnon had dishonored
Chryses, Apollo's priest, so the god
Struck the Greek camp with plague,
And the soldiers were dying of it.

From *The Iliad*, lines 1–17, by Homer, translated by Stanley Lombardo

Children must be accompanied by an adult to enter for free. Find the museum at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

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"If You Give a Pig a Party" discussed and signed by author Laura Numeroff, Monday, October 17, 6:30 p.m., Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

Howl-at-the-Moon Campout starts Saturday, October 22, at 4:30 p.m. and ends on Sunday, Oc-

tober 23, 9:30 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West).

Kids four–eight (and their adults) will make seasonal craft, trick or treat along garden paths, enjoy costume parade, campfire program with snacks, songs, skits; pan-

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Fallback Festival, dress in costume and head back in time when Gaslamp Quarter hosts events on Sunday, October 30, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of William Heath Davis House (at Fourth Avenue and Island Street). Gold panning, pony rides, Wild West shootouts, music, ice cream and pie-eating contests, more. Tickets: \$5, kids under 2 free. 619-233-4692 or 619-233-5008. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

MUSEUMS

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

Bancroft Ranch House Museum houses indigenous Indian artifacts and memorabilia of early settlers in the area, run by the Spring Valley Historical Society. The home, built in 1863, was registered as a National Historic Landmark in 1962 and is on a spot where Kumeyaay Indians camped more than 1000 years ago beside the spring that later gave the area its name. The museum is found at 9050 Memory Lane; 619-469-1480. (SPRING VALLEY)

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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 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)

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The Restless Sleep: Inside New York City's Cold Case Squad



Stacy Horn

By Stacy Horn
Viking/Penguin, 2005; \$24.95;
320 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Between 1985 and 2004, 8,894 unsolved homicides were committed in New York City. Here is the first ever inside look at the elite NYPD squad that cracks these 'unsolvable' cases.

There is no statute of limitations on murder. No matter when you did it, *homicide* is one crime you pay for. But first you must be caught. Today thousands of killers who managed to evade law enforcement are still walking the streets, while the dead and those close to them remain in an uneasy limbo, a restless sleep. So what happens after the detectives investigating the crime can go no further? Where does the police department begin when an unsolved case has gone cold? *The Restless Sleep* is a look at the elite squad of detectives charged with the overwhelming task of solving these crimes, of tackling the forgotten cases languishing in precincts and

warehouses around New York, and of seeking closure for the victims and their loved ones.

In this fascinating in-depth narrative, Stacy Horn uses her unprecedented access to the NYPD Cold Case Squad to immerse herself in four unsolved murder cases — cases going back as far as 1951 — investigated by three indefatigable Cold Case detectives. Each detective uses his own contacts, informants, and resources and sifts through decades-old evidence, searching for new leads and looking for what others missed. The intuition, determination, and patience involved in tracking down the murderer of the parents of three young children in a drug-related hit in 1996, of the 14-year-old girl who in 1988 was stomped to death on the railroad tracks, of the cop who was killed with a meat hook and his own gun in 1979, or of the young wife strangled in her bedroom in 1951 are nothing short of heroic. These Cold Case detectives are

on a constant hunt for the needle in the haystack, and Stacy Horn puts you there every step of the way.

From the grisly circumstances and desperate reconstructions of the crimes, through the endless legwork, the scientific advances that don't always yield hoped-for answers, and the harrowing politics and tangled history of the NYPD, Horn depicts the drama of each case and lays out the puzzle as seen through the eyes of the detectives.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

Kirkus Reviews: The old police saying turns out to be true: if a murder isn't solved within the first 72 hours, it starts getting as cold as the body, colder and colder until it becomes a cold case.... Without bogging down the story, Horn provides explanatory detail about everything from gathering evidence and evaluating witnesses to making use of forensic work. She shows how the detectives

learn to build relationships with suspects during interrogation and to be articulate on the stand. In the process, she fills us in on the hairy world of intramural police politics. The Cold Case Squad steps on many territorial toes, from station house to One Police Plaza, which sometimes seems as scary as the dark streets of a bad neighborhood. For all the hope these profiled detectives inspire, the reality is that "most cold cases are never solved." A choice piece of police-procedural writing.

Hartford Courant: Horn spares none of the splatter and gore, which is good, because the reader should know the details of these scenes of cruelty and rage, where the homicide detective begins his work. Horn is an excellent reporter and able writer, and the reader will come away from *The Restless Sleep* with a better appreciation for the tiring, frustrating job of trying to stop people from

getting away with murder.

Entertainment Weekly: While *Sleep* hardly makes for soothing bedtime reading, Horn's gripping writing and palpable sense of outrage ensure that its narrative trail never runs cold.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Stacy Horn, she said, from her apartment in downtown Manhattan, was "technically born in Norfolk, Virginia, because my father was in the Navy. But both my parents are from New York and we moved back to New York when I was three months old [in the fall of 1956] and that's where I grew up. In Huntington, Long Island, which is like a suburban small town, but very pretty. Which I couldn't wait to get out of."

Ms. Horn received a B.F.A. from Tufts University and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and a graduate degree from the Interactive Telecommunications Program at NYU.

"I started imagining these boxes of files in basements that hadn't been opened in forever."

torian House, the city's original Santa Fe Train Depot, a railroad car with model train, working blacksmith shop, and a barn. Find Heritage Walk in Grape Day Park, at 321 North Broadway; 760-743-8207. (ESCONDIDO)

John DeWitt Historic Museum and Library, operated by the Alpine Historical Society, it is located in the 1897 home/office of Dr. Sophronia Nichols. She was the first doctor in Alpine and the first female doctor in the East County. Indian artifacts from the Kingery

family on exhibit. The museum is located at 2116 Tavern Road; 619-659-8740. (ALPINE)

La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone

equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

Magee House Museum, built in 1887 and surrounded by rose gardens, the site includes "one of the last barns still standing in Carlsbad." Docent and self-guided tours of historic house and gardens. Find Magee House at 258 Beech Street; 760-434-9189. (CARLSBAD)

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the overall history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at 5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum is a complex of historical buildings, including the Verlaque House (the only Western adobe home of French provincial design still in existence), wagons, antique exhibits, and artifacts. There is a cowboy bunk house, women's clothing and accessories from 1700 to 1800, a ranch blacksmith shop and tack room. The Casey Tibbs Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

"Did you read a lot as a kid?"
"No. I started reading when I read *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton. I wasn't a book-worm until that book. It's about juvenile delinquents. I identified."

Ms. Horn was not interested in cops-and-robbers television shows as a youngster. "I had no interest," she said, "in true crime. Or even mysteries." "When did you get to the city?"

"When I was done with college. I always loved the city. My grandfather was a judge, and my grandmother and he showed me the best of New York. It became this magical place to me. Every weekend that I could I would go in there. When I was 16, I was finally allowed to go in alone and so practically every weekend I would be going into the city. I couldn't wait to live there. It was Oz to me."

From Stacy Horn's biography (www.echonyc.com/~horn/restless/bio.html), a reader learns

that in 1990, Ms. Horn founded Echo, a New York City-based online service "filled with writers, artists, and professionals who log in everyday to talk about work, love, how hard life can be, and what's on TV." Ms. Horn wrote about Echo and the Internet in a book called, *Cyberville: Clicks, Culture and the Creation of an Online Town.*

"What happened to Echo?"
"Still around, but shades of its former self. I'm on Echo every day. But at a certain point, I didn't want to do it anymore in terms of a business. I want it around because it's fun, and I enjoy the people and like having that place to check into every day. I've been running it as people close their accounts, the ones who are using it for Internet access. I tell them, 'Use Time Warner; it's a lot better.' I keep it around for the bulletin board stuff. So it's very small. It's only a few hundred people. Nothing lasts forever. It sticks around – it's this small, local thing where I get to hang out with interesting people."
"How did you happen to

write *Cold Case*?"

"I've always been attracted to death as a subject, and to people and things that are forgotten. I met this guy who was a cold case detective. I didn't even know what a cold case was, so he had to explain to me what they do. I started imagining these boxes of files in basements that hadn't been opened in forever. He told me that there were warehouses around the city where they had been storing accumulated evidence for over a century. I had to get into these warehouses. I was drawn to cold cases because of that sad aspect of their being forgotten."

"From statistics, it looks like the poorer you are, the more likely you are to be a cold case."

"Also, there's definitely a race element. I looked it up. If you're black, your case is four times as likely to go cold."

"How did you choose the four cases out of the thousands that you found?"

"I didn't want it to be all success stories. I picked cases

that I thought gave an overview. I picked the Jean Sanseverino case because I wanted to have several cases that were never solved. Because that's the reality. Most cold cases will never be solved.

"I also wanted to have an old case. Several that I was looking at were from the 1930s. But I thought it would be better if I could find some people still alive to talk to. With cases from the '30s, chances were that I was not going to find anyone.

"I decided to write about Jean Sanseverino because I liked her and identified with her. I felt I could tell her story better. So I was given permission to read through the 1951 detective files – Jean Sanseverino was murdered in Brooklyn in 1951. In these files detectives were constantly doing things that I didn't understand – ignoring suspects that I thought were compelling."

With computer search capacity not available to detectives in 1951, Ms. Horn did much research on the cold

"From statistics, it looks like the poorer you are, the more likely you are to be a cold case."

cases about which she chose to write.

Sylvia Krumholz was Jean Sanseverino's roommate at the time that Jean was murdered. Chances are that she might be alive. "I wanted to find her," said Ms. Horn. "She was my holy grail. I called every Krumholz in the phone book in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Florida. I would say 'Did you have any relatives in your family named Sylvia?' I figured that she might have married and gone by another name. Then I checked all the census records and I found three Sylvia Krumholzes and I tried to track down their families and again, any trace of

her had disappeared."

As I read *The Restless Sleep*, I wondered how Ms. Horn felt, knowing that she lived in a city where there also lived murderers who had never been caught.

"It freaked me out, but at the same time I felt almost impervious because of where people are getting murdered. I have this printout of all unsolved homicides in New York going back to 1985. The print out is three inches high. I looked at my precinct, the Sixth. In the Sixth, the number of unsolved murders would fill maybe two inches on one page. There are perhaps nine unsolved

(continued on page 108)

Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

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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)

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Sexual Counterrevolution

How Coronado Parents Got Planned Parenthood Out of the Schools and an Abstinence Speaker In

BY MATTHEW LICKONA

A few days past again, I was called by a familiar teacher, "mrs. Lickona." She was nervous, the health curriculum, specifically the sexual education, was being presented to the kids. "The teachers asked me, 'Would you please come and look at it as an outside observer, someone who hasn't had kids in the high school, and let me know what you think?' After the presentation, I became concerned about the curriculum." Parents' biggest concern "was that they said — three times in a one-hour presentation — that 'if you talk to your parents, they will tell you that they don't want you to have sex.'"

Even really kind of (bored), but when someone was that they spent very little time talking about abstinence, which is my opinion is the only true solution that exists. Ultimately a group

A group of parents went to the board of education, and Planned Parenthood was removed from the district.

of parents who had expressed concern went to the board of education, and Planned Parenthood was removed from the district.

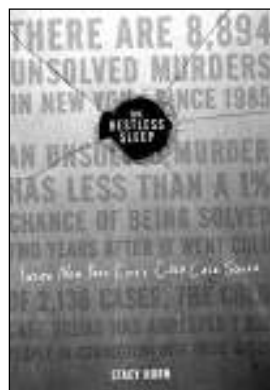


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murders — that's it.

"But then if I go to one of the worst parts of Brooklyn, it's page after page after page — roughly 9,000 names. I became obsessed with studying these names. I looked for patterns. Like how many men, how many women, how many black men, how many white men, how many children. Anything I could think of I

counted. I don't fall into any of those categories. There's only one category that I'm going to fall into soon, that of elderly women who lives alone.

"Certainly I protect myself in ways I never used to. Like I used to buzz people into my building without asking, 'Who's there?' Now I ask and if I don't think they're telling me the truth, I don't buzz them in."

"How do the police feel about your book?"

"My two biggest fears were how the cops were going to respond to the book, and how the family members of those who were murdered would respond. I sent all of them copies and then I waited. The cops responded first and they were thrilled. The whole time I was writing it they were saying, 'You're never going to get it right, you're never going to get it right.' When they read the book, however, the police, without exception, said, 'You got it right.' Even when I was critical of something about the police department the police

said, 'You were fair and it was true.'"

Ms. Horn's descriptions of relations among workers on cold cases interested me, as did her descriptions of these workers' dress and behavior.

That so many of the police were handsomely, even expensively garbed, came, Ms. Horn said, "as a shock at first. At One Police Plaza [NYPD headquarters], they all are extremely well-dressed and elegant. The closer you get to power, the more attractive and better dressed they are. I've never been allowed on the floor where the police commissioner is. The highest I went was the chief of detectives. Which is pretty high.

"One thing that was funny is this. If you watch TV, you get a sense that there's this rivalry between the FBI and local police. They hate each other. I spent a lot of time in squad rooms, and you can always tell the FBI when they walk into the room. The way they carry themselves, there's definitely an NYPD way, a presence, and there's defi-

nately an FBI presence. You can instantly tell who's who.

"FBI guys, they are so fucking arrogant. They walk in and they act like they own the place. Whenever I see them on TV, where they're basically assholes, it's, 'You do what we tell you to do, and we won't give you any information, but you have to give us information.' It's exactly like that in real life. Exactly.

"The only exception to that is that when the cops that are not jerks and the FBI agents that aren't jerks get past that and don't act like jerks with each other."

"How can you ascertain that it's an NYPD person in the room?"

"Much more casual. Usually friendlier, until they find out that you're liberal and then they're not so friendly."

"How did it change you, doing this book?"

"The only thing I can think of is that 9/11 changed me and made me look at cops differently. Spending time with them

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solidified that change. On 9/11 I wanted to go down and help. I live in the West Village, not far.

"I walked down the highway thinking that somehow I could sneak in and help. At that time people still thought there were people buried there. They had downtown completely blocked off. I went up to the blockade. I stayed all night. They had a command center and rescue workers would come there. People kept coming up to the blockade to ask if they could help.

"Everyone was stopped at the blockade. Now in New York when the police stop you and tell you you can't go somewhere, normally the reaction is 'Fuck you.' It's always been a battle. But instead, the people would say, 'Okay, fine.' Then,

before they turned around and went back up the highway, they would stick out their hands and shake whatever cop's hand was there and say, 'Thank you.'

"I'd be left watching the reaction to the handshake and the 'thank you' and what I saw was that the cops were fighting tears all night long. They had never been thanked, I don't think, in their lives, especially in that neighborhood. They didn't know what to do with it. They are not men used to expressing their feelings. They knew what they were feeling, but they'd say things like 'Fuck, that never happened before,' and then they'd try not to cry. So when I wrote this book I also wanted to write it as a thank you."

— Judith Moore

west, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

The museum is downstairs in the Casa de Balboa building. 619-696-0199. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Backyard Monsters" features giant robotic insects, up to 11 feet high and 22 feet long, paired with interactive learning

displays and "one of the world's largest private specimen collections." Visitors may build a bug, create a bug orchestra, take a robotic insect for a walk. Through December.

The "Wildlife Art Exhibition" continuing through December includes wildlife-themed artwork in a range of media and styles. "Hundreds of nationally and internationally recognized local artists are expected to participate."

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!" continues through January 2006,

exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and 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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Trio Lyrique performs classical music for violin, cello, and piano by Beethoven, Schubert, Haydn, and Arensky for First Thursday Concert on October 6, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

"Gala Latinoamericana" presented by Orquesta de Baja California, led by Angel Romero, Thursday, October 6, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Concert will include pieces by Reueltas, Zyman,

Brouwer, Marquez. Tickets: \$40-\$55. Find center at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Music by Russian Geniuses Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky, and Glazunov may be heard, along with a piece by Respighi, when violinist Joshua Bell joins San Diego Symphony and conductor Jahja Ling in concerts on October 7 and 9.

These "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Solo Piano Recital by Karen Follingstad, on Saturday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Follingstad plays pieces by Chopin, Schubert, Robert Schumann, Mozart, J.S. Bach, Schoenberg on new Mason and Hamlin nine-foot concert grand piano. Donation: \$12. 619-298-4580. (HILLCREST)

Youthful Intensity, Mature Interpretations — 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)

The Mozart Piano Quartet performs works by Mozart, Fauré, Dvořák, Sunday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., for Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music

and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$30 (\$160 for series). Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Centennial Concert, a select 32-voice vocal ensemble, soloists, instrumentalists, and full La Jolla Presbyterian Chancel Choir celebrate 100th anniversary of La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue) with concert, Sunday, October 9, 7 p.m. Expect classic, contemporary sacred music. 858-729-5520. Donations accepted. (LA JOLLA)

St. Cecilia Choir and Cathedral Choristers of Saint Paul's Cathedral perform Sunday, October 9, 4 p.m., at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). 619-464-4331. Offering. (SAN CARLOS)

Pomerado Saxophone Quartet plays works by Bach, Niehaus, Albeniz, Gershwin, and Morton for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, October 9, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, October 9, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Opus Melodius performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, October 10, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Classical arias, standards, Broadway tunes. Free. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

The Takács Quartet with Garrick Ohlsson performs for Revelle Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Tuesday, October 11, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program includes Debussy's

"String Quartet in G Minor," Chopin's "Third Piano Sonata," "Piano Quintet" by Brahms. Tickets: \$25-\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Opera Unplugged, Wednesday, October 12, 7 p.m., in City College Theater Saville Theatre (at 15th and C Streets). 619-388-3676. (DOWNTOWN)

Piano Works for Four Hands promised when pianist Gustavo Romero and Argentinean pianist and composer Dario Ntaca present concert, Friday, October 14, at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). Duo performs works composed by Franz Schubert including "Rondo in A Major," "Allegro in A Minor (Lebensstürme)," "Fantasy in F Minor." \$34. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"The Barber of Seville" by Rossini is presented by Teatro Lirico D'Europa, Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: \$35-\$65. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

The West Coast Premiere of "Ayre," a new work by Osvaldo Golijov, is Thursday, October 20, 8 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street).

The 45-minute cycle of eleven songs is drawn from a body of songs centered in Spain and three principal cultures: Christian, Jewish, Arab. Soprano Dawn Upshaw (for whom the work was commissioned), Latin "alt-rock pioneer" Gustavo Santaolalla, double bassist Mark Dresser, and Eighth Blackbird all perform. Tickets: \$20-\$65. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

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GALLERIES

Artist Night at the Rock, hand-blown glass artist Mark Sigafoos showcased during reception on Thursday, October 6, 7 p.m., at Rock Island Gallery (928 Orange Avenue). RSVP requested: 619-435-0212. (CORONADO)

"2005 Faculty Exhibition" with new work in variety of media by art and design faculty members is on view through Wednesday, November 23, in University Art

Gallery at San Diego State University. Reception for artists: Friday, October 7, 7 p.m. 619-594-5171. (SDSU)

"25th International Exhibition" with 90 paintings juried by Betsy Dillard Stroud is on display through October in San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Meet artists at reception on Friday, October 7, 6:30 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

First Friday Exhibition of new artwork in various media, work by featured artist Cathryn Ward opens with reception on Friday, October 7, 6 p.m., at San Diego Visual Artists Guild (1098 Ninth Avenue). 619-890-6120. (DOWNTOWN)

"All of My Beautiful Friends," an exhibit of recent photographic work by Elliott Linwood, opens with reception on Saturday, October 8, at 4 Design Gallery (3813 Ray Street). 619-501-0879. Through Thursday, November 10. (NORTH PARK)

"The Penguins Stole My Sanity" — one-day show with sculptures by Mike Feeney is Saturday, October 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Feeney will "give penguins away" since "art should not only be for folks with money"; he requests that guests wear black and white. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"Natural Light," oil paintings on canvas by Ruth Todd Evans go on exhibit with reception on Saturday, October 8, 6 p.m., at J. Dewers Gallery (715 Eighth Avenue). Continues through Saturday, November 5. (DOWNTOWN)

Expressionistic Painter Andrew Keeper exhibits work inspired by "bodies of water" beginning with reception on Saturday, October 8, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Concurrently, see hand-blown glass by Patricia Yockey. Through Thursday, November 3. 619-546-9546. (NORTH PARK)

"Glass! Glass! Glass!" See glass furniture, sculpture, vessels, jewelry in exhibit on view through Monday, January 2, 2006, at Shiva Artistic Collections (115 West Grand Avenue). Paintings by Stephanie Clair and Cindy Clark also on exhibit. Reception is Saturday, October 8, 5 p.m. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

A "Fall Festival of Colors" is on display through October at Many Hands Craft Gallery (302 Island Avenue, suite 101). Reception for 25 participating artists: Sunday, October 9, 2 p.m. 619-557-8303. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Metal Point Drawings by Dean Bienvenido Ramos of Albuquerque, New Mexico and photographs and digital images by San Diego resident Matt Micajah Truitt are gathered in "Passages"; reception on Thursday, October 13, 11 a.m., in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). 760-795-6657. Through Thursday, November 3. (OCEANSIDE)

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

challenges the viewer's expectations." 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

ART MUSEUMS

Mingei International Museum, art and significance of Japanese dolls from the Edo period showcased in "Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll." As cultural artifacts, *ningyô* embody the customs, tastes, fashions, and politics of the time. Through Sunday, January 29, 2006.

"Elemental Art of the Indonesian Archipelago" includes more than 100 objects such as textiles, jewelry, puppets, baskets, beaded objects, ritual dance masks, architectural ornaments, household objects, ancestor figures, and shrines. Through May 2006.

"Arctic Transformations — The Jewelry of Denise and Samuel Wallace" may be seen through Sunday, October 16. The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," 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 Gunderath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19, 2006.

"Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, WriterzBlok is a collective of artists offering youth of Southeast San Diego technical skills in visual arts, opportunities to learn about aerosol painting through educational programs. Through Sunday, December 11, view murals by WriterzBlok's artists in lobby and Fayman Galleries, augmenting their banner project on museum's

Jacobs Building construction fence on Kettner Boulevard.

"Fresh, New Art from UCSD" may be seen through Sunday, October 23. Work ranges "from mock documentary to a new take on border art."

Twelve is a new video installation by Barbara Kruger addressing themes of power, society, culture, family, and relationships. Experience the piece, projected individually on four walls, through Sunday, December 11.

Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001. (DOWNTOWN)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through December. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is on view from 18th through Sunday, September 3, 2006. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, more than 250 works of photography revealing "tumultuous history of the representation of race in America" gathered in "Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self," on view concurrently at Museum of Photographic Arts and San Diego Museum of Art. Exhibition spans wide range of genres and movements, with pieces dating from mid-19th century to present, continuing at both museums through December.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanside Museum of Art, "Borderless Dreams," with work by Laura Alvarez, Ruben Ochoa,

and Perry Vasquez, continues through Sunday, October 30. Find the museum at 704 Pier View Way; 760-721-2787. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Farsites: Urban Crisis and Domestic Symptoms in Recent Contemporary Art" — binational show boasts diverse collection of work by nearly 50 artists. Collaborative exhibition with Centro Cultural de Tijuana (CECUT) and in-Site features painting, sculpture, photography, video addressing "moments of crisis and fissure affecting everyday urban and domestic spaces." Through Sunday, November 13.

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Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2, 2006.

"Tastes in Asian Art" includes "some of the most significant works" in the museum's collection. Exhibit features new and rarely exhibited works, along with well-known pieces. Continues through June 2006.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, between late 1650s and mid-1660s, Rembrandt Harmensz Van Rijn created a number of half-length portraits of religious figures. Paintings were created during difficult time in Rembrandt's life. "Rembrandt's Apostles," on exhibit through Sunday, January 16, 2006, includes *The Apostle Bartholomew*, along with four other linked paintings.

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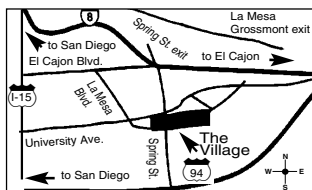
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The Plot Softens? The boutique record label Art Fag recently released its debut album, a three-track collaboration between Kill

the song when they opened for Head Wound City at the Epicentre on September 22; it's much more relaxed (and, shall we say, *inviting*?) than anything they've recorded before.

Orduno settled on the "Art Fag" name after a discussion with Dan Wise from Kill Me Tomorrow.

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the inside track

Me Tomorrow and Long Beach's Dance Disaster Movement. But local DJ Mario Orduno has higher ambitions for his new project.

"I would definitely like to keep doing these little interesting projects and always make every new release a little more interesting than a single or an EP,"

Orduno says. "I like having remixes, I like having collaborations. I'd eventually like to do full-lengths if I discover a special band."

Orduno's second release will feature The Plot to Blow Up the Eiffel Tower's new cover of David Bowie's "Boys Keep Swinging."

"The new song is a complete departure," Orduno says. The Plot played

"He actually really liked it," Orduno chuckles. "I thought about it, and it's stupid because I'm not really passionate about the name or project."



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ORDUNO STANDS BEHIND ART FAG

anything and what it means in society, but it kinda takes it away from jocks when you use it as your own term, you know?"

The Art Fag moniker is now used by Orduno for his regular DJ gig at Kadan in North Park on Tuesday nights.

"Tuesday nights have gotten so busy that it's kinda

hard to track what's going on," Orduno says. "There was actually a couple caught having sex in the boys' bathroom recently."

Orduno will spin his collection of "punk, rap, and noise" for the Locust/Black Dice after-party at the Whistle Stop Bar on October 9.

— Jeremiah Griffey

No Honor Brenda Spencer was the first disturbed teen in modern history to snap and shoot up a school. Last Tuesday she was denied parole again. It was the third time she had been denied parole since being sentenced to 25 years to life in 1980. Her next possible parole hearing will be in 2009.

On the morning of January 29, 1979, Spencer, 16, opened fire from inside her San Carlos home, shooting children on Cleveland Elementary's playground. With a .22 semiautomatic rifle, Spencer killed the principal and a custodian who had come to his aid. She also wounded eight schoolchildren and a police officer.

After a reporter from the *San Diego Evening Tribune* was able to get her on the phone during the six-hour standoff, she explained, "I don't like Mondays. This livens up the day."

Those words became the inspiration for the Boomtown Rats' 1979 single, "I Don't Like Mondays." The song became a number-one hit in the U.K. and created a controversy in San Diego about the same time.

Rumors persist about what happened to the band when they returned to San Diego on their 1980 world tour in support of *The Fine*

Art of Surfacing (which included "I Don't Like Mondays"). They range from the song being unofficially banned by U.S. radio stations, to the band being banned from playing in San Diego.

(The Boomtown Rats did play San Diego's Fox Theater in April 1980.)

FM 103.7 DJ Jim McInnes says there was no organized movement to keep the song off the air.

"A lot of the rock stations did not play that song for two reasons: number one, it



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brought up an unpleasant local event...and number two, when the Rats played for a radio programming convention at the old Roxy Theatre in PB, Bob Geldof ranted about how radio was in the hands of fools! He basically killed his band's career by offending the very people who could have helped make them popular in the States."

— Larry Harmon

Thanks, Internet Chris Henry, a talent buyer at the Zombie Lounge on El Cajon



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ANGRY AMPUTEES FIND CHRIS HENRY

Boulevard, says the club books bands found on myspace.com almost exclusively.

"That's how we hooked up with the Angry Amputees and the Mojo Apostles from San Francisco and Three Bad Jacks and the Rocketz from L.A. Scott Biram is a one-man band from Austin; he found us through [myspace](http://myspace.com)."

Henry, who plays guitar in his country-punk band the Screamin YeeHaws, says, "We used myspace.com to book four tours up the West Coast and two through the Southwest. People who found us through [myspace](http://myspace.com) got us numbers and contacts of the clubs in their town.... People are e-mailing us all the time to tour the Midwest and East Coast. We just haven't found the money to make the trips....

"We would love to have an agent so we wouldn't have to do this anymore," Henry admits. "It does take time."

You have to wait for responses."

The Screamin YeeHaws appear October 14 with the Mexico City Rollers at the Ken Club.

— Ken Leighton

Hurricanes Blow The Che Café, Kill Me Tomorrow, and www.auralminority.com will put on a show tomorrow night for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Half of the proceeds will go to New Orleans musicians Quintrón and Miss Pussycat, whose home was devastated by the catastrophe. The other half will go to a yet-to-be-determined charity.

In a statement on the Tigerbeat6 website, Quintrón wrote, "I don't know what...is happening. This is biblical, and it is breaking my heart to see New Orleans burnt, flooded, neglected, ethnically cleansed, and basically shoved underwater



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QUINTRON, MISS P. AT OFF THE RECORD, 2003

to drown. But we can breathe underwater, baby."

A friend of local musicians, Quintrón released an album on Justin Pearson's 31G Records in 2003. Quintrón will release *Swamp Tech* with Miss Pussycat on Tigerbeat6 records on November 9.

"Quintrón and Miss



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Pussycat are some of the truest artists and truest people I know," says Kill Me Tomorrow's Zack Wentz. "Their home was completely them; a combination of puppet theater, art gallery, curio museum, vintage clothing boutique, electronics workshop, intimate venue, practice space, indie label, recording studio, quirky bar, exotic cacti garden, and, consistently and above all else, a warm shelter of genuine hospitality."

My Sexual Dad (an epic rock group from Los Angeles), Liqdzunshine (a hip-hop/funk band from Orange County), and Lipstick Terror (a spazzy hardcore band from Mexicali) play in support of Kill Me Tomorrow. Doors at the Che will open at 8 p.m., and tickets will cost \$6, but feel free to donate more.

(Full disclosure: in addition to writing the occasional Blurt, I'm editor of www.auralminority.com)

— Jeremiah Griffey

Rise to Power If you attended the Presidents of the United States of America show at the House of Blues on September 24, you may have noticed a man onstage playing three-string guitar who bore no resemblance to Dave Dederer, the Presidents' usual axe-slinger. The mystery politician was Andrew McKaeg, a San Diego native who played guitar in Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver before he relocated to Seattle

in the late '90s.

McKaeg, who fronts a Seattle outfit called the Black Panties, was tapped for the Presidents job when Dederer decided to play less tour dates so he could spend time with his children. The unlikely substitute gig has given McKaeg the opportunity to do a bit of



MCKAEG, IN BLACK PANTIES, 2003

continent-hopping while playing to the largest crowds of his career.

You can read about McKaeg's adventures at the following link: www.presidents-rock.com/journal/andrew/

— Dryw Keltz

Leaving Lefty

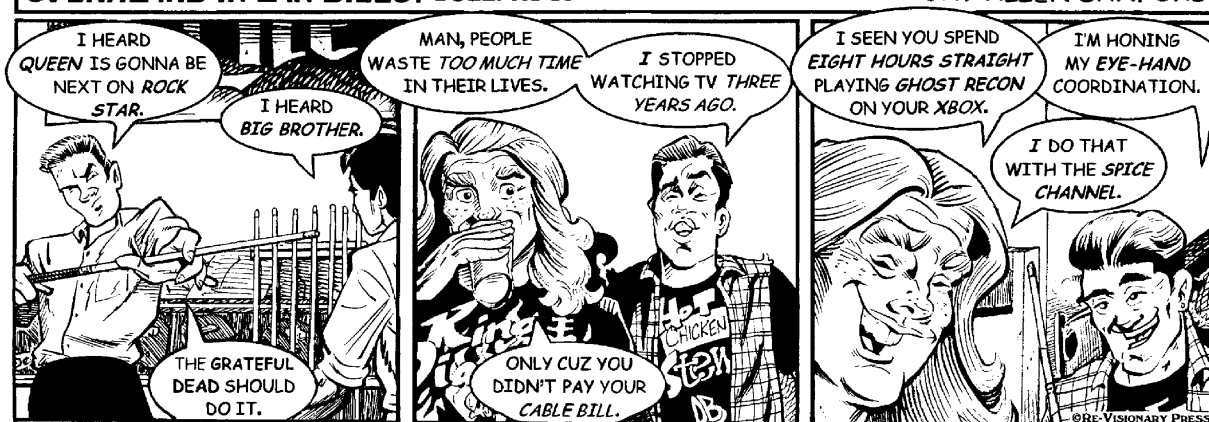
For the past two years (and until recently), Santee singer/songwriter Mike Press was Willie Nelson's tour merchandise manager.

"After each [Nelson] show, I'd head out to the best local bar in town and I'd get to get up and play," says Press. "I'd tell them 20 times I was just the T-shirt guy, but it would never fail. They'd treat me like a rock star just because I was part of



T-SHIRT GUY PRESS SETS OFF ALONE

guitar tech. ("Every time they needed an opening band, I would get to open.") Press says he was getting too comfortable being a sidcar

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to bigger artists. "I have to focus on what I'm doing."

— Ken Leighton

Are You Passionate?

After six years, KUSI will curtail the showcasing of live local bands on its weekend news shows.

"We are primarily a news organization, not a music channel," says KUSI news director Steve Cohen. Last week, morning-show producer Cassie Kovacevich called the bands booked to appear in October to say their appearance was cancelled.

"The quality was all over the map," says Cohen. "Sometimes we could provide the best audio. Other times the bands may not be playing their best work on live TV."

Cohen admits that when breaking news forced the cancellation of a band appearance, some of the bands that got bumped became unhappy.

"We just went through Katrina. When events like that happen, we have to cover them.... We understand the passion the bands have for their music. But that passion is not necessarily shared by our viewers."

Cohen says KUSI will present bands occasionally

during its Monday-through-Friday morning-news shows.

"All this says is we are not committing to have a band on every weekend, 52 weeks a year. Nobody is more committed to music than KUSI. Our own [weatherman] Dave Scott plays in his own ensemble."

— Ken Leighton

Moon Rolled a Fat

One Twenty-nine years ago tomorrow (10/7/76), the Who made their third appearance in San Diego at the Sports Arena. Beneath Keith Moon's drum kit that evening was a Persian rug that the day before had graced a reception area near his room in a Phoenix hotel. According to the biographical DVD *The Most Dangerous Man Alive*, Moon was "accused by another hotel guest of urinating on the expensive carpet...easily seen by anyone walking past the room." Moon claimed to hotel management that the wet spot had been caused by



MOON HAD STABILITY IN S.D.

Diego one other time with Moon before the drummer died in September 1978.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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I bought three for nearly \$30. One was Spin because I'd read it and it had survived.

I was a paid musician, on and off, for 35 years. My first paid job was a high school dance. Probably the first several jobs were high schools. I was 15. By the time I was 16 the band I was in had been banned from Grant High School in Fox Lake, Illinois, for several bits of showmanship. Our guitar player stripped naked and wrapped himself in the American flag at stage right. This inspired our keyboard player to execute high volume slides on his Hammond BIII with such wired verve and abandon that he stripped the plastic off of several keys. As a result he cut his hands and wrists on the broken edges, washing two octaves of fake ivory (he had done this before and had keys replaced) with blood, then passed out. Our singer hit a local greaser named Bozo over the head with a microphone stand, sending him to the hospital. The drummer and I had taken only a reasonable handful of Desoxyn pills and maintained a professional-sounding rhythm section.

We played a lot of bars (that overlooked my age) and then colleges. In Champagne and Carbondale, Illinois; Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Madison, Wisconsin, I started to read rock magazines.

I read other people's copies of *Creem*, *Crawdaddy!*, *Hit Parader*, and *Rolling Stone*. Someone had British magazines like *Melody Maker* and others, the odd copy of *Cashbox* or *Billboard*, and later, *The Village Voice*, where Robert Christgau and Lester Bangs would appear. I didn't take note of bylines until those guys. Rock and roll and the printed word were different deals. For a long time I assumed Greil Marcus was probably an Oxford professor who may have indulged in reefer back in the 1920s, and this explained why I didn't understand him. I didn't understand Christgau because I was too stoned.

Decades later I stand in front of the magazine rack at Borders looking at the rock press display, and it's a sea of full color, glossy, mostly corporate (in one way or another) organs of promotion.

Advertisements literally fall from them and flutter to your feet.

I bought three for nearly \$30. One was *Spin* because I'd read it years ago and it had survived and two others because of their complete foreignness. I recognized no writers and little of what they wrote about.

Undoubtedly this is because I'm old. And while the stuff is foreign, it should not be alien. It's not as if I spent my youth in a neurasthenic shell at MIT. Why do I feel like I'm reading the irrational and illiterate street-jargon and clique-speak ramblings of the schiz-affected autistic, the media *cafard* mutterings of MTV comatose consumers, or the incoherent Tourette outbursts of short-circuited inmates?

SPIN

"Books That Kill," by Kyle Anderson: "Twenty-one-year-old Natalie Riedman is a proud University of Nebraska graduate, a future doctor, and a runner-up for Miss Nebraska USA. But for the rest of her life she'll be known as 'The Hot Tutor,' her official title on NBC's new reality series *Tommy Lee Goes to College* in which the Mötley Crüe drummer does his best to focus on his homework instead of all those undergrad girls, girls, girls."

"Howling at the Moon" by Chuck Klosterman, in which he writes about bands with the word "wolf" in their names (i.e. "Wolf Parade, Guitar Wolf, Super Wolf, Wolf Eyes, Wolf Mother, Peanut Butter Wolf," etc.). He prefaces his essay: "I am trying to view these wolf bands through the eyes of a sociologist; this is not easy, as I don't know anything about sociology."

He goes on: "People who like music have wasted a chunk of their lives thinking up names for bands that do not exist." True, but redeemed for all of us by George Carlin, who once thanked fictional bands that opened for his act, among them, "The Note Fuckers" and "Waitress Sweat."

ZINES

JOHN BRIZZOLARA



The Transplants

FUTURE MUSIC (UK edition)

I am trying to view this magazine through the eyes of a cyberneticist; this is not easy, as I don't know anything about cybernetics. "Cybernetics: *n*: the science of communication and control in animals (as by the nervous system) and in machines (as by computers)." — *Oxford American Dictionary*.

"Reviews: Apple Logic Pro 7.1." Random sample: "WaveBurner (Pro only). Although we were very pleased to see WaveBurner included with version 7, in practice its lack of plug-in manager meant that it could take up to five minutes to open. WaveBurner 1.1, which is included, but a separate application to Logic, has a plug-in manager similar to that found in Logic, GarageBand 2, and Tiger.

"However, given the big fanfare for OS 10.4 (Tiger), it is strange that this gets little mention in the Logic 7.1 upgrade. Hopefully there should be at least slight performance improvements over Panther. We hope the new editions in Tiger that filter through to Logic 7.1 will include the 64-bit audio file format and audio device aggregation."

On page 155, this critical work caught my eye, as it would anyone who was once young, courting with hormones, and rebellious: "Expansion's 8-Bit Kit Expansion Pack for BFD." A discourse on previous incarnations of BFD — whatever that is (aside from Big Fucking Deal) — is concluded happily by this remarkable statement: "This meant that for the first time we could close our eyes and it felt like there really was a real live drummer in the room with us." For the



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Rock 'n Roll
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QUALIFIER

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R&B/SOUL
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AP: ALTERNATIVE PRESS

The Transplants are on the cover with a quote from one of them bannered, "People ain't gonna know what hit 'em." The feature begins, "They're a veritable rogue's gallery of rockers, with celebrity, punk history, and full-on street smarts coursing through their veins. And if you try to pigeonhole their music using the old punk-rock rule-book, they'll strap some dynamite to your preconceived notions and kiss your butt goodbye. Simply put, Transplants don't care what you think."

About a song, I think, but it's unclear. Tim Armstrong describes their 2002 debut album by saying, "It has a summertime vibe, but he's talking about killing himself." A quote from member Rob Ashton, who looks fresh-sprung from the penitentiary where he won the homey dog of the month award, recounts a recent event in Hollywood: "Me and my partner got in a fight with some fools. Cops came and all that good shit — they're questioning motherfuckers and this and that." Tim Armstrong: "Rob is super fucking honest. He don't give a fuck about pleasing anybody." Travis Barker, Transplant and also member of the Barker family of MTV's *Meet the Barkers*, usually doesn't go out with a bodyguard, writer Michael Muller tells us. Barker says, "I think it brings more attention. I'd rather take an ass-whupping than walk around with some big fucking ogre." It is true that I finished Muller's article without awareness of what hit me. Not only that, but I've heard the Transplants, and not only was I oblivious to the nature and essence of what hit me, but for the life of me can't remember what the thing, that might have hit me, if it did, was.

Bands that have been together for at least a decade have escaped my doddering radar, bands featured in *AP* like Melt-Banana and Darkest Hour. Among band names, 99 percent of which slid off my

scar-slick memory cells, only two adhered to a sticky and encrusted synapse in the toxic effluvia of my mind. Those were Dashboard Confessional, whom I applaud for their existential and theological pith, and Black Dahlia Murder, being a fan of that slaying. More on that combo of scamps after these words.

AP, wisely, does not narrow their demographic appeal. Here, for example, is a short piece on the band Eisel, which states: "They would actually prefer it that you call them 'wholesome.'"

"Who would take that as an insult?" asks 21-year-old singer/guitarist Sheri DuPree. "We go on tour with these bands and they party. That's what all bands do. We drink lots of coffee."

One can deduce something from the advertisers in this 192-page publication: mostly indie record companies. But also Vans, and here is a full-page *t-shirtsthatfuck.com* ad: "Offensive apparel for the whole family!" Torso-wear includes such logos as "Everytime you masturbate, God kills a kitten," "Helen, you really ought to douche," and "Ask me about my explosive diarrhea!"

"The lowest form of literature is rock journalism." — Hunter S. Thompson. And whether or not it is the job of the rock-write community to tell you whether something is good to listen to is a question rock-write pioneer Richard Meltzer addressed repeatedly, mostly by manipulating form and content into something as irrelevant as the material at hand. An example of this was when he had his cat write an "ambient review" of a piece of "ambient music" by John Cage, which consisted of silence. In *AP*'s "Wiretapping" column, someone who had written a bylineless review of Black Dahlia Murder might have thought about Meltzer's approach, but didn't think it through.

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The writer (maybe editor) has the passive-aggressive killer instinct of a shy but cunning dictator. Aged rock-write advice might be to read any of Meltzer's pieces such as "A Whore Just Like The Rest," and read them to the end. I don't think you will find the word heavy or heaviest, but I can't swear to it. I can't imagine him ever typing the phrase "You figure it out." ■



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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.

FRIDAY

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club: Brick by Brick, Friday, October 7, 1130 Buenos Avenue, San Diego. 619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497.

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Buddy Jewell: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Friday, October 7, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

Ricky Skaggs: California Center for the Arts, Friday, October 7, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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SATURDAY

Young Dubliners: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, October 8, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

Devo: House of Blues, Sunday, October 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Franz Ferdinand: Open Air Theatre, Sunday, October 9, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Celtic Women: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

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Santana [566]: Coors Amphitheatre, Wednesday, October 12, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

OCTOBER

The Bacon Brothers: Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, October 13, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Ellis Paul [819]: 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.

Busta Rhymes [275]: 'Canes, Friday, October 14, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. 858-488-1780 or 619-220-8497.

Daniela Mercury: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Aimee Mann [446]: Belly Up Tavern, Saturday, October 15, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Fat Joe: House of Blues, Sunday, October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Mariza: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

Dwight Yoakam [774]: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

311 [268]: Soma, Wednesday, October 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 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 [656]: House of Blues, Thursday, October 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Linda Perry [116]: 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 [763]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

Sheryl Crow [567]: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, October 24, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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 [564]: House of Blues, Wednesday, October 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Beck [265]: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, October 27, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Gov't Mule and moe [564]: 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.

Anne Murray [611]: Pala Events Center, Friday, October 28, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

Judas Priest [558] and Anthrax [561]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, October 29, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

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The Roots [267]: House of Blues, Friday, November 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Def Leppard [523] and Bryan Adams [533]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

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George Benson *[610]:* Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, November 6, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

They Might Be Giants *[466]:* 4th & B, Tuesday, November 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Death Cab for Cutie *[392]:* Soma, Wednesday, November 9, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-226-SOMA.

B.B. King: 4th & B, Thursday, November 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Daryl Hall & John Oates *[509]:* Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 10, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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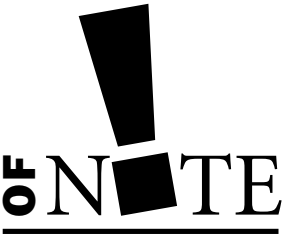
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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 25, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.



BY DAVE GOOD

Joe Waters has coaxed music from the handrail of a busy freeway overpass and from a hoard of wasps turned loose in his recording studio. Once digitized, the sounds are blended with conventional instruments and various electronica to produce compositions sometimes dotty but always compelling and entertaining. The footing of Waters's music lies in tones both familiar and eerie. "Day-dreamscapes and the surreal comprise a significant portion of my aesthetic goal," he e-mails. "Some of the electronic gestures are reminiscent of current popular electronica and cinematic sound design. They are hand-built to serve a particular musical function. There is no FX box that spits them out. Each must be imagined, researched, and rendered."

Waters founded the New West Electro-Acoustic Music Organization in 1989. Their seventh annual festival takes place in three

locales this year: Mexico City; Portland, Oregon; and San Diego. Waters will be performing his complex masterwork "Flamehead" with percussionist Joel Bluestone. Another stand-out at this year's festival is *Make A Baby*, conceived by Rhode Islanders Luke Fischbeck and Lucky Dragons. The audience essentially performs the piece, for *Baby* is based on the electric capacitance of human skin. Audience members must therefore touch each other, forming a circuit that loops back to interactive software that translates into sounds. The result is a mass neuron-net. "Definitely unsettling," writes Waters, "and it can actually be scary."

Are there no limits? "I am working on another piece for submerged vibraphone," Waters responds. "The performance will take place in a swimming pool. The vibes will be on the bottom of the pool. Bluestone will play underwater wearing snorkels and goggles. I am developing an underwater laptop (haven't worked that out yet). The audience will sit at the bottom of the pool — on lawn chairs with



JOE WATERS

seat belts to hold them down — wearing snorkels and goggles. Electronics will be via underwater speakers attached to fish so that the speakers are constantly roaming around."

JOE WATERS, "New West Electro-Acoustic Music Festival," Smith Recital Hall, SDSU, Friday, October 7, and Saturday, October 8, 8 p.m. Info, 619-594-6036; tickets, 619-594-1696. \$12; students and seniors, \$8.

Jason Mraz *[824]:* Copley Symphony Hall, Saturday, November 26, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Saves the Day *[218]:* House of Blues, Wednesday, November 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

DECEMBER

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Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Sunday, December 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Bob Schneider *[168]:* Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Green: House of Blues, Thursday, December 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Echo & the Bunnymen *[194]:* House of Blues, Friday, December 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Don Edwards: Acoustic Music San Diego, Tuesday, December 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Nickel Creek *[817]* and **Andrew Bird:** House of Blues, Thursday, December 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Nickel Creek *[817]* and **Andrew Bird:** House of Blues, Friday, December 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue,

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Riders in the Sky: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, December 17, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

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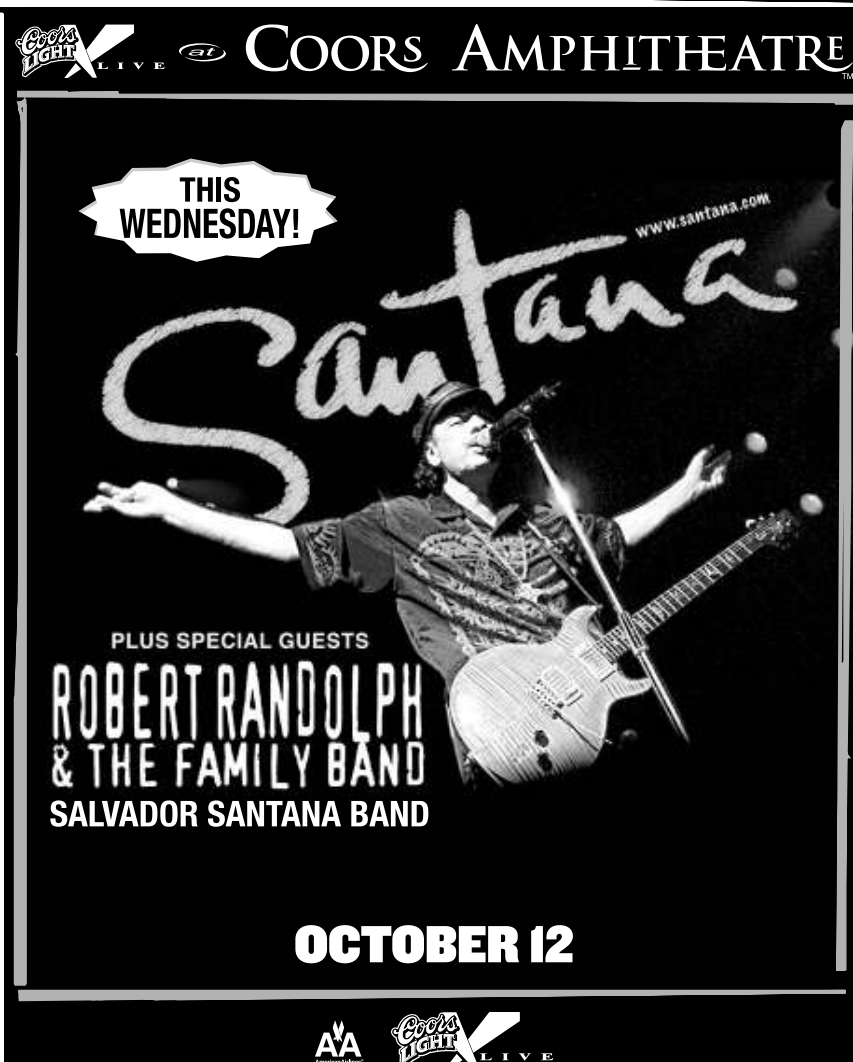
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NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Just when I thought I had the **Doves** figured out — they are, I had decided, sort of the Manchester version of Interpol (which, as everyone says, is the New York version of Manchester's Joy Division) — I listened to the bonus EP that came with my copy of the band's second album, *The Last Broadcast*, and I had to toss my theory in the trash. It begins with "Hit the Ground Running," which is propelled along by a perky piano part that could have been stolen from Fat Boy Slim's "Praise You." Can't imagine Interpol doing something like that.

In fact, many viewed *The Last Broadcast* as an unexpectedly sunny album, although that's speaking relatively. The

band's 2000 debut *Lost Souls* was full of atmosphere — heavy on the reverb and long, brooding instrumental passages. And this year's *Some Cities* finds the Doves back in a dark mood.

Still, what I like best about the Doves is that this band doesn't usually get lost in their gloom. Guitarist **Jez Williams** plays a lot of melancholy arpeggios and eerie echoes, but he alternates these with blasts of weird noise — and you can tell he's having fun making sounds like that. Singer-

bassist **Jimi Goodwin** does a lot of mournful moaning, but he never loses sight of his melodic sense. Perhaps most importantly, drummer **Andy Williams** keeps things going at a nice clip, with more rhythmic swing than you might expect from a band like this. "There Goes the Fear," perhaps the band's best-known song, starts



DOVES

out almost as a lullaby, but turns into a samba by the end of the nearly seven-minute running time. Now there's an idea: Interpol playing samba music.

DOVES, House of Blues, Tuesday, October 11, 8 p.m. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497. \$20.50.

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Idlewild [401]: The Casbah

Jackson & McCarthy: Island Sports & Spirits

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J.D. Romance: Dreamstreet

John-Mark: Epicentre

Kuebel & Flores: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Red Lane: Patrick's II, Coyote Bar and Grill

Life Crisis: The Jumping Turtle

The Life of Brian: The Gordon Biersch Brewery

Little by Little: Island Sports & Spirits

The Locust: Epicentre

Loose Cannon: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Danielle LoPresti [452]: Humphrey's

Loud Residence: 'Canes

Meld: Blind Melons

Mermaid's Journey [480]: Hard Rock Café (La Jolla)

Motionless: Blind Melons

Leo Nocentilli: Winstons

Nucleus: Winstons

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

Opiate for the Masses: Soma

Pink Floyd: Blind Melons

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last Resort

Rev: Brick By Brick

The Rockin' Aces: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Rockoholics: Second Wind (San Carlos)

Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado

Roxy Monoxide: Tiki House

Satisfaction: The Casbah

Second 2 Last: Fannie's Nightclub

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The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies, Viejas Casino

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective: Thrusters, Magnolia's

Amelia Browning /684/: The Westgate Hotel, Turquoise Café

John Cain /703/: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

Bobby Caldwell /629/: Humphrey's

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Gilbert Castellanos /667/: Onyx

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

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The Jazz Mandolin Project: Belly Up Tavern

Jazzilla: Turquoise Café

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Jaeryoung Lee: The Westgate Hotel

The Bradley Leighton Band: Game Time Tavern

Mark Lessman: Coyote Bar and Grill

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

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Bettye Levette: Humphrey's
Steve Lucky & the Rhumbabums: Humphrey's
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The 145th Street Deluxe Blues Band: The Jumping Turtle
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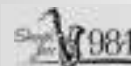
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Basis: Wednesdays, progressive house, breaks, and trance with guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. No cover. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant), downtown. 619-234-5670.

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.

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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.

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One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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.

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150 Lounge, 150 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-738-6868. Friday, *the Disco Vigilantes*, funk/soul/acid/disco, DJ event.

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Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *the Average White Band*, rock, and *Urban Gypsies*. Friday, 9 p.m., *the Animal Liberation Orchestra* and *Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra*, jazz. Saturday, 9 p.m., *the Proclaimers* and *Deadman*. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Johnny A.* and *Angela Strehi*. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Jazz*



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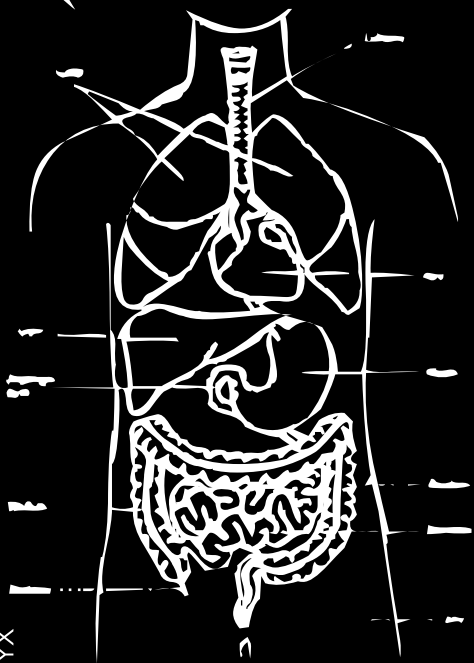
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Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live folk music. Sunday, open-mic.

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Netherworld

The play's got witches and boiling cauldrons and eerie portents.

Somewhere between the inspiration and the actuality, Lee Blessing's *The Scottish Play* went awry. The idea could be fun: a backstage comedy-farce about a company staging the world's most cursed play, *Macbeth*, in which everything, as has been its wont since first produced in 1606, goes wrong.

Theater people won't even speak it's name, preferring "the Scottish play" instead. Books on the subject tell tales of lethal swordfights, strange flus and deaths, Olivier almost squished by a falling stage weight. Plus, *Mac*... er, the Scottish play's got witches and boiling cauldrons and eerie portents, not to mention the "butcher and his fiend-like queen" on a collision course with mayhem.

But instead of a snappy send-up, replete with actors' nightmares, Blessing's version's just endless, gabby scenes, cipher characters, and forced humor. Deep down, it wants to make parallels between itself and *Macbeth* and score serious points. As a result, it gets lost in a netherworld between farce and tragedy. It doesn't just shoot itself in the foot. About halfway through, it implodes.

The Northernmost Shakespeare Festival, now entering its 30th season, has performed all of the Bard's opus but one: yep, *that* one. Founding artistic director Billy Neil, who tosses salt over his shoulder and spins around three times whenever he hears the word, refuses to stage "the King Tut's tomb of plays." But Alex, the producer, wants to

do it. He finds it ironic that a play set in Scotland hasn't been staged in the theater's home: Bannockburn, Michigan. Director Jack Bonner, a changed man who has reached step eight in AA recovery, says the famous curse is fiction. Next thing you know, Jack usurps Billy's job — note the parallel to the original — and the deposed artistic director sets out to sabotage the show.

Nature — note the parallel — pitches in. Ramses II suffered fewer plagues of Egypt than the bedraggled Northernmost thespians. A blizzard shuts everything down; thousands of frogs scurry into the basement. Lighting strikes Lady M. A fire in the scene shop destroys the costumes, forcing the company to borrow outfits from *Julius Caesar*. Okay, the fire was probably Billy tampering, not nature, but still...

These catastrophes could be the stuff of farce. But for reasons unexplained, except for Roman togas they all occur offstage. We hear about them almost casually, as if the all-time worst May blizzard's not that big a whup (the natural disasters also suffer from bad timing; the wrath of Katrina and Rita pull one from onstage silliness into real tragedy).

Although she finds a funny use for pink Post-Its, Melia Bensussen's antsy direction allows too much comic business to linger after the joke's been told. Bits force themselves in here and there, not to develop character but because a scene needs a laugh, or just needs *something*. As a result, *Scot-*



Bridget Regan, Susan Knight, Rebecca Wisocky in *The Scottish Play*

The Scottish Play, by Lee Blessing

Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre, Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, La Jolla

Directed by Melia Bensussen; cast: Jere Burns, John C. Vennema, Peter Bartlett, Diana Ruppe, Susan Knight, Rebecca Wisocky, Bridget Regan, Erik Heger, Morgan Hollingsworth; scenic design, Judy Gailen; lighting, Daniel Kotlowitz; costumes, Christal Weatherly; sound, David Remedios; original music, Michael Roth, performed by Morris S. Palter

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tish Play keeps painting itself into corners.

Example: somehow director Jack Bonner's three ex-wives get cast as the witches. They have a gratuitous, non-verbal — if "eek" doesn't count

as a word — food fight and are predictably shrewish. One's even named "Zita Virago" (who, talk about a joke with a worn-out welcome, gets told to take her meds nine times too many). Just

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when you think the poor director might be stuck with multiple Lady Macbeths, and *The Scottish Play* could qualify as the most misogynistic of 2005, both suspicions get confirmed: Jack's young, adoring assistant Pewter swears she loves him so much — note the parallel to Lady M. — she'd kill for him.

Enter Path Sanderson. America's hottest (and most brain-challenged) action-adventure stud wants to prove he's an actor, not just another Ah-nolt of Cully-fornya wannabe. Path — note the parallel to Macbeth's witches — promises Jack wealth and power in Hollywood. In return, Path wants to rewrite Macbeth's role, make him more positive, a fun dude. And Jack sells out, or stays the course for the sake of the show, or just gives up. By this point, it's hard to care which.

To his credit, even though scalp-deep in evil, Macbeth goes out swinging. Jack just goes out. And even a pyrotechnical finale — an earthquake levels the Northernmost theater — can't salvage one of the worst scripts the La Jolla Playhouse has ever produced.

It's difficult, perhaps even unfair, to assess the acting, since the cast does what it can trying to blend two characters into one: the present-day comic role, cookie-cut by its ancestor in *Macbeth*. Just how do you play a part ruled by an idea from another drama, and create laughs? Only Peter Bartlett, as deposed artistic director Billy Neil, figured it out. Inside of his ornate reactions, sweeping hands and rolling eyes, lurks a soft-sell Mephistopheles.

Best of show happens off-stage. For the interludes, Michael Roth composed a score for drums and bagpipe, which Morris S. Palter pounds his kit with such vigor he evokes the havoc of Forbes field and Dunsinane.

The Scottish Play has an unconscious subtext: call it a "tragedy for Shakespeare." Imagine him watching the Northernmost Players try to stage *Macbeth*: a deposed artistic director terrorizes the production; the casting's from Fright Night Central; the lead rewrites his role; and the director caves in to everything. Were Shakespeare watching his work get shredded, surely he'd suffer the playwright's nightmare. But then again, maybe not. *Scottish Play*'s such a dud, the Bard'd probably lose interest long before. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life

As she looks back on six decades in theater, Chita Rivera evokes the spirits of Broadway's Golden Age. They appear in silhouettes behind scrims or in living connections, as Rivera uses her body to materialize the style, say, of Jerome Robbins, Bob Fosse, or Gwen Verdon. The evening is haunted and, at its best, enchanting. Rivera's one of the most humble living legends around. Terrence McNally's sketchy book, however, has given itself one too many duties: tell the life, show the work, honor the inspirations. The book juggles all three so much that each slights the others. We get, at most, passing references to her choreographers, and occasional facts about her emotional life (her husband was jealous; she had an affair with Sammy Davis, Jr.), and only parts of songs and dances, snippets from *West Side Story* or *Chicago*. There's so little conflict in the narrative you wish McNally'd dropped the life in favor of *Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Work* and presented a master class on her amazing career and the influences and era behind it. But the show's allergic to talk. It would much rather whip the pace than share insights into a bygone time, and educate the audience in the process.

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 23; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

The Crucible

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The Curse of the Starving Class

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Worth a try.

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Dancing With Demons

Common Ground Theatre presents Donald T Evans’ drama about two men “who are misfits in separate worlds.” The theater warns that the material isn’t for people under 18. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH OCTOBER 16; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-263-7911.

Dear Ella: The First Lady of Song

The Ira Aldridge Players’ tribute to Ella Fitzgerald comprises, arguably, the greatest of Greatist Hit collections. Sure, she benefited from outstanding composers (George Gershwin among them). But no one, before or since, can match her. She’s so empyrean it takes three woman to sing her opus at the Caesar’s Cafe dinner-theater show: Kimberly J. Littleton (“Fascinating Rhythm,” “It’s Wonderful”), a buoyant Charmen Jackson (“My Reverie,” “Gotta Be This or That”), and Ayanna Hobson (who joins classical guitarist Namanja Bogunovic for “I Thought About You,” and “Someone To Watch Over Me”), and whose scat-sung “Straight, No Chaser” brings down the house. A strong backup band, led by Dennis Dawson’s hot alto sax, and singer/hoofer Manolito Lopez (as “snake-hipped” as the young Ella, who grew up wanting to be the “best little dancer in Yonkers”) also contribute. What



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could be a lively, memory-lane evening, however, has a severe hindrance: the weak sound system sabotages the show. Vocalists get so muffled they sound like they’re performing across the street. It’s most troublesome in the lower ranges, and enough of an ongoing nuisance that the singers might be better off unmiked. CAESAR’S CAFE, 801 C STREET, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DINNER AT 7:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY, DINNER AT 2:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 3:00 P.M. 619-283-4574.

Dog Act

Moxie Theatre opens its first full season with Liz Duffy Adams’ comedy-drama about a travelling performer and Dog (a young man undergoing “voluntary species demotion”) on their way to a gig in post-apocalyptic America. Jennifer Eve Kraus and Delicia Turner Sonnenberg co-directed. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, THROUGH OCTOBER 23; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-634-3965.

Dumb Show

South Coast Repertory Theatre stages Joe Penhall’s comedy about celebrity and the tabloid press. David Emmes directed. SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, JULIANNE ARGYROS STAGE, 655 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, THROUGH OCTOBER 16; TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 714-708-5555.

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Worth a try.

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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 Marzipat 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 late-comers 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 loop-

holes (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.

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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 AcroTurf. 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 Symathy," "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.

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Tartuffe

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isons 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 in-

vented 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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Too Old for the Chorus: But Not Too Old to be a Star
Every seven seconds, a Baby Boomer becomes "officially old," by turning 50. Mark Winkler, Marie Cain, and Shelly Markham's musical revue beams, and eventually (and predictably) accepts this condition. In the finale, five performers vow to find new "Potential" in their sixth decade of life. All five are polished pros: Steve Anthony does a spectacular tap number ("When 50 Wore Tux"); Teri Ralston adds emotional depth to songs with skimpy lyrics; Susan Jordan handles the comedic chores with ease (and does a sultry samba with Anthony); David Holmes and Brian Byers always contribute. Problem is: they're

much better than the material. *Too Old* has three or four catchy/moving numbers (especially "Lunch Hour Lift," about quickie plastic surgery; the Wordsworthian "The Child Is Father To the Man"; and Holmes' touching rendition of "Dog Passages," in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he's had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros) are negligible. They hold down slots till better songs come along — of which *Too Old* could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of course, for the next phase of their lives. To merit a callback, *Too Old* needs major reinventing.
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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.)
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So is it Cook's night out, Sweet Marie?*

It's "Cook's night out" for me two or three evenings a week, when I'm too busy scribbling to put in any stove time. Although my partner is a darned good cook, he'd rather go scouting for a new review destination, or, more often, some decent takeout. The latter has to be cheap as well as good, since it's on our own dime — which turns Ms. Stainless Spoon here into Miz Plastic Knife.

It's not that easy to find this combination. We gave up on the nearby Sherman Heights Jack In The Box (with its borderline-decent entrée salads) about a year ago because they *always* leave out something you order but charge you for it anyway, and when you discover that the thing-you-craved-most isn't in the bag, are you going to go back and try to prove they never put it in? (And now they're taking credit cards, but do they give them back?) And my local drive-through taqueria never gets the order straight either — they don't omit, they randomly substitute. In fact, I've given up on drive-throughs. As for my local walk-to taqueria, you're about to hear why I spurn it.

But things are looking up. Home is the hunter, with three takeout "discoveries" where the food is tasty and the price is low. These aren't drive-throughs — you have to find parking and wait in line. But it's worth it.

CHIPOTLE I often crave the luscious *carne asada* (grilled steak) burritos that I used to enjoy regularly at La Cumbre in San Francisco. Alas, my nearest 'Berto's offers meat-sawdust in the wraps, icky yellow fake cheese on everything, and blenderized industrial guacamole with a brown edge. Worse yet, they sell this junk from behind iron-barred takeout windows, as though their primary product weren't food, but, say, UTC pharmaceuticals.

I would never have guessed that I'd find the



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KLEIN

answer to my yearnings at a chain-restaurant subsidiary of Mickey D's. But if McDonald's bought the chain when it was still a start-up, they're rearing a child that's in full-fledged rebellion against parental McValues. Chipotle is the Anti-Mickey. I think I love it.

The biggest difference lies in the quality of the meat. Most *taquerias* here (including the many 'Berto's that are better than mine) buy and serve ready-marinated thin-sliced steaks, and we're not talking USDA Prime or Choice or even Select grade. These cattle come to market so skinny and unmarbled, the meat packers don't even bother to have them graded. The marinade isn't thrilling either, when you meet the same one all over town. At Chipotle, in contrast, they use naturally raised meats from small ranches, and make the marinades on-site. The food is as wholesome as it is tasty.

Then, too, Chipotle's motto might well be, "Have it your way," rather than McD's "Here's what ya get." You start out with a tan cardboard menu that explains your options. Then you proceed cafeteria-style, with all the choices laid out

behind the counter in a row, and you point-and-shoot as you walk the line. The chafing dishes and serving trays are small, guaranteeing a rapid turnover of their contents.

The choices include, first, the genre: Burrito, "fajita burrito" (with sautéed peppers and onions instead of beans), burrito "bol" (in a bowl, with no tortilla), or else soft or crisp tacos, or an entrée salad. Portions are generous, with burritos so enormous that my partner and I always share one. There's a caution, though: All the burritos start automatically with a scoop of cilantro-lime rice. If you don't want rice, you have to speak up immediately as you order. There's usually an English-speaking person taking orders at the beginning of the line, so you can say, "Without rice, I want..." If not, start with "Sin arroz, un burrito con..." After that, you can operate on nods or head-shakes.

Next you choose your meat (or lack thereof, in the vegetarian version). The marinated grilled steak isn't the standard local chew-hard stuff, but tender and tasty, with that good grill flavor. The chicken is similarly marinated and grilled. The

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734 University Avenue C, Hillcrest, 619-209-3688; 11 other locations in San Diego County; www.chipotle.com for locations and information.

HOURS: 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. at Hillcrest location, may vary elsewhere.

FOOD & PRICES: Burritos and tacos, \$5–\$5.65. Wine margaritas, beer, soft drinks \$1.15–\$3.00.

NEED TO KNOW: Free parking in small, busy lot to the side. Indoor and patio dining. Cash only.

Slugger's Sports Grill

1219 Market (southeast corner of Park), East Village, 619-546-5973.

HOURS: Daily 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., until 9:00 weekends, and as late as 10:00 p.m. on game nights.

FOOD & PRICES: Sandwiches and hot dogs \$3.25–\$9.00 (for lobster roll), barbecue plates \$6–\$9. Four mainstream beers on tap, plus soft drinks.

NEED TO KNOW: Street parking only, difficult during Petco games. No printed takeout menus yet. Cash only.

Pizzeria Luigi

1137 25th Street at B Street (across from Turf Supper Club), Golden Hill, 619-233-3309; www.pizzerialuigi.com.

HOURS: 10:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m., to 12:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

FOOD & PRICES: Pizza slices \$2–\$2.25. Large pies (18") only, \$12.50 basic, \$1.50 per additional topping. Pizza-dough sandwiches and calzone \$6–\$6.50, tax included in all prices. Sodas only, \$1, free refills on-premises.

NEED TO KNOW: Street parking only, can be difficult. Phone orders accepted. Free delivery in area with \$12.50 minimum. Few indoor tables, dining patio to the side. Cash only.

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pork *carnitas* are seasoned with thyme, bay leaves, and juniper, seared, and then braised until tender but still moist. To my palate, they're among the best *carnitas* in the county. (Only Casa Reveles up in Valley Center beats them.) The *barbacoa* is in the Tex-Mex mode, featuring slightly spicy shredded braised beef seasoned with garlic, oregano, and potent cumin that's been roasted and ground on the premises.

Want beans in your burrito or burrito bol? You can choose between pintos or vegetarian black beans. (Tacos and the fajita burrito are beanless.) The black beans are strongly seasoned with roasted cumin, like the *barbacoa*. You also have a choice of four good salsas, ranging from mild to spicy, although the Hillcrest location that I frequent hasn't had any *salsa verde* on hand at my visits; they seem to have substituted a chipotle salsa. Finally, you can get cheese or sour cream, and/or guacamole. The latter, hand-mashed from Hass avocados ripened in-house, costs \$1.40 extra — except if you're having the vegetarian burrito or burrito bol, where it's free. The ingredients are classic, without the nasty off taste of cheap overripe avocados.

The backstory: Chipotle was founded by an idealistic chef-entrepreneur named Steve Ellis, who began with a small storefront burrito shop in the Denver area and ended up with a nationwide company. He wanted to bring full-flavored, eco-conscious cooking to the mass market — “fast food cooked like slow food.” Even though Ellis sold Chipotle to McDonald's, he still steers it. The meats Chipotle uses are, as much as

possible, hormone-free, antibiotic-free, and naturally raised on family ranches. Most of the pork, for instance, comes from Niman Ranch (which is actually a group of small Midwestern piggeries raising veggie-eating unpenned hogs specifically for that label). On Chipotle's delightful interactive website (see above), you can view a video of happy stoats gamboling in a field of greens.

Then, too, the company supplies raw ingredients, not corporate MREs. Each shop marinates the meats and chickens on premises, makes the salsas, mashes the guacamole, and braises the stewing meats (*carnitas* and *barbacoa*) until they're falling apart.

Every branch of the chain has its own unique decor and art, and the sound systems play world beat music. The Hillcrest location includes a pleasant outdoor patio as well as indoor seating. For drinks, there's a wine margarita, foreign and domestic beers, and an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages, all at rock-bottom prices. Do you wonder why I'm in love?

SLUGGER'S SPORTS GRILL Slugger's is a brightly lighted sports pub next to the trolley tracks, with big TVs playing loudly on more than one wall, a jukebox on another, and a lunch crowd of the hard-hats who are currently reconstructing the East Village mingling with hard-bitten residents not yet displaced by redevelopment. Facing the door is an order counter and a long open kitchen. After a recent change of ownership, the shop doesn't yet have printed menus; you order from a four-panel overhead board behind the counter

and tacked-up paper signs advertising specials. Then you sit down to watch ESPN, cracking up over phoofs, along with the hard-hats, until the cook calls you to pick up your food. The new owners are East Indian, but the cook is still a big, tough black guy who looks like a linebacker and whips up a mean barbecue sauce. He's Slugger's secret weapon, and I understand (and hope) he will remain.

The number-one item here is the “Chicago dog.” The hot dog in a bun first gained fame in America at the Chicago World's Fair/Columbian Exposition of 1893. It was specifically the same elaborate sandwich that Slugger's sells — a coarse-ground, hickory-smoked all-beef frankfurter in a steamed bun with yellow mustard, sweet relish dyed the brilliant green of fake emeralds, chopped onions, tomato wedges, a mild pickle spear or slice, semi-hot marinated “sport peppers,” and a dash of celery salt. The two young immigrants from Austria who created the sandwich went on to found the Vienna Beef Company. Slugger's rendition includes all the favorite Chicago brands: Vienna Beef franks, barrel-cured pickles from a related Chicago company, and Gonilla poppy-seed frankfurter buns.

But I'm not from Chicago and not that crazy for dogs, so my favorite item on the menu is the barbecue plate. This isn't genuine smoked barbecue, merely grilled, but the sauce is dark and Southern-tasting, with a wicked little sting that lasts and lasts on the palate. Sometimes the kitchen has BBQ ribs on hand, but not when I've been there. The alternative is a grilled chicken

breast — not my favorite meat, but at least they don't overcook it. The plate includes a deliciously creamy Southern-style potato salad (with egg yolks mashed into the mayo, and a touch of pickle relish), rich, molasses baked beans, and a “dinner roll” that's actually a toasted burger bun, to sop every drop of the sauce.

Among the sides are “slips” (\$1.45), large, skin-on, made-to-order potato chips that are purposely not quite crisp. They're very salty and greasy, but the grease is “healthy” canola oil, if that makes a difference. Another possibility is skin-on French fries, which I haven't tried.

Other choices include a chili dog, a Comiskey Park Pole (a Vienna Beef Polish sausage), sub sandwiches of Italian sausage or beef, or a combo. At the bottom of a list of burgers you'll find a Grand Slam steak sandwich (\$6), a slightly low-rent version of a Philly steak, with sautéed peppers and onions and melted cheddar or Swiss on a hot dog bun. It's not the best local version, but it's not bad. Some day I hope to try the Babe Ruth lobster roll (\$9) or the Ted Williams fried clam strips roll. But I doubt that I'll ever get around to sampling the “pizza puffs,” whatever they may be — I've got a great pizza place just a few blocks from home.

PIZZERIA LUIGI It's a little red storefront in the heart of Golden Hill. The guys who painted it red planned to open an art gallery, but just before the grand opening, all the art was stolen. (I didn't realize that the local thieves were such aesthetes.) So the building instead became home to a place that the neighborhood desperately

needed, a pizzeria — and not just any pizzeria. Luigi's big draw is real New York-style pizza, with a thin crust that's crisp but not hard: You can fold it nearly in half to eat on the fly, like you're on a *Seinfeld* rerun. One of the owners is an Italian-American from Brooklyn, who used to work at Bronx Pizza in Hillcrest. (I like Luigi's better.) The other is from New Jersey — or Joisey, if you prefer. Mozzarella is mother's milk to them both.

Once again, you line up at the counter to place your order. There are only a few cramped tables if you want to eat inside, but in fair weather, the umbrella-shaded patio to the side is a neighborhood gathering spot for the nicest folks in Golden Hill. (The maybe not-so-nice ones hang out at the iron-barred 'Berto's or at the 7-Eleven, which is well-stocked with beer and porn mags but chancy on milk and bread.) Since Luigi's beverage selection is confined to soft drinks, there's a lot of rapid jaywalking across 25th Street to the Jaroco liquor store for beer or chilled Japanese fizzy water (unfiltered sake, popular in the neighborhood). Evenings, Turf Supper Club patrons who don't want cook-it-yourself steak often stop by Luigi's for a pre-pub fill-up.

If you want to buy just a slice or two, you'll have to take whatever's on hand. Most often, one of the slicer pies has sausage and pepperoni and the other has spinach and ricotta. Some days, the sausage is excellent, other days it tastes a little stale and greasy — obviously a matter of age. The spinach-ricotta pizza is always terrific because the greens are consistently fresh and tender

and the cheeses are fine — naturally sweet ricotta and good, gooey mozzarella.

If you're getting a whole pie (as in New York City, the only size option is 18” — *pizza-sized*), you can choose from a typical range of toppings, including the dastardly pineapple and the wretched anchovy. In my experience (extensive by now), the veggies are better than the meats. Or for half the price, you can go for one of the pizza-dough sandwiches, huge in size and oozing with cheeses. The “meatball roll,” for instance, is shaped like a loaf of Italian bread slashed crossways along the top, bubbling over with mozzarella, parmesan, ricotta, pizza sauce (with more on the side), and Luigi's version of meatballs, which are more like mildly seasoned meatloaf, but with so much cheese surrounding it, the meat's a mere bit player in the mixture.

The sole side dish is a house salad (\$3.75), which is large, fresh, and terrific when naked. It comes with a choice of packaged dressings — Italian, ranch, or blue cheese — from a company called Rod's. To my taste, these run a gamut from appalling to inedible, 'cause I don't think corn syrup belongs in salad dressings, least of all near the top of the ingredients list. But since I'm getting take-out, I dump the Rod's packages and use a Bernstein's from the fridge.

Legal parking isn't easy to find, but if you're getting more than a slice, your remedy is the phone — you can call in your order, and they'll have it ready for you when you come. If you live nearby, they'll even deliver, so long as your order totals \$12.50 or more. *Buon appetito!* ■

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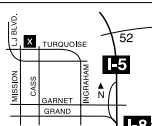
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"You've got to stop eating all that bad stuff, dude. You've got to get tested."

Oh, man. It's the biggest slice of pizza I've ever had — nine inches wide, a foot long, and loaded — and I'm trying to hide the damned thing in my ragged hunter's jacket side pocket.

"Got the results back," Hank's saying. "My cholesterol's down to 127. Can you believe from 300 plus? You've got to stop eating all that bad stuff, dude. You've got to get tested."

"I know, I know," I say. "You're right. And I am trying to, you know, think green."

'Course Hank's not buying this. He's been eating nuts and twigs yea these many months. The guy's discipline has been legendary. He sees this pizza, I'll never hear the end of it.

We're slurping coffee, sitting on the concrete steps to IB's beach, just north of the pier.

Hank stands up, glances over. "So what's that in your pocket?"

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This all began around seven this evening, when I was up at 9th and Palm. The Goodwill Store. Still looking for a chair for Carla. I called Hank (me, pay phone; him, cell) 'cause he'd been worried sick about his cholesterol numbers.

"I'll meet you outside Ye Olde Plank. Half an hour," he said.

I loped to the bus stop just as a 933 pulled away, dammit. I checked the timetable. Another half-hour.

That's when I hear the sounds of a small crowd buzzing 'round the entrance to this little shopping center called Silver Strand Plaza. Lots of people heading into a pizza joint. A girl sits at the one outside table, her bike propped against the wall. She's finishing off a big ol' slice. "The \$2.99 special," she says. "A giant slice with cheese, and a 20-ounce Pepsi. Plenty for me, anyway."

Place is called Giant Pizza King, and they're advertising a one-topping, 14-inch pizza for \$6.99. Guess that's a deal — pizzas have never been my thing. But since I've got time to kill, I mosey in. Everything's tile-clean. Blue-and-white checks around the counter, gray-and-white on the floor. Curvy Formica benches. Ads for Pepsi are strung around the walls, along with lists of pizza toppings. The pies go up to 28 inches. That's big, ain't it?

It's not until I see that they have other stuff — Italian dinners like lasagna (\$6.49 with garlic bread and salad) or spaghetti with meatballs (same sides, \$5.99) — that I get in line. One chef twirls pizza pastry above his head. Another slides a long wooden spatula into one of the two Baker's

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Pride pizza ovens to lift out a pie. Couple of younger guys whip just-cooked pizzas into maroon Naugahyde delivery bags.

"Yes, sir?"

Hell. I grab at the first thing I see. Under "Giant Pizza King Combo Plates," they have "1/2-lb. shrimp combo, 21 pieces of breaded shrimp." With fries and salad, it's \$5.99. If you have it as the Daily Special with a 20-ounce fountain drink, it's \$6.49.

I order it. 'Course, right after, I see they also have fish and chips, with three pieces of fish and tartar sauce for \$5.99. Also, a Philly steak for \$6.49, or a half-pound burger for \$4.99.

The pizza-by-the-slice section says that a "giant slice" with cheese is \$1.99. With "The Works" it's \$4.99. Sounds like a lot, but it comes loaded with pepperoni, sausage, black olives, onions, mushrooms, green peppers, Canadian bacon, and beef. Oh man. Almost too good.

So greed wins out. When Joanne the cute waitress brings the polystyrene box with my shrimp inside, all concealed beneath a logjam of crinkle-cut fries, and with an olive salad in the corner, I can't resist ordering a slice of "The Works." Crazy, I know. I'm gonna be so-oo full.

While I eat, I get to chatting with Jim behind the counter, and Ali at the back. Everyone is Chaldean here. Ali wants to teach me Chaldean slang.

"Shakoomakoo," says Ali. "It means 'What's up?' *Bacha* means 'See ya.'"

Jim says this is one of more than a dozen Giant Pizza Kings around town.

But it's only when the pizza chef shouts out "The Works slice!" from the oven end that I start to understand what "Giant" is all about.

Omygod. I look at my slice. A foot long! Nearly a foot wide at the crust! And loaded down with peppers and onions and pineapple and chunks of meat and mushroom slices, and jalapeño peppers.

"Uh, could you bag it?" I ask.

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That was half an hour ago. I finally gave up on the 933 and hoofed it the half-mile to Seacoast and found Hank outside Ye Olde Plank, the pub.

We got coffees (\$1.50 each) at a place called Hubbard's Cupboard (mental note: they do breakfasts here — must come back) and walked to the beach. And now, since he asked, here I am unrolling the monster pizza slice.

"You got this *after* you ate the 21 shrimp and fries and salad?"

I nod. I know what he's going to say next. Self-indulgence, health, gluttony, cholesterol...

Instead, he lifts one end, rips off a chunk, starts chewing.

"Hmm. Fresh veggies, peppers... As pizzas go," he says, "this has nuts and twigs written all over it." ■

The Place: Giant Pizza King, 600 Palm Avenue (at Rainbow), Imperial Beach, 619-423-7601

Type of Food: American, Italian

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David O'Reilly has made a fine name for himself as a producer of sought-after wines from the Pacific Northwest — first with Sineann, and now with Owen Roe, both of which he helped to found. But he didn't start there. He started in the rather unlikely SoCal city of Ventura, at the Leeward winery.

(Full disclosure: O'Reilly is a graduate of my alma mater. For one year, I played soccer with him. But now that his wines are regularly pulling down 90+ points in the wine press, I think I can write about him without accusation. I was inspired by the broad selection of Owen Roe and Sineann wines I found at The Wine Loft in Carlsbad — the subject of last week's column. Fuller disclosure: Not wanting to write without due cause, I bought a bottle of the '03 Owen Roe Walla Walla Seven Hills Vineyard Cabernet. Both my wife and I were struck by its youthful harmony, and by its note of lavender under the more expected blackberry and cherry, a note which later gave way to anise.)

"I had already been accepted into the UC Davis enology program," recalls O'Reilly. "But I decided, first of all, to go work at a winery from crush until the start of the next year's fall

semester." Leeward was close by, and he liked the people. "I told them, 'I want to do the worst jobs imaginable — nothing glamorous.' I wanted to see whether or not I really wanted to do it. They loved that; they said, 'We want a guy with that kind of attitude.'"

It didn't take long for O'Reilly to notice a problem. The winery had been doubling production for two years "and they were backing up on vintages of product. I said, 'What are you guys doing? Do you really expect, given your current distribution, that you're going to sell all this? Why don't you go and introduce yourself to all your key accounts, get them to understand who you are personally?' I didn't realize that they were really pretty shy people. They said, 'Well, we don't want to do that. Do you want to do it for us?'"

He began spending half-time in the winery and half-time on the road visiting accounts. "Before long, we had sold out of product. It was just that personal interaction. Growing up in Ireland, and working in British Columbia in the family's logging business, we always valued direct interaction with the customer." Today, "In Oregon, I act as my own distributor and I sell only to proprietor-owned establishments. That way, you're

dealing with a proprietor, and not some 'wine buyer' who might be gone in six weeks. You build up a real relationship."

The people at Leeward were pleased enough to let him start working with the winemaker — as long as he kept on selling half-time. And it was there that O'Reilly learned his craft — and decided not to attend Davis. "I usually found the winemakers who had graduated from Davis very textbookish, not willing to get out and see the vineyards and taste the fruit. I found that they lacked the passion for perfection." Meanwhile, "I learned very good technical skills at Leeward. I also learned what not to do. They didn't really have an organic sense of nature. And nature is basically the final arbiter of quality. Unless you're a fanatic about your vineyards, then what you're doing in the winery is just alchemy. The winemaker there sat on his butt; he made all his picking decisions over the phone."

O'Reilly had his heart set on a region that would not allow for such methods — Oregon. The promise of a cooler climate — one friendly to Pinot Noir — was deeply attractive, even if it was still more promise than production. "I had gone up to the Willamette Valley in Oregon during the '80s and was very, very unimpressed. The wines just weren't there. My big break came when I popped into a winery and got to taste their Pinot Noir out of both bottle and barrel. The wine in the barrel was phenomenal, yet the wines that had been bottled were poor. Now, with some experience under my belt, I realize that those guys just didn't know how to make wine. They didn't pay enough attention to the wine in the barrel. I saw this little dazzle of brilliance and thought, 'This area could be great.' Then when I started looking for work up here, I found that there were some really nice wines being made."



Sineann label — "P" is for Pinot Noir

He landed a job in marketing at Elk Cove Winery, and helped out with the blends as well. "There, I hooked up with a guy who became a great friend, Peter Rosback. I was over at his house for dinner one night, and he introduced me to a wine he had made in his basement from grapes out of a 100-year-old Zinfandel vineyard on the eastern slopes of Mount Hood. I thought it was great wine. He told me that no commercial winery was making wine from it because it was Oregon Zinfandel — hardly a coveted combination. "They had no idea that the vineyard was east of the mountains, where it's very arid and hot," and therefore good Zin country. "I woke up the next morning and said, 'That's it. There's my in to start my own label.' Rosback signed on, and Sineann was born.

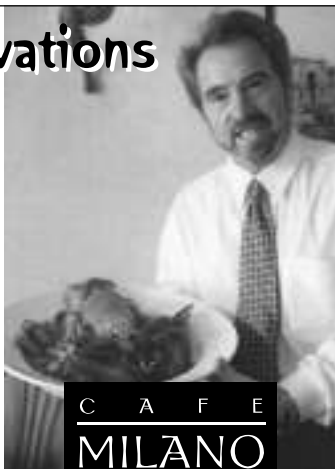
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ley Zinfandel. To this day, people still assume it’s made from Washington fruit,” the same as most wines from the Columbia Valley appellation. Nothing deceptive — “the valley straddles the state line all the way down to the town of The Dalles, and it was in the appellation.” But still, a bit of marketing savvy. “It’s worked out really well; it’s been a cult wine. I’m just releasing the ’04, and I’m just selling out of it.”

Oregon was a perfect fit for a winemaker who wasn’t content to visit vineyards via telephone. “It’s a lot more marginal than California. You don’t get the heat. You can’t have the yields” — the vines simply can’t ripen that much fruit. “You have to cut everything back to a single cluster per shoot. If you want to get your grapes right, you have to be in the vineyard all the time; nature demands that sort of attention. You’re pulling leaves on the east side to expose your fruit to the early morning sun. You have a very tight vertical

trellis to get a greater leaves-to-cluster ratio than you would have in California. That said, it’s also a very consistent region. We had a bad vintage in ’84, and light vintages in ’95 and ’97, but it’s been very consistent.”

And since he was buying all his fruit, he needed vineyard owners who didn’t mind that he was “a pain in the ass to deal with. I’m very flexible; I just demand perfection. I try to find like-minded growers, and convince them that this is the way things ought to be done. And of course, as a result, you have to pay more. I found a vineyard owner who was selling to Chateau Sainte Michelle; he was cropping six to seven tons an acre. I convinced him to farm to my specs; now he’s at about one and a half tons. But I pay by the acre, and he still gets 25 percent more from me than he would from Ste. Michelle.” Of course, he notes, “I also have a wine that sells for \$60,” so he can afford the extra expense. “If they’re like-minded, they’ll really step up to make it happen. It’s usually the guys who have the ego and want to share in this that are my best friends.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Big Jim’s Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can “Put Some South in Yo’ Mouth!” The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime “pulled pork,” smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don’t eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don’t miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you’ll not

find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honeybutter, well-balanced slaw.... Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — N.W. (6/05)

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — “Iskender” means “Alexander.” Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker’n one of James’s right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Paul’s Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald’s or Wendy’s (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it’s no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there’s a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. “Eat Healthy, Feel Good” is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat “Maui chicken” skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab

East are more traditional,” says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. “We don’t do California thick crust, we don’t do pineapple, we don’t do chicken. We don’t do ‘personal size,’ either. But we *do* do slices.” They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and “whitestone” (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the “Bronx Special,” an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker’n one of James’s right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher’s shop. It’s a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the “*Es ist Wunderbar!*” sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John’s all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Vigilucci’s 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant’s motto, “a little piece of Italy,” is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that’s Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly affordable, and spirits run high. Of course it’s crowded, so reserve to avoid a long, hungry wait. Other locations include Vigilucci Cucina in Carlsbad, Vig-

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ilucci’s Pizzeria in Leucadia, and Vig-ilucci’s Seafood and Steakhouse in Carlsbad. — *N.W. (10/01)*

The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only “extra lean” meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens’ and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time

to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — *N.W. (10/03)*

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy’s), 858-693-3663. “The name ‘Bolsa’ isn’t Vietnamese,” says Kim Trang. “It’s Spanish for ‘bag.’” She’s playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam’s most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or

egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We’re talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald’s. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban

American comfort level. If you don’t already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you’re unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you’re planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/04)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It’s distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that’s usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don’t expect hovering “Raj”- style service — it’s just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Meiki Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You’ll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can’t watch the chef. If you’re in the area, don’t miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant’s younger, prettier suburban sister, you’ll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy “gold cup” dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three

meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W. (8/04)*

GOLD COAST

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a “Roman breakfast” of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don’t miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber’s own home garden; the French fries (which don’t come from his garden) are world-class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn’t be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids’ menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (1/05)*

Cafe Europa 667 San Rodolfo Drive, Suite 133, Marshall’s Shopping Center, Solana Beach, 858-793-4693. The menu in this *gemütlich* dining room is mainly German but flirts with France and Italy. The Peruvian owners sometimes offer a South American special at lunch, and

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Cuvee 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-5878. Seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine, bolder and more complex than at the original, now-closed La Jolla branch. Cuisine is designed to accompany an interesting, affordable wine list. Menu suggests apt wine pairings for each dish. All bottles are also available by the glass; you can even get a sip before choosing. A reserve list includes fancier choices, still at minimal markups. Low corkage for BYO, too. Reservations urged. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. — *N.W. (12/04)*

Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This

place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

910 Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb, a protégé of Trey Foshee (of George's at the Cove) carries on the 910 tradition of clean, flavorful Cal cuisine, based on the seasons and showcasing the fabulous foodstuffs of local farms. Dessert chef Jack Fisher contributes superlatively happy, avant-garde endings. The flies in the buttermilk? The service is Space Cadet Corps, and during dinner, the room is usually noisy. Open daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to

be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast à l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open

daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies.

Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest,

619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shaw-erma*, etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, man-size-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino's Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit

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smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. No alcohol. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — M.N. (4/99)

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his



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paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.W.

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (SeaCoast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like *gang ped*, *panang*, and *kang kari*. Or noodle dishes like the famous *pad thai*. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The *tom yum kung* (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course *nam pla*, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: *pad talay*, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619;

4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí*, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach,

619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has big windows and a few tables, with Mexican folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart of romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished inlaid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like

"Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — E.B. (1/04)

CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsicle colors, noted dessert-chef Beryl Ann Byrd and co-chef Kurt Metzger offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Open three meals daily. Moderate. — N.W. (9/04)

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace*." Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is

delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neat-loaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *saji*, (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas*, or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — M.N. (1/99)

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convooy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convooy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — N.W. (3/04)

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight; weekend brunches and weeknight reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — N.W. (7/03)

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-617. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honey-mooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner seven days. — N.W. (1/05)

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — A.M. (4/03)

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the creamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try



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Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M.* (2/02)

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Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles*. Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

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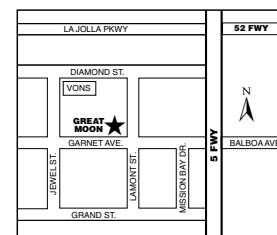
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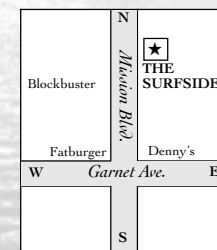
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Brians’ American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy’s, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They’ve done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties road-house character. It’s open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians’ 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the “Hey Ricky!!!,” an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it’s always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef’s Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don’t miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand’s favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W. (5/05)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Hamburger Mary’s 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary’s mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it’s a gay rendezvous, but everybody’s welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the “I’m Sooo Bleu” burger with bacon and blue cheese crumbles, or the “Two Tons Of Fun,” a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they’re all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that’s what “*ichi-ban*”

means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott’s culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chipotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered “jerk” chicken or the signature “Skirts On Fire,” a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

La Posta de Acapulco’s Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada*. For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can’t beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata*, a rice drink, or *jamaica*, made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Mission Hills Cafe 808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread’s incredible. It’ll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks’ territory. Ditto the “Pear Cambozola” salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or “François’s Famous Vegetarian Lasagna.” And check out François’s art

on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called “Sea Biscuits.” Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — *E.B. (9/03)*

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also at Mission Beach and East Village). “Urban assault food for a revolutionary people,” says the waitstaff’s black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their “conscientious cuisine” is generous, good looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. Delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs come on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). Roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the “Chino-Latino” dishes (lunch only) like the mild but delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce. Comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. Interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. — *E.B. (2/05)*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don’t be misled by the “hot & spicy” star next to this item. As with any of their “spicy” offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it’s best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D. (6/05)*

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Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or “the other white”) meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobbblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950’s pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you’ll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter’s recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening’s best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth

ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you’re looking for food, too, there’s a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz’s Deli on the Lower East Side — it’s that wee touch o’ the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd’s pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their “sleazy bar scene” in *Top Gun*. And it is kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bars, Czech license plates, and stickers (“Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man”). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They’re cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that’s considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood’s regular border-Mexyawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuitlacoche* (a.k.a. “corn mushrooms,” a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana’s revered Cien

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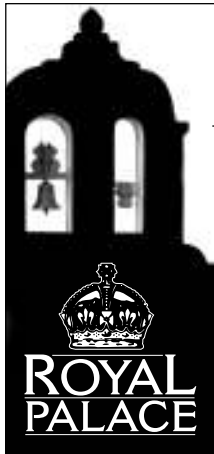
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Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (1/04)

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.* (3/04)

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louché. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N.* (9/99)

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his *Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad* — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

New Leaf Restaurant Hilton Gaslamp Hotel, 401 K Street, Gaslamp, 619-702-8200. This hotel restaurant features American comfort food carried off with California flair and served in comfortable surroundings. Well-spaced oversized tables make this a good choice for business breakfasts and lunches. Outdoor seating options include an intimate patio lounge with a waist-high firepit that's lighted at night. Evenings, the atmosphere and garb tend toward the casual. Tortilla-crusted salmon is a stand-out entrée. Desserts are house-made and include a tasty New York cheesecake. Validated valet parking. Smart California wine list with rather high markups, plenty by the glass. Open three meals, seven days, until midnight on weekends. — *N.W.* (12/04)

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M.* (6/03)

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 48 hours notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stingaree, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a domestic beer included. Other good fillers: the "Shortstop" sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They're on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Here you'll find sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (11/04)

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentledown dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W.* (11/04)

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot*, but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B.* (9/03)

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *pouzu*. For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street

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RESTAURANTS

parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — N.W. (11/04)

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos*, *cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes,

try the hearty (and then some) Irish meat-fest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

Primavera 932 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-0454. This standout in Coronado's culinary scene offers courtly charm and an impressive menu. Try their saffron risotto, clams bordelaise, or the delicious ossobuco, of which every detail is accomplished, admirable. For dessert, have one of their excellent espressos and the tiramisu or lemon ricotta cake. Primavera's accomplished staff takes unpretentious pride in their kitchen, the food and wine they serve, and rightfully so. Open daily. Expensive. — M.N. (11/98)

Village Club Card Room 429 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-425-3333. Yes, it's mostly poker players, but anybody can come in and order a meal. And here's the thing: first-time visitors get their meal free. Really. Players or nonplayers. Of course, the idea is to keep players' bellies full so they can return to the game, so even second-timers get a deal with down-home comfort-dishes like grilled chicken breast sandwich, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread, or garlic shrimp with fried rice and egg, plus Chinese dishes including Kung Pao beef or chicken, Mongolian beef, and a good wonton soup with noodles. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

BAJA

From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Big Boy Restaurant Agua Caliente Boulevard #9892 (across the street from the old bullring), Tijuana, 686-3788. Besides having excellent Mexican-American food, this Big Boy knock-off draws some of the most interesting people in Tijuana — journalists, lawyers, cattle ranchers, politicians, Baja's heavy hitters. Day or night, Big Boy is always busy. Gringo food's no problem. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, chorizo or ham, plus hash browns or frijoles, toast, juice, and endless coffee. Nobody will object if you sit sipping the free refills till the moon comes up. But you won't — you'll crack and order more when you smell the popular, macho "royal" hamburger, with two beef patties, smoked

ham, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, and salad. Or the chicken breast marinated in tequila with cilantro, guacamole, and beans. Open 24/7. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero*, from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Rio, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican seabass), char-broiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (6/05)

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes

a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada*, and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal table-top grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions played across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — E.B. (5/05)

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — N.W. (4/03)

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden ("*escondida*") mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole (*cacerola de mariscos*), the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat ("*cabrito tatemado*"). Desserts include the house *especial*, mango and ice cream with *rompo* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve*, crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the "*Rey del Pollo*" sign. The *La Escondida* entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — E.B. (1/05)

La Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, funny, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of...countyside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana?

Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros*. Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería*, which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11.30 a.m. until late. Moderate. — E.B. (10/04)

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" ("*la vuelta*") where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro*, an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/03)

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Anthony's Fish Grotto For its fresh seafood salads, its fish and chips, and its daily fresh fish specials, Anthony's still goes to the head of the class for stability of product, good-sized portions, time-honored preparation, and low cost. Open daily, lunch through dinner. No reservations. Inexpensive to expensive. Locations: 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street), downtown, 619-232-5103; 215 West Bay Boulevard, Chula Vista, 619-425-4200; 9530 Murray Drive, La Mesa, 619-463-0368. — E.W.

California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite

601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (2/03)

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambience (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

Ruth's Chris Steak House 11582 El Camino Real (at Arroyo Sorrento), Sorrento Hills, 858-755-1454. Flash-cooked steaks from the finest wet-aged, corn-fed USDA Prime, seasoned with salt, pepper, butter, and parsley, are the hallmark of this 95-location chain. If you aren't a salt offender, ask the kitchen to use a lighter touch. All side dishes are à la carte but come in portions large enough to feed two. The broiled tomatoes, caramelized with a touch of sugar, are a delight, and potatoes are offered in eight guises. A pecan-topped sweet potato casserole, although delicious, would be better as dessert. Non-beef-eaters can choose from numerous luxurious seafood dishes, a cheese-stuffed chicken breast, grilled Portobello mushrooms, and six salads. Award-winning wine list is steep but serious, with an average bottle price of \$70 but reasonable markups and wines over \$100 offered at retail price. The main room harbors a fabulous view of the ocean if you arrive before sunset, but it's noisy — tables upstairs are quieter. Dinner nightly; lunch Fridays only. Also downtown, with equally stunning views, at 1355 North Harbor Drive, 619-233-1422. Very expensive. — B.D. (5/05)

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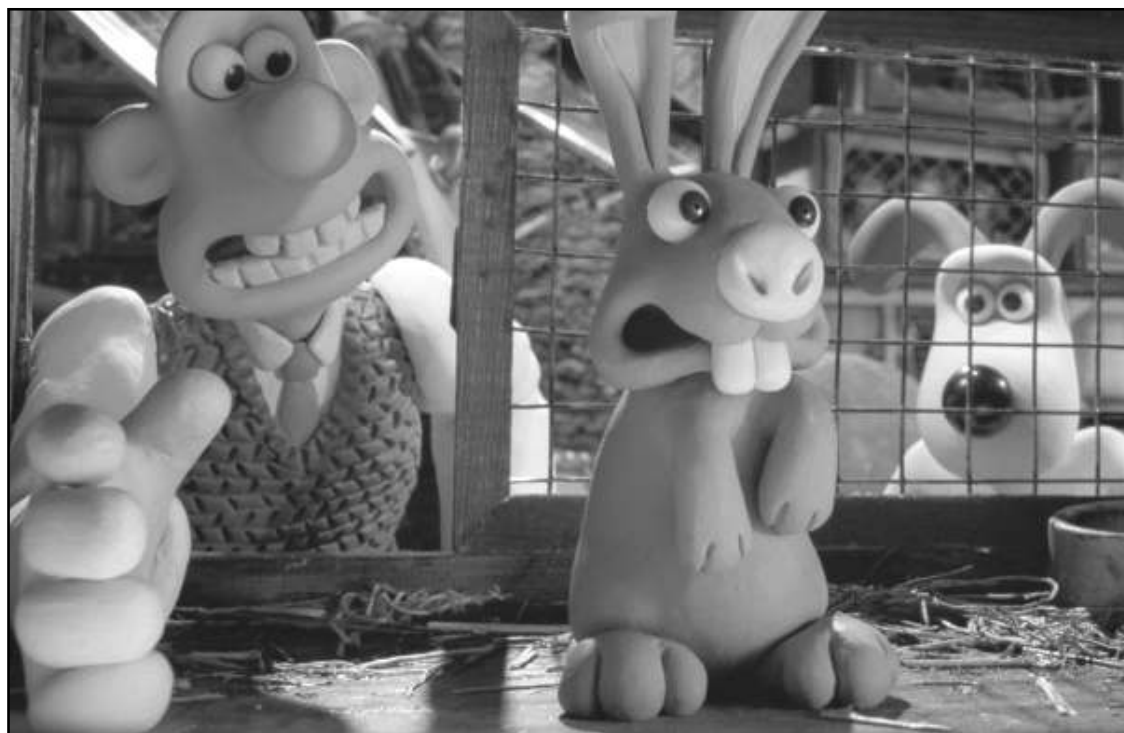
The illusion is not really an illusion at all.

Fans of Wallace and Gromit, which is to say virtually all acquaintances of Wallace and Gromit, will welcome their first feature-length excursion no matter how much extra baggage they bring along on it. The official title alone, *Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, demands a handcart. (How nice it would have been to start straight off with *The Curse*....) Nick Park's claymation creations — the crackpot inventor who's "crackers about cheese" and his silent, watchful, wary, undyingly loyal yet healthily skeptical pet pooch — have not changed a whit in their nine-year absence from the screen. Things around them, though, have changed to a degree.

The just shy of an hour-and-a-half running time is as long as their three previous outings put together. But because the pacing is as expert as ever, it flies by in what feels like maybe, oh, an hour flat, where the earlier half-hours — *A Grand Day Out*, *The Wrong Trousers*, *A Close Shave* — felt proportionately like twenty minutes tops. The necessarily more elaborate or elongated plotline involves an annual Giant Vegetable Competition staged without interruption for centuries:

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Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

sly), the ten-gallon toupee of the trigger-happy Great White Hunter (the "inhumane" alternative to Anti-Pesto), the horizontal carrot-shaped carrot-top on the titled hostess of the contest (the love interest), and so on.

The unprecedented contamination, unprecedented for Wallace and Gromit anyway, of traditional stop-motion

animation with newfangled computer-generated imagery — primarily for the multiple rabbits and some "special effects" of fog, smoke, an explosion, and the like — doubtless sullies the purism of their hermetically enclosed world. But this is more bothersome in principle than in actual spectacle. These distinct animation techniques

in fact blend very well. They are sometimes, more and more often nowadays, difficult for the naked eye to tell apart. And the human touch, in any event, still shows in the imperfect texture of the plasticine figures, in their limited movements, and in the overall illusion that you are watching a live-action film of three-dimensional space, of

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sets, camera angles, and lighting, of *mise-en-scène*. The illusion is not really an illusion at all. The space, the sets, the angles, the lighting, all exist in the real world, together with the race of foot-tall homunculi. More problematic, perhaps, is the spicing up of the traditional cozy, genteel, droll, understated British humor — traditional British humor, that is, prior to the Goon Show and Monty Python — with a peppering of the salty and the dirty. Though the spice may be mild by the standards of the contemporary marketplace, in specific the standards of the computer-animation marketplace, one can't help but feel that co-directors Nick Park and Steve Box have bent a little to peer pressure. What one would prefer to see instead is for them to exert some pressure on their peers (meaning their inferiors) in matters of timing, touch, and taste.

I liked Curtis Hanson better when he was making modest genre films

along the lines of *The Bedroom Window*, *Bad Influence*, *The Hand That Rocks the Cradle*, and *The River Wild*. But then he made an immodest one, *L.A. Confidential*, from an unwieldy novel by James Ellroy, and launched himself as the roving “social” chronicler of *Wonder Boys*, *8 Mile*, and now *In Her Shoes*. I don't know the Jennifer Weiner book on which the latest is based, but the film itself I found to be lightly, mildly, breezily entertaining in a second-rate, best-sellerish, chick-lit kind of way: the seriocomic story of two mismatched Jewish sisters, one an overweight, high-achieving Philadelphia lawyer whose private life consists of romance novels and a shoe fetish, and the other a rootless mooching dyslexic sexpot. (Or, in their traded insults, a “fat pig” and “pretty but real stupid.”) After they have a major falling-out and a parting-of-the-ways, the first finds love with a too-good-to-be-true emasculated dreamboat (albeit a 76ers fan), and the second finds self-worth shopping for the old ladies in a Florida retirement community and reading poetry to a blind professor, while conquering her dyslexia, at the Assisted Living Center. And they then find their way

back to each other. Yay, team.

The scene of a man and a woman reading aloud from a romance novel as sexual foreplay is good for a laugh; and the sight of a Bikini Babe around the old folks' swimming pool is good for a few; and Shirley MacLaine, as the long-lost grandmother, can still handle a line and a look. The casting of Toni Collette and Cameron Diaz as the sisters, on the other hand, is somewhat hard to swallow. Forget, if you can, their ostensible Jewishness. Collette, though she's reported to have packed on twenty-five pounds for the part, still looks well under the national norm and nowhere near her *Muriel's Wedding* weight. And Diaz, though she wears her clothes well, especially the eensy-weensy ones, fails to reveal any depths beneath. Even she can't quite botch the lump-in-the-throat recitation of E.E. Cummings at the wedding, but she's more in her element when she gets to kick up her heels afterwards.

Oliver Twist takes yet another turn. You know the story. The orphan who wanted more, please, and Mr. Bumble the beadle, Fagin the fence, the Artful Dodger, Bill Sikes, the golden-hearted streetwalker Nancy, Mr. Brownlow the benefactor, and the rest. If somehow you don't know it, if you missed the book in school and all the foregoing

screen treatments, counting the Broadway musical without the surname, or if you're too young to have ever had a chance, here it comes again, in full color — even if the sort of colorless color often favored for period depictions of hard times and bleak houses — and with enough slices of ham for almost the entire cast (Ben Kingsley, Jamie Foreman, Edward Hardwicke, Jeremy Swift, Ian McNeice, et al.), except, fittingly enough, for the pale, pitiful, deprived lead (Barney Clark). The imperious Magistrate Fang of Alun Armstrong merits special mention (a dab of mustard with his ham), as do a couple of particularly picturesque episodes: the break-in at the benefactor's house on a dark and stormy night, and the climactic rooftop flight of Sikes and his hostage under a full moon and above an angry mob.

On the whole, however, this is nowhere near as robust a transcription of Dickens as, for instance, the recent *Nicholas Nickleby*, a less-told tale, to say nothing of the black-and-white David Lean treatment of 1948, going over the same ground twenty minutes faster. Rachel Portman, who composed the rousing score for *Nickleby*, does what she can to help out here as well, with unobtrusive underlining and a velvety main theme. But this one needed a lot more help. The familiarity of the story — the frequency

of its telling — spreads a carpet of mud over the ground at the outset. (Even the first time through, the solicitation of sympathy is apt to seem awfully hard-sell.) Then, too, the motivation for filmmaker Roman Polanski cannot have been at an all-time high, although it's not hard to see how the predicament of a hapless little plaything in the capricious hands of fate might have had real meaning for him. And if anyone in this oversensitive age could get away with a stereotypical portrayal of a crabbed old Jewish miser, it would be someone who had just paid up his Holocaust dues in *The Pianist*. ■

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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 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.

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Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress — Writer-director Sijie Dai adapts his own novel about a boy sent to a Maoist “rehabilitation” camp.

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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

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★★★ (LA PALOMA)

The Brothers Grimm — None other than Jacob and Wilhelm, not yet world-famous folklorists, merely ghostbusting con men, whose ruses are not state-of-the-art magic *circa* the early 19th Century, but rather state-of-the-art FX *circa* the 21st. When they are recruited by the occupying French army, however, to investigate a case of missing children (a Red Riding Hood, a Hansel and Gretel), they encounter an authentic Enchanted Forest and Wicked Witch, thereby diminishing their future tales of imagination to straight reportage. Terry Gilliam’s production is characteristically heavy and indigestible, and his photography comes in arbitrary shades of monochrome: fire orange, ash gray, clay red, dirt brown. With Matt Damon, Heath Ledger, Lena Headey, Peter Stormare, Jonathan Pryce, and Monica Bellucci. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory — Tim Burton’s consolation prize for losing out on the Lemony Snicket concession (surely that had his name written on it) is a remake of the fractured fairy tale by Roald Dahl, a spindly little framework freighted with production values, CG imagery, and dark dense bordello color, like some scrawny four-foot scrub of a Christmas tree adorned with enough ornaments, lights, and tinsel for Rockefeller Center. (Proposed name change: Tim Burden.) The plot premise seems to combine the theme park and the reality show: an elimination game in Candy Land. Five lucky children, all of them horrid but one, win an opportunity to tour Willy Wonka’s top-secret chocolate factory, in competition for an unspecified Grand Prize. Every time one of the horrid ones is bounced out (by some nonlethal but nauseating method), a chorus line of Munchkin-like midgets known as the Oompa Loompas comes out and does a musical number, combining Busby Berkeley and David Lynch. Further combinations: the reclusive chocolatier, in Johnny Depp’s peculiar rendition, combines Mr. Rogers (mincing cadence) and Michael Jackson (pancake makeup), among others; and the titular little hero, the truly adorable Freddie Highmore, who played opposite Depp in *Finding Neverland* as well, combines Tiny Tim (poverty-line pathos) and perhaps Frodo the Hobbit (rodney cuteness). All of these combinations and others (the “teleportation” of a candy bar into a

TV set combines *2001* and *The Fly*, more specifically the sixtieth humorous usage of the opening notes of *Also Sprach Zarathustra* and the fortieth humorous usage of a high-pitched “Help me!”) pile up, two by two, to produce an unsubiding groan, arising either from the overtaxed framework or the overtaxed viewer. And the only respite from the ugly vulgarity of the décor comes from the prying impoliteness of the bulbous closeups. David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter, Noah Taylor, Christopher Lee, Deep Roy. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15; VOGUE)

The Constant Gardener — An adaptation of a John le Carré suspense novel, and a long stride for filmmaker Fernando Meirelles (*City of God*) from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Le Carré, to be sure, has always had an elevated social consciousness, and a missionary zeal to match, and so the stretch for the Brazilian is largely geographical: to Kenya, where a multinational pharmaceutical company is using the natives as unwitting guinea pigs, or sacrificial lambs, for an experimental drug called Dypraxa. The spectator will require only the slightest touch of paranoia, or slightest taste for the paranoia genre, to find this premise credi-

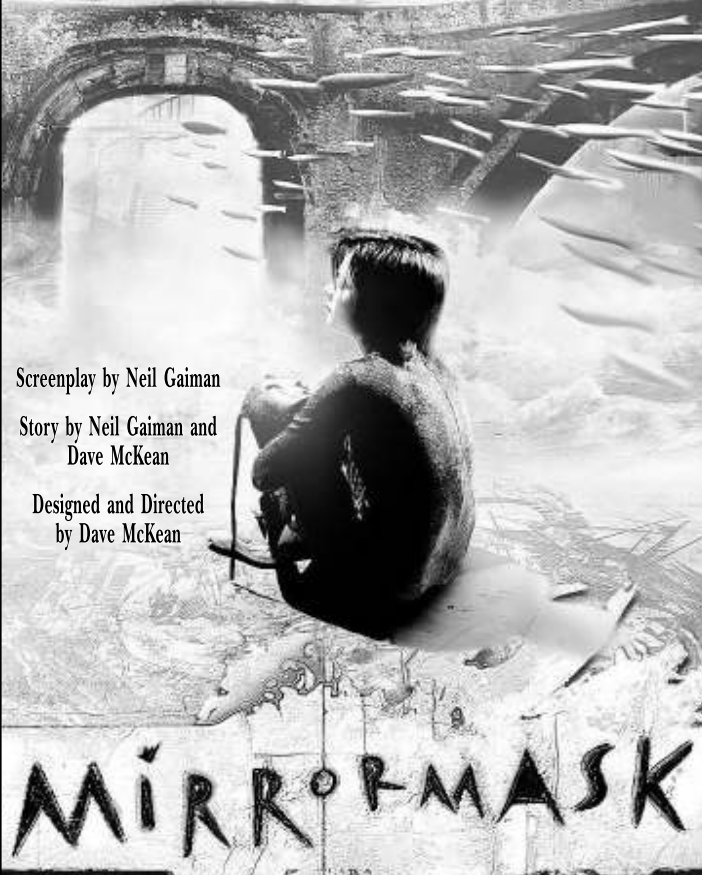
ble. He will face a stiffer challenge to find it cinematic. Vague on particulars, slow in progress, thick in texture, the film follows a course of knowingness rather than “showingness.” And the jiggle and jump in the visual style, though tempered a bit from *City of God*, can drum up little excitement on their own. Of course, many a filmmaker before Meirelles, like many a casual reader, has failed to locate the thrills in a le Carré thriller. Yet this one holds plenty of appeal as a love story, one which we know from the outset is to be an unhappy one. The murder of a British diplomat’s wife in the African backcountry opens the door on a

flashback to their first beginnings: he (Ralph Fiennes, almost cringingly diffident) dutifully reading a dull lecture on behalf of a government official in absentia, and she (Rachel Weisz, free and easy) reading him the riot act afterwards on the U.K.’s role in Iraq: “Vietnam the sequel.” Not a meet-cute, but a meet-rude. And before they have time really to get to know one another, they’re in bed, they’re married, and, with a baby on the way, they’re in Kenya, where the differences in their personalities are brought out in sharpest contrast: the professional fence-straddler and the inveterate firebrand. His private inquiry into her

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murder, apart from the light shed on corporate malfeasance, answers all questions about the genuineness of her love for him, and of his for her. As we've seen in such other le Carré vehicles as *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*, *The Looking-Glass War*, *The Russia House*, and (the most cinematic of these) *The Little Drummer Girl*, a gooeey sentimentalism lurks within the sour-ball. Danny Huston, Bill Nighy, Pete Postlethwaite. 2005.

★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14)

Crimen Perfecto — Spanish-language black comedy, a classification which would still today raise the specter of Luis Buñuel, even without the specific sight of the mannequin in the furnace. (See *The Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz*, from the master's Mexican period.) Director Alex de la

Iglesia, like other followers in those footsteps, finds a paved highway where his fore-runner had to hack out a path in the wilderness. Almost inevitably, the story of a dapper lady-killer blackmailed into fidelity to a wallflower is black comedy at its cheeriest: as jaunty as the *Saturday Night Fever* strut of the hero. (The green-faced ghost with a cleaver in his head — the grounds for blackmail — is fit for nothing more than an amusement-park Haunted House.) The film perhaps has a little something to say — a very little — about the superficiality of modern culture and its preoccupation with skin-deep beauty. Guillermo Toledo, Mónica Cervera, Luis Varela. 2004.

★ (GASLAMP 15, FROM 10/7)

Cry Wolf — Or cry uncle. A clique of prep-school brats, in raw, grainy, glary photography, perpetrate a serial-killer hoax that seems to be coming true. A mindless mind game designed to ensnarl, even ensnarl the designers. With Julian Morris, Lindy Booth, Jared Padalecki, and Jon Bon Jovi; directed by Jeff Wadlow. 2005.

● (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Dear Wendy — Violence in America as viewed by Danish director Thomas Vinterberg, from a script by Lars von Trier, with Jamie Bell and Bill Pullman. (KEN, 10/7 THROUGH 13)

Everything Is Illuminated — A road film in a sparse landscape, an adaptation of a novel by Jonathan Safran Foer. It 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. Eugene Hutz, Boris Leskin, Laryssa Lauret. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

The Exorcism of Emily Rose — The courtroom drama wedded to the devil-session 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 ar-

gument he comes down on, will ask the viewer to leap a lot farther, giving him privileged access not just to flashbacks of the alleged possession (a standard program of writhing on the floor, clawing the walls, tearing hair out, eating spiders, and speaking in subtitled ancient tongues known only to Mel Gibson), but also to the present-tense manifestations of “dark forces,” at the witching hour of 3:00 a.m., around the agnostic defense attorney. (The Devil, who presumably would be happier with a conviction, leaves the God-fearing prosecutor well alone.) Campbell Scott, no matter how far in the wrong, is nonetheless allowed to state a strong case for the prosecution; and Laura Linney, conversely, is allowed to show much weakness in defense, before she summons up a closing argument applicable, beyond the case of her client, to the fantasy genres in general, an argument for “possibilities” over “facts.” (The churchified courtroom of red brick and stained glass throws in its own two cents.) If the horror element is inhibited a bit by the flashback structure, and if the courtroom element is lured a ways into hokum, the marriage of the two is still curious enough to hold interest, and the whole-hearted commitment to that marriage is enough to tighten that hold. Tom Wilkinson, Jennifer Carpenter, Mary Beth Hurt. 2005.

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Fantastic Four — Namely, Mr. Fantastic (a sort of Plastic Man), the Human Torch (more like a Human Comet), the Invisible

Woman (plain enough), and the Thing (a cross between the Incredible Hulk and the Golem). The slender storyline explains how they got to be so fantastic, and it then gives them little scope to explore their powers. Commonplace comic-book adaptation, campy and tacky. With Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Jessica Alba, and Michael Chiklis; directed by Tim Story. 2005.

● (VOGUE)

Flightplan — Airborne thriller gets off the ground in good shape, and while aloft adds another variation to the infinitude of locked-room mysteries. After taking her six-year-old daughter to stretch out in the empty back rows of a double-decker jumbo jet, the mother nods off and wakes up, mid-flight, to find her daughter gone. “Well, she can’t have gone far,” one of the flight attendants points out the obvious. But before long an announcement over the P.A. system must concede, “Seems our aircraft is big enough to lose a child in,” and a thorough search is undertaken, granting us access to such unfamiliar sights that we may think we had left the airplane and entered a dreamland. The girl’s backpack happens to be missing from the overhead bin, too high for her to have reached by herself, and she would never have left behind, as she seems to have, her one-armed teddy bear. Someone had to have taken her, and a couple of Arabs come under perfectly natural, if politically incorrect, scrutiny. But every passenger is in his seat and accounted for, and none of them appears to be concealing a six-year-old. So, where can she be? When the mother is unable to produce a boarding pass for the girl, speculation shifts to the stress she is under — her husband lies in a casket in the hold — as well as to the medication she is on, and doubt begins to form that there was ever a daughter on board in the first place. So far, so intriguing. And Jodie Foster’s mixture of strain and anxiety and trying not to show it is very persuasive — quite a feat, assuming she had read the script clear to the end before she consented to do it. For as soon as we begin to get some answers to the puzzle, the movie goes into a tailspin from which it will never pull up. The revealed plot — the double-meaning “flightplan” — seems to make so little sense that you might almost mistrust your own intelligence or sanity, never mind Jodie Foster’s. With Peter Sarsgaard, Sean Bean, Kate Beahan, Erika Christensen; directed by Robert Schwentke. 2005.

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The 40 Year Old Virgin — The hero is not what he is by reason of any philosophy, religion, or phobia: “It just never happened.” But now his colleagues at the Smart Tech electronics store, cottoning on to his condition, are pitching in to cure him of it. Though not unsympathetic in treatment, the character is coy, cautious, even cowardly in conception, while the comedy *per se* is low, broad, bullish, and exhibitionist: boners, peepee, puke, a plastic vagina, mooning, and (without special-effects fakery) bloody body waxing. With Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Romany Malco, Seth Rogen, and Elizabeth Banks; directed by Judd Apatow. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; SANTEE DRIVE IN)

The Gospel — A prosperous R&B singer returns to his roots, with Boris Kodjoe and Clifton Powell, written and directed by Rob Hardy. (CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/7)

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The Greatest Game Ever Played — Class struggle on the links, along with an England-vs.-America thing and a professional-vs.-amateur thing. The game in question is not golf in general, but specifically the eighteen-hole playoff of the 1913 U.S. Open. Shia LaBeouf has a nice quiet self-assurance as the former caddy, Francis Ouimet, who goes up against his idol, the British champion Harry Vardon (Stephen Dillane). But the wise and wisecracking pint-sized caddy (Josh Flitter) is a pain in the neck, and the film gets carried away with digital effects (an animated ladybug alighting on a golf ball, etc.), and it spends a lot of time on game action without uncovering interesting details or convincing us that golf is a credible spectator sport. With Peyton List, Stephen Marcus, Peter Firth, Luke Askew; directed by Bill Paxton. 2005.

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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)

Hellbent — Sickie-wielding slasher, on the loose among gay Halloweeners, perpetrates horrors overshadowed by the horrible video image. With Dylan Fergus, Bryan Kirkwood, Hank Harris, Andrew Levitas; written and directed by Paul Etheredge-Ouzts. 2005.

● (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

A History of Violence — Further unpleasantness from the always unpleasant David Cronenberg. Despite the pretentious-sounding title, this is in no sense an historical record of violence as a human fundamental (dating back, say, to Cain and Abel, or farther back to the appearance of the monolith among the apes in *2001*), but merely a history in the archaic sense of a story, as in H.G. Wells's *The History of Mr. Polly*, and also in the sense of a past: a violent story, that is, about a man with a history of violence. More exactly, the bloody chain of events unleashed when the family-man proprietor (Viggo Mortensen) of the Main Street diner in Small Town, U.S.A., is forced to fight back against two homicidal psychopaths at his lunch counter. The unpleasantness on this occasion consists, not atypically for Cronenberg, in some

gratuitous gore — stomach-turning makeup effects for a bullet through the top of the head, a nose pounded up into a skull, etc. — as well as in the oppressive mood of ominousness and dread. The latter is quite admirably achieved, especially in view of the conventionality of the plot: the past catching up with a retired killer, a staple of the American action film, whether Western or contemporary crime thriller. Through such devious means as the sedate and didactic tone, the clear-eyed and controlled cinematography, the deliberate pace, and a spot of uncommonly graphic sex between happily marrieds, the film *feels* unconventional, *feels* unpredictable. And it makes good use of William Hurt's widely recognized looni-

ness for an unexpectedly funny climax, notwithstanding the expected gore. (Beyond unexpectedly funny, it may be self-defeatingly funny.) The ultimate purpose of the thing — the unique distinction of the thing — comes down to precisely those sources of unpleasantness and nothing more: the gratuitous gore and the feeling of unconventionality. But the unconventional-ity, such as it is, proves to be just a feeling rather than a fact: it tends to evaporate rapidly at the curtain. (One recommended point of reference would be Richard Fleischer's perfectly conventional yet subtly subversive *Violent Saturday*, 1955, where the celebration of the small-town family man who foils the big-city bad guys, with an as-

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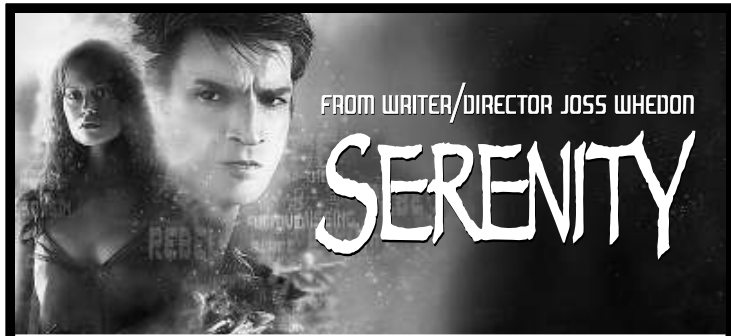
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In Her Shoes — Reviewed this issue. With Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette, Shirley MacLaine, and Mark Feuerstein; directed

by Curtis Hanson.

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sunken ship — “the motherlode of all motherlodes” — in the same vicinity as a downed drug-smuggling plane. Juvenile aquatic adventure reaches out — or up, if you prefer — to the MTV crowd through reggae tunes, water sports, itsy-bitsy bikinis (on Jessica Alba, Ashley Scott), and a brick-load of cocaine. Paul Walker, the star, has evidently graduated from the Keanu Reeves School of Acting, dropping his voice to its lowest register in search of gravitas. With Scott Caan, Josh Brolin, James Frain; directed by John Stockwell. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Just Like Heaven — Unremittingly cute, and on a couple of occasions actually funny, this supernatural romantic comedy 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 apartment 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 cur-



Oliver Twist

rent 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. Directed by Mark Waters. 2005.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Keane — The camera gets a headlock on Damian Lewis, who acts up a storm, jabbers to himself, breathes hard, melts down before our eyes, ostensibly disturbed about the abduction of his daughter a year ago, but just disturbed in general. The natural reaction of the viewer is to want to push back from the screen. Other than in the acting department,

writer-director Lodge Kerrigan maintains a bare-bones austerity reminiscent of the Belgian Dardenne brothers, but this makes the actor's leash look all the looser. With Abigail Breslin and Amy Ryan. 2005.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/6)

The Keeper: The Legend of Omar Khayyam — A twelve-year-old Texan, after the death of his leukemic older brother, inherits the responsibility of keeping alive the oral history of their illustrious ancestor, the 11th-century Persian poet, astronomer, and mathematician. Most of the film is made up of reverential re-enactments from the Great Man's life, not lavishly, but adequately produced. Past and present are equally stiff and flat. With Bruno Lastra, Christopher Simpson, Moritz Bleibtreu, Rade Serbedzija, Vanessa Redgrave, and Adam Echahly; directed by Kayvan Mashayekh. 2005.

● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16)

Mad Hot Ballroom — Marilyn Agreló's documentary on New York City fifth-graders who've been channeled into the stay-off-the-streets-and-stay-out-of-trouble activity of competitive ballroom dancing: “I see them turning into these ladies and gentlemen,” one teacher manages to say while fighting back tears. We follow three disparate classes (only one of which will make it through to the citywide finals: “I still really don't understand what happened,” a dejected curly top buttonholes the emcee at the quarterfinals, after his team falls three points short), and we follow them with an almost parental tunnel vision: we cannot really judge the competition; we have eyes only for “ours.” Kids being kids, however, with no pumped-up heroes or villains (beyond a troublesome student named Jonathan, whose troubles go uninvestigated), this is an easy-to-like film with an easy-to-overlook fuzzy video image. 2005.

★★ (GASLAMP 15)

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.

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Mirromask — Inexpensive fantasy, but excessive nonetheless, about a Brit teenager, the daughter of circus people, who works out her relationship with her Mum in a dense, dark, vague dreamscape, self-consciously littered with visual allusions to Bosch, Ernst, Dali, Miro, et al. Stephanie Leonidas, Gina McKee, Jason Barry; written by Neil Gaiman; “designed and directed by” (so reads the credit) Dave McKean. 2005. ● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/7; KEN, THROUGH 10/6)

Off the Map — Arch and artificial memory film about a hippie family outside Taos in the Seventies, during the time of the father’s great depression (the adult daughter-narrator, looking back: “It was inescapable, my father’s depression, like some fumigator’s mist filling our lungs”), and about the IRS auditor who comes calling, gets laid low by a beesting, stays on to recuperate, and finds a new vocation as an artist. Off the planet. With Joan Allen, Sam Elliott, Valentina de Angeles, Jim True-Frost, J.K. Simmons, and Amy Brenneman; directed by Campbell Scott. 2004. ● (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 10/10, 6:30 P.M.)

Oliver Twist — Reviewed this issue. With Barney Clark, Ben Kingsley, Jamie Foreman, and Edward Hardwicke; directed by Roman Polanski. ★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Proof — Director John Madden puts on the Pulitzer Prize 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. 2005. ★ (ENCINITAS 8; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18)

Red Eye — Economical, efficient, taut little thriller from Wes Craven, a terror film in place of his customary horror film. The normal business of a modern-day airport, with its flight delays and frayed nerves (“Flying’s so much fun these days, huh?”), makes for a smooth and easy access to the subject of terrorism, and terrorism is indeed the subject, divested of any identifiable ideology, and therefore any possible offense. When our damsel in distress (Rachel McAdams, showing some impressive physicality in the closing stretch) finally rebels against her personal terrorizer (Cillian Murphy), you might wonder what took her so long; but the film is pretty much over by the time you can lay a finger on, or poke a finger through, any hole in the terrorist plot. At just about an hour and a quarter, it is closest thing you can find nowadays to an early “B” movie by Anthony Mann or Richard Fleischer. Close in running time, that is; close in speed; not in style. With Brian Cox, Jayma Mays, Scott Bakula. 2005. ★★ (GASLAMP 15)

Serenity — The short-lived sci-fi TV series, *Firefly*, finds new life on the big screen, and latecomers are apt to feel at a decided disadvantage. The garbled storytelling and affected, facetious, rapid-fire style of dialogue, alternately highflown and down-home, will win few new converts, and will doubtless help to explain the short life of the prior incarnation. With Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres, Alan Tudyk, Adam Baldwin, Summer Glau, and Chiwetel Ejiofor; written and directed by Joss Whedon. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION

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Singin’ in the Rain — The growing pains, the lead-footedness, and the outright gaffes of early sound moviemaking are bull-lyingly mocked in a movie that is itself a faultless display of cinematic and choreographic razzle-dazzle. One of the most thoroughly satisfying of the MGM musicals, most thoroughly of all during the dance number where Donald O’Connor dances straight up the walls. With Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds; co-directed by Kelly and Stanley Donen. 1952. ★★★★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 10/6 THROUGH 8, 8:30 P.M.)

The Thing about My Folks — A dish of rueful Jewish humor, 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. With Elizabeth Perkins and Olympia Dukakis; directed by Raymond De Felitta. 2005. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/6)

Thumbsucker — 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. Tilda Swinton, Vincent D’Onofrio, Vince Vaughn, Keanu Reeves, Kelli Garner, Benjamin Bratt. 2005. ★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 10/7; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 10/7; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 10/7)

Tim Burton’s Corpse Bride — 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, 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, naïveté, 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. With the voices of Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Emily Watson, Tracey Ullman, Albert Finney, and Christopher Lee. 2005. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7;

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The real gems in the *Wild at Heart Special Edition* are in the extras. “Love, Death, Elvis and Oz: The Making of *Wild at Heart*” is a fantastic 30-minute featurette with brand-new interviews with the cast and David Lynch himself (who notoriously doesn’t consent to these kinds of things). “Dell’s Lunch Counter” features more interviews and sound bites that didn’t make it into the aforementioned documentary. “Specific Spontaneity: Focus on David Lynch” is a seven-minute featurette where the film’s cast and crew talk about Lynch, his unique vision, and being in the worlds he creates. “David Lynch – On the DVD” has the brilliant director talking about the process of restoring and remastering *Wild at Heart*. This is a must-have for any Lynch fan!

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Transporter 2 — Supercool hero in a blisteringly roasty-toasty image. Filling in for the family chauffeur, the “professional driver” (euphem.) gets swept up in the kidnapping of the darling little boy of an anti-drug czar. A trickle of schmaltz, a torrent of slapsticky action. With Jason Statham, Amber Valletta, Alessandro Gassman, Kate Nauta, Matthew Modine, and Hunter Clary; directed by Louis Leterrier. 2005. ● (GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY)

JENNIFER HSU
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Painstakingly rendered stop-motion animation and exquisitely imagined aesthetics converge in *One Balloon* to create a cornucopia of dreamscapes containing astonishing moments of realism. It can also be seen at the San Diego Girl Film Festival this weekend.

A Love Song for Bobby Long captures a portion of the grit and grind of the “invisible” people. Explicitly interwoven throughout are the beloved themes of Carson McCullers’s *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* — inflamed isolation, tenebrous communication, and arduous family-making.

In *About Baghdad*, exiled Iraqi poet/writer Sinan Antoon artfully reveals a meaty bit of the impossibly nuanced exigency that is upon Iraqis and Americans. Articulate in both English and Arabic, the documentary transforms us into the fluent and subtle sparring partners we should have been long ago.

ONE BALLOON (USA) 2005, www.oneballoon.com
List price: \$20.00

A LOVE SONG FOR BOBBY LONG (USA) 2004, Columbia/Tristar
List price: \$19.94

ABOUT BAGHDAD (USA) 2004, Arab Film Distribution, www.ArabFilm.com
List price: \$34.99

AYDA MELIKA
Mentor, San Diego Women’s Foundation’s Divas Direct Summer Camp and judge, San Diego Girl Film Festival’s programming committee

Godmilow’s *What Farocki Taught* offers a neat juxtaposition of fiction and nonfiction through a mixture of techniques that attempt to recapture “the real.” Made in 1998, it re-creates an older film made by Farocki called *Indistinguishable Fire*. In this re-created version, Godmilow takes the earlier documentary about the origination of the napalm bombs and retells it from a current perspective.

Promises is a thought-provoking documentary by B.Z. Goldberg, who meets and captures the stories of seven Palestinian and Israeli children by traveling to both a Palestinian refugee camp and an Israeli settlement in the West Bank. It demonstrates the enormous differences in the mindsets of these children who live about 20 minutes apart, and it examines historical and emotional obstacles between them.

WHAT FAROCKI TAUGHT (USA) 1998, Video Data Bank
List price: Pricing unavailable

PROMISES (USA) 2001, New Yorker Video
List price: \$29.95

Two for the Money — Simple-minded, fast-talking exposé of the sports-betting racket, a \$200-billion-a-year business, so we’re informed. Al Pacino, as the operator of a 900-number tout service, is encouraged in his worst excesses; and Matthew McConaughey, as a disabled quarterback who can really pick ’em, is Pacino’s disciple in more than one way: “He makes Nostrafuckin-damus look like a novelty act.” With Rene Russo, Jeremy Piven, Armand Assante; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION

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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

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Flightplan (PG-13) Fri. (3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Sat. (1:10, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:25; Sun. (1:10, 3:35) 5:55, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (3:35, 5:55) 8:05; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri. (3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; Sat. (12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 8:00, 10:15; Sun. (12:55, 3:15) 5:40, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (3:15, 5:40) 7:55; **Into the Blue** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:35; Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:30, 4:50) 7:30; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri. (2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:05; Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:55, 5:20) 7:45; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:25; Sat. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:35, 9:25; Sun. (1:20, 3:25) 5:30, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. (3:25, 5:30) 7:40; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri. (2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Sat. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:25, 9:45; Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (2:40, 5:05) 7:35

Ken
4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236)
Dear Wendy (Not Rated) Fri. (4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (4:45) 7:15, 9:45

UPTOWN

Garden Cabaret
4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221)
Singin' in the Rain, Thursday through Sunday
Hillcrest Cinemas
3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
The Aristocrats (Not Rated) Fri.-Thu. 9:30; **HellBent** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Tue. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; Wed. (2:20, 4:50) 10:00; Thu. (2:20, 4:50) 7:30, 10:00; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20; Sat.-Sun. (11:30) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. (2:10, 4:40) 7:20; **MirrorMask** (PG) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (11:25) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (2:00, 4:30) 7:10, 9:50; **Thumbsucker** (R) Fri. (1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35; Sat.-Sun. (11:15) 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35; Mon.-Wed. (1:45, 4:20) 7:00, 9:35; Thu. (1:45, 4:20) 9:35; **The War Within** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (11:45) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (2:15, 4:45) 7:15, 9:45

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center
1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233)
Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag (G) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 8:00; Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00; Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; Mon.-Thu. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West** (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 9:00; Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00; Sun.-Tue. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Wed.-Thu. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** Sat. 10:00; **Yellowstone** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

EAST COUNTY

EL CAJON

Parkway Plaza 18
405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (12:00, 2:45,

5:25) 8:05, 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:45; **An Unfinished Life** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 5:25) 10:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:05) 5:25, 10:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 5:25) 10:45; **Cry Wolf** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (3:05) 8:15; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 5:25) 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:15) 5:25, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 5:25) 10:35; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri. (2:45, 5:20) 12:10, 7:55, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:45) 12:10, 5:20, 7:55, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:45, 5:20) 12:10, 7:55, 10:30; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:40; **A History of Violence** (R) Fri. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (12:15, 2:40) 5:05, 7:35, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 2:40, 5:05) 7:35, 10:00; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 10:05; **Into the Blue** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:30) 8:05, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:30, 8:05, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:30) 8:05, 10:50; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:30, 9:50; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (4:20) 10:05; Sat.-Sun. 4:20, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (4:20) 10:05; **Oliver Twist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (2:30) 7:50; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10, 10:50; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:30, 8:10, 10:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:50, 5:30) 8:10, 10:50; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 1:30, 3:50) 6:40, 7:15, 9:30; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride**

(PG) Fri. (12:35, 2:45, 4:55) 7:05, 9:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:35, 2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:35, 2:45, 4:55) 7:05, 9:15; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:55, 3:55) 6:55, 9:55; **Waiting** (R) Fri. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:20, 9:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:30, 4:55) 7:20, 9:45; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri. (12:10, 12:30, 2:40, 3:00, 5:10, 5:30) 7:40, 8:00, 10:10, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 12:30, 2:40, 3:00) 5:10, 5:30, 7:40, 8:00, 10:10, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 12:30, 2:40, 3:00, 5:10, 5:30) 7:40, 8:00, 10:10, 10:30

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7:00, 9:40; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:30, 10:20; Sun. (1:15) 4:20, 7:30, 10:15; Mon. (1:15, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; Tue.-Thu. (1:15, 4:20) 7:30, 10:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 4:55, 7:05, 9:30; Mon. (12:25, 2:45, 4:55) 7:05, 9:30; Tue.-Thu. (2:45, 4:55) 7:05, 9:30; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:15; Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:20, 10:10; Mon. (1:30, 4:25) 7:20, 10:10; Tue.-Thu. (1:30, 4:30) 7:20, 10:10; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri. (3:05) 5:35, 8:10, 10:50; Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:35, 8:10, 10:50; Sun. (12:20, 3:05) 5:35, 8:10, 10:30; Mon. (12:45, 3:05, 5:40) 8:00, 10:30; Tue.-Thu. (3:05, 5:40) 8:00, 10:30

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RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Rancho San Diego 15
2951 Jamacha Road
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (12:45, 4:05) 7:00, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (12:45) 4:05, 7:00, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 4:05) 7:00, 10:25; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (12:35) 7:05; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:30) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:30, 5:00) 7:30, 10:00; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 8:00, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:00, 2:40, 5:20) 8:00, 10:35; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Fri. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:20)

4:20, 7:25, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:20, 4:20) 7:25, 10:10; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (12:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (12:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Into the Blue** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:45) 5:25, 8:05, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:45, 5:25) 8:05, 10:40; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; Sat.-Sun. (12:05, 2:35) 5:05, 7:35, 10:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:05, 2:35, 5:05) 7:35, 10:05; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (4:10) 10:00; Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 10:00; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri. (11:55, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (11:55, 2:35) 5:15, 7:55, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (11:55, 2:35, 5:15) 7:55, 10:40; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri. (12:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:35; Sat.-Sun. (12:40) 4:40, 7:40, 10:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:40, 4:40) 7:40, 10:35; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:10, 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:00, 7:10, 9:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:25, 2:45, 5:00) 7:10, 9:30; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri. (12:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (12:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Waiting** (R) Fri. (12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (12:10, 2:40) 5:15, 7:45, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:10, 2:40, 5:15) 7:45, 10:10; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri. (12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55) 4:50, 5:20, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20; Mon.-Tue. (12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20; Wed.-Thu. (12:30, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:20

SANTEE

Santee Drive In
10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)
Two for the Money: Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit; Tim Burton's Corpse Bride; The 40 Year Old Virgin

SOUTH BAY

CHULA VISTA

Chula Vista 10
Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214)
The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 2:15, 7:45, 10:30; Wed. 2:15, 10:30; Thu. 2:15, 7:45, 10:30; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:30 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:30; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Wed. 10:00 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Into the Blue** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 11:30, 5:15; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 3:45) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; **Waiting** (R) Fri.-Thu. 11:15 (1:45, 4:00) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Palm Promenade 24
770 Denmery Road (858-558-2262)
In Her Shoes; Two for the Money; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit; The Gospel; Waiting; Thumbsucker; Serenity; The Greatest Game Ever Played; A History of Violence; Into the Blue; Oliver Twist; Flightplan; Tim Burton's Corpse Bride; Roll Bounce; Just Like Heaven; Lord of War; Cry Wolf; The Exorcism of Emily Rose; The 40 Year Old Virgin

Rancho Del Rey 16
East H Street (619-216-4707)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (1:40, 4:20) 7:15, 10:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:15, 10:25; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:20) 7:15, 10:25; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:50) 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:50, 4:40) 7:35, 10:30; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:35, 10:10; Mon.-Thu. (2:20, 5:00) 7:35, 10:10; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (1:30, 4:00) 6:50, 9:30; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Fri. (1:40, 4:35) 7:30, 10:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:20; Mon.-Thu. (1:40, 4:35) 7:30, 10:20; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 1:35, 4:05, 4:40) 7:05, 7:40, 10:05, 10:40; Sat.-Sun. (1:00, 1:35) 4:05, 4:40, 7:05, 7:40, 10:05, 10:40; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 1:35, 4:05, 4:40) 7:05, 7:40, 10:05, 10:40; **Into the Blue** (PG-13) Fri. (2:05, 5:00) 7:40, 10:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05) 5:00, 7:40, 10:30; Mon.-Thu. (2:25, 5:10) 7:45, 10:20; **Lord of War** (R) Fri. (4:10) 9:10; Sat.-Sun. 4:10, 9:10; Mon.-Thu. (4:10) 9:10; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. (2:00) 6:55; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:05) 7:10, 10:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:15) 4:05, 7:10, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. (1:15, 4:05) 7:10, 10:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:50, 10:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:20, 3:30) 5:40, 7:50, 10:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:20, 3:30, 5:40) 7:50, 10:00; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:50) 7:45,

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Vogue
226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG)
Fri.-Thu. 3:45, 9:30; **Fantastic Four** (PG-13)
Fri.-Thu. 1:45, 7:30; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. 12:15, 6:00

IMPERIAL BEACH

South Bay Drive In
2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727)
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Carmel Mountain
11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770)
The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri. (2:50) 5:25, 8:10, 10:40; Sat. (12:10, 2:50) 5:25, 8:10, 10:40; Sun. (12:20, 2:55) 5:30, 8:05; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 8:00; **The Constant Gardener** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:50) 7:00, 9:50; Sat. (12:50, 3:40) 7:00, 9:50; Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 5:25, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:30) 8:10; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (2:40) 5:10, 8:00, 10:25; Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:40, 8:00, 10:25; Sun. (12:10, 2:30) 4:50, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. (1:05, 3:35, 5:55) 8:20; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Sat. (11:50, 2:25) 5:00, 7:35, 10:20; Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:50, 3:10, 5:35) 8:00; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:20, 10:20; Sat. (1:00) 4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 5:25, 8:15; Mon.-Thu. (2:50, 5:30) 8:10; **Into the Blue** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. (2:30) 5:10, 8:05, 10:30; Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:20, 5:40) 8:05; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:35, 9:55; Sat. (12:20, 2:45) 5:05, 7:25, 9:55; Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:50) 8:05; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri. (2:35) 5:20, 7:55, 10:35; Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:20, 7:55, 10:35; Sun. (11:50, 2:30) 5:10, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (1:05, 3:00) 4:55, 7:05, 9:00; Sat. (12:10, 2:05) 4:15, 6:15, 8:10, 10:05; Sun. (11:55, 1:50, 3:45) 5:40, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 2:45, 4:10, 5:55) 7:40; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:35, 7:30, 10:25; Sat. (1:20) 4:25, 7:30, 10:25; Sun. (12:30, 3:25) 7:30; Mon.-Thu. (12:45, 3:15, 5:45) 8:15; **Waiting** (R) Fri.-Sat. (1:05, 3:20) 5:35, 7:50, 10:05; Sun. (12:45, 3:00) 5:45, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. (12:55, 3:30, 5:50) 7:55; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri. (2:00) 4:25, 7:15, 9:40; Sat. (11:45, 2:10) 4:35, 7:10, 9:35; Sun. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 7:55; Mon.-Thu. (1:00, 3:25, 5:40) 7:45

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POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
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; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Wed. 10:00 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Into the Blue** (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; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13)

Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (1:30) 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (1:30); **Oliver Twist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 4:00, 7:00; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 3:45) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 3:45) 6:00, 8:00; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45; **Waiting** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (1:00, 3:30) 6:00, 8:30; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30

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The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.-Thu. (4:10) 10:10; **Batman Begins** (PG-13) Tue.-Wed. (2:15) 7:45; **The Exorcism of Emily Rose** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:15) 7:20; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:00, 3:40) 7:05, 9:45; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:00, 1:30, 4:00) 7:00, 9:30; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (11:45, 2:30) 5:25, 8:00, 10:35; **A History of Violence** (R) Fri.-Thu. (11:40, 2:05, 4:15) 7:40, 10:00; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:10, 4:20) 7:30, 10:40; **Into the**

Blue (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:50, 4:25) 7:05, 9:25; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:05, 2:00, 4:35) 6:55, 9:40; **Oliver Twist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (1:05, 4:05); **Proof** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. (11:15, 1:55, 4:35) 7:15, 9:55; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Mon. (11:30, 12:20, 2:15, 3:00, 5:00) 5:40, 7:45, 8:20, 10:25; Tue.-Wed. (11:30, 12:20, 3:00, 5:00) 5:40, 8:20, 10:45; Thu. (11:30, 12:20, 2:15, 3:00, 5:00) 5:40, 7:45, 8:20, 10:25; **Thumbsucker** (R) Fri.-Thu. (12:25, 4:05) 7:25, 10:05; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Thu. (12:30, 2:50, 5:10) 7:25, 9:50; **The Transporter 2** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 7:10, 10:05; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:25, 4:30) 7:35, 10:30; **Waiting** (R) Fri.-Thu. (1:20, 4:25) 7:00, 9:35; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri.-Thu. (11:10, 1:35, 1:45, 4:10, 4:20) 6:55, 7:15, 9:30, 9:50

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In Her Shoes (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:35, 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45; Sun. 10:35, 1:20, 4:10, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55;

Sun. 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:25; Mon.-Thu. 1:10, 3:45, 6:30, 9:10; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:15, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:10; Sun. 11:15, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 12:55, 2:45, 4:45, 6:45, 8:35; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri.-Sat. 11:50, 2:10, 4:25, 6:45, 9:00; Sun. 11:50, 2:10, 4:25, 6:45; Mon.-Thu. 12:45, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:25

DEL MAR

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El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)
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; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Tue. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Wed. 10:00 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Into the Blue** (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; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:45 (4:00) 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:45 (4:00); **Oliver Twist** (PG-13) Fri.-Thu. 1:00, 7:00; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 11:30 (1:45, 3:45) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 11:30 (1:45, 3:45) 6:00, 8:00; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:45; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30

Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
The Constant Gardener (R) Fri.-Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Tue. 4:00, 7:00; Wed. 4:00; Thu. 4:00, 7:00; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **A History of Violence** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00); **Proof** (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

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Flightplan (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15; Sun. 2:15, 5:10, 7:50; Mon.-Thu. 2:30, 5:30, 8:00; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 10:25; Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 7:15; Mon.-Thu. 2:00, 5:00, 7:55; **Into the Blue** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:15, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50; Sun. 1:15, 4:20, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:05, 5:20, 8:15; **Just Like Heaven** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30; Sun. 3:15, 5:40, 8:10; Mon.-Thu. 2:35, 5:45, 8:25; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:20; Mon.-Thu. 2:15, 5:05, 7:50; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 12:45, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00; Sun. 12:45, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40; Mon.-Thu. 2:45, 5:55, 8:30; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Sat. 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30; Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:35; Mon.-Thu. 2:25, 5:15, 8:10; **Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri.-Sat. 12:50, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20; Sun. 12:50, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00; Mon.-Thu. 2:40, 5:40, 8:20

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Broken Flowers (R) Fri. 8:55; Sat.-Sun. 4:00, 8:55; Mon.-Thu. 8:55; **March of the Penguins** (G) Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. 2:00, 7:00; Mon.-Thu. 7:00

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
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Flightplan (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Greatest Game Ever Played** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **A History of Violence** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15; Mon.-Thu. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15; Sun.-Thu. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:30; Sun.-Thu. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15

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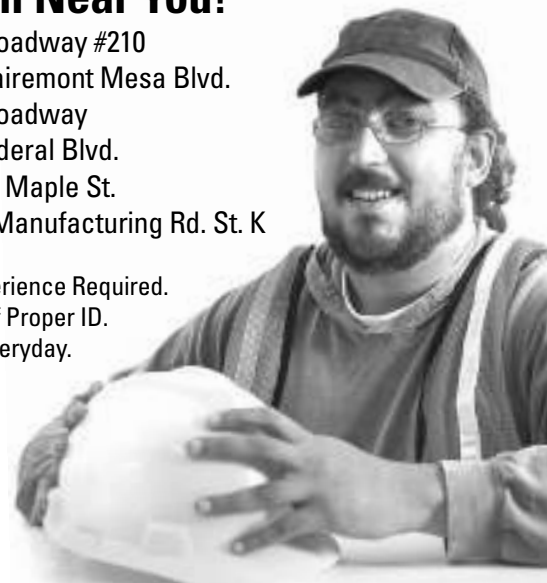
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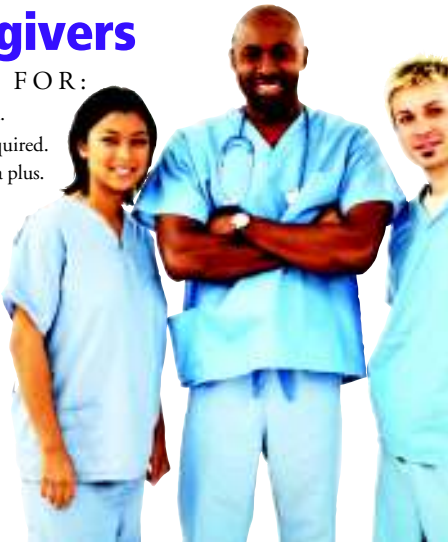
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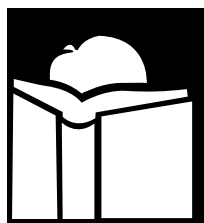
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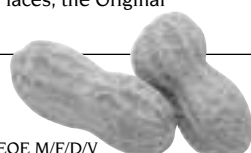
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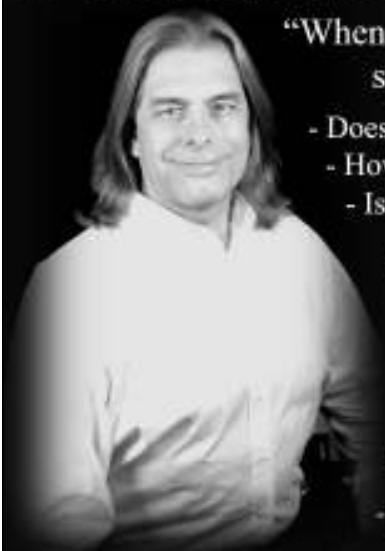
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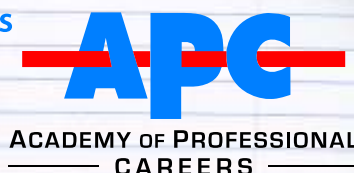
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- 7. CIA employee: Abbr.
- 10. Revered Tibetan
- 14. "Gangsta's Paradise" rapper
- 15. Ramallah grp.
- 16. School for Prince William
- 17. Vet's offering to Clifford the Dog?
- 20. Shirt spoiler
- 21. Valuable violin
- 22. Garage item belonging to actor Rhames?
- 26. It may be laid down
- 27. Bow and Barton
- 28. "Either he goes ____ do!"
- 29. "Not ____ bet!"
- 30. Rice-A-____
- 31. Hit one's fingers against, as a window
- 33. It paves the way
- 34. A lot of noise coming from Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau?
- 38. Student's concern
- 41. Justin Timberlake's band
- 42. Get an ____ effort
- 46. Departure's opposite: Abbr.
- 47. ____ loss for words
- 48. Amplifier knob
- 50. Starbucks orders
- 52. On-and-off intake of vitamins that include thiamine, riboflavin and pyridoxine?
- 54. Toil (away)
- 55. Pie chart lines
- 56. 2000 Ashton Kutcher comedy (or an apt question posed by this puzzle's solver)
- 62. Broadway singer Linda
- 63. TV's Arthur
- 64. La Scala, e.g.
- 65. Hatchling's home
- 66. Gives a thumbs-up to
- 67. Napped noisily

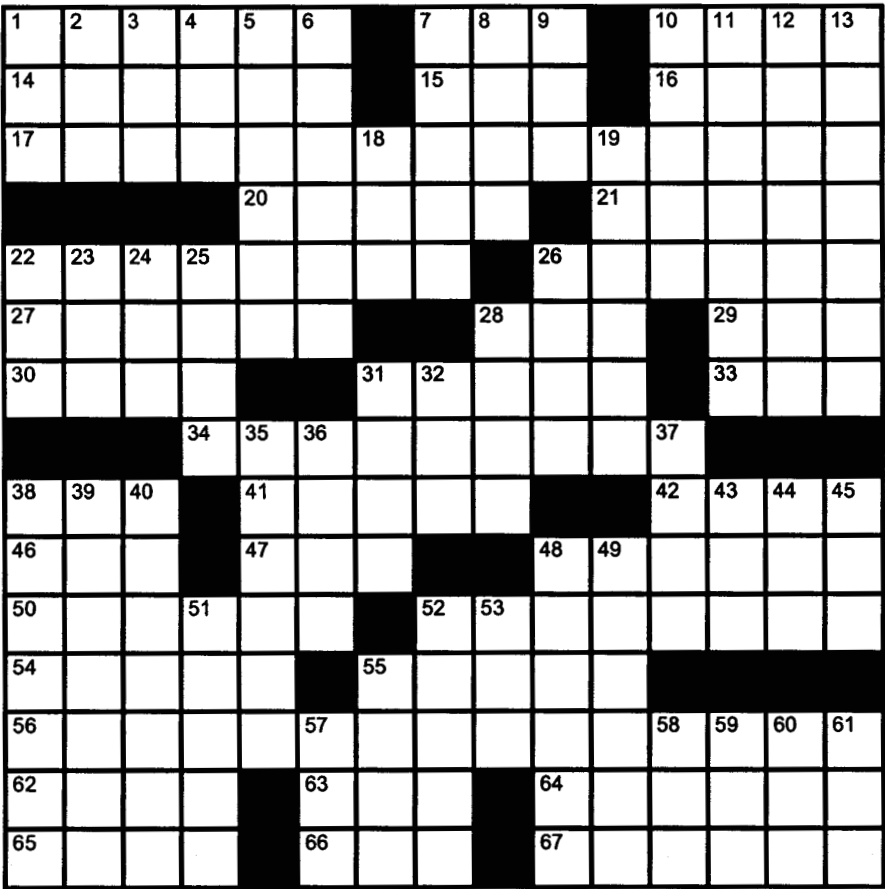
Down

- 1. Text-scanning by PC
- 2. Wade's opponent
- 3. The "G" in TGIF
- 4. Peak for Heidi
- 5. Rest of the afternoon
- 6. Some people live by them
- 7. Boston Marathon month
- 8. Singer Campbell
- 9. Burn ____ crisp
- 10. "I wanna!"
- 11. Gorged oneself
- 12. State with the fewest votes in the Electoral College
- 13. Not liking what the U.S. is doing in Iraq, say
- 18. Spiritual path

- 19. Falafel sauce
- 22. TiVo alternative
- 23. UN agcy. dealing with jobs
- 24. Indian bread
- 25. Handle
- 26. Walked (on)
- 28. Grp. founded in Baghdad in 1960
- 31. "____ Little Tenderness" (hit song of 8-Down)
- 32. Son of Prince Valiant
- 35. "Not long"
- 36. Ballpark amts.
- 37. Welfare factor
- 38. Negotiator in an 1853 land purchase
- 39. Opening piece
- 40. Where many quarters are spent
- 43. "The Silence of the Lambs" org.
- 44. Shout of approval for a matador
- 45. No longer working: Abbr.
- 48. Murder mystery ingredients
- 49. They drive others home
- 51. Keep from happening
- 52. Actress Flynne Boyle and others
- 53. Lofty lines
- 55. Cause wrinkled noses, perhaps
- 57. "Curb Your Enthusiasm" network
- 58. 75" Ming
- 59. Position played by 58-Down: Abbr.
- 60. "Where ____ my manners?"
- 61. Baseball's Carew

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- 7. One entry per person.



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Of the 189 entrants, 186 were correct. The winners are:

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- 2. Parker Seybold, San Diego
- 3. patricia McDermott, San Diego
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OUTGOING, PRETTY, PETITE, trim, fit, healthy lifestyle; love nature, biking, hiking, long conversations, pathway to spirituality. Seeking male, fit, sense of humor, good heart, nonsmoker. (10/19) ☎49126

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HANDSOME, 39, 6', 265lbs. Seeking big, beautiful, voluptuous lady, 27-41, classy, fun, intelligent, sweet, kinky, affectionate. I'm charming, eclectic, intelligent, creative, musical, sentimental, great kisser. (10/12) ☎ 49463

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35, PASSIONATE, FUN, SEXY, strong, loyal, and slightly crazy man for similar woman. Ready to move forward! (10/19) ☎ 49500

THIS SINGLE BLACK MALE, 5'8", 48, seeks single black female, 30-45, for long-lasting relationship. Must like movies, hip-hop, jazz, plays. Non-smoker, nondrinker. (10/12) ☎ 48916

GROW OLD ALONG with me, the best is yet to be! Active, 78, secure homeowner, enjoy outdoors, camping, fishing, barbecues, homelife. Seeking same with you. (10/19) ☎ 49517

BLACK FEMALE WANTED by kind, caring, outgoing Latino male. Fit, slim, 5'8". Seeking fine black lady, 20-35, for friendship, romance. (10/12) ☎ 48917

LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED thing. Yes, I'll try again. Divorced, white, 65+, nonsmoker, healthy, caring, financially secure. Seeking attractive, single, loving, fit, nonsmoker female. (10/19) ☎ 49501

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE to fall in love. 55ish, Caucasian. Seeking woman with heart of gold, secure, down to earth, stable finance, lady, serious relationship. (10/19) ☎ 49503

CLASSY, ROMANTIC, caring, nice-looking retired doctor, 50ish, muscular physique, 5'7". Seeking attractive, affectionate, communicative, 40ish, soulmate who enjoys humor, music, dancing, dining, traveling, movies. (10/12) ☎ 49464

CONFIDENT, LOVING, fatherly, traditional, handsome, intelligent, kind. Seeking sweet, affectionate woman who longs for being cared for with love, laughter, hugs, kisses, discipline. (10/12) ☎ 48922

HONEST, ATTRACTIVE, easygoing, fun-loving white male, 40. Sports, pool, intimacy, long or short term. No regrets here, ladies! (10/19) ☎ 49496

Polite, Sexy Man

Educated, courteous, attentive man with good heart, 6'2", slender, 56. Seeking sexy, kind-hearted lady, age 50s-60s, for committed relationship, fun, mutual spoiling. Thank you. (10/12) ☎ 49481

IF YOU ARE MUSICAL, I would like to talk and learn with you. (10/12) ☎ 49488

SINCERELY SEEKING a quality relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, fun at home, and more. La Mesa area. (10/19) ☎ 49513

HANDSOME, ADVENTUROUS, successful, 42, 6', 190lbs., witty personality, financially secure, generous lifestyle. Seeking slim beauty, 35-45, who wants the best of life. (10/19) ☎ 49515

TRAVEL, DANCING, and/or companion for amiable, mindful, affectionate, and sincere lady. Offered by European educated, handsome, elegant, romantic, and totally single senior. (10/12) ☎ 48914

TALL, 53, SLENDER, FIT, divorced father, degreed, fun, mannered, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, non-smoker, feminine, North County preferred, trim, feminine, for conversation, outings, laughs. (10/12) ☎ 49504

GIRLFRIEND WANTED who loves hiking, camping, bird watching, nature in general, exploring beautiful mountains, deserts as well as San Diego. Backpacking optional! Single, white, 48, (10/12) ☎ 49472

REASON TO BELIEVE, let's not miss an opportunity for true happiness. 54, divorced, white, sincere, fun, fit, shy. Seeking long-monogamous relationship. No couch potatoes. (10/12) ☎ 49471

NAME This Place



Last week's place: Memorial to John Mason "Jack" Dodge, painted on an electric box outside the Diamond Bar at 345 Sixth Avenue in East Village. Dodge, son of a Presbyterian minister, was born in Springfield, Illinois. He arrived here in 1880, started presenting minstrel shows, and became the town's first impresario, staging musicals, boxing, baseball, and bicycle races. He also became city treasurer and county clerk. He died in 1951 at age 98. (Last week's winners: Andy Heelas, Sarah van Ouwenkirk, Sean Klope)

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. (10/19) ☎ 49509

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER, walks, deep conversations, shared meditations, growing together, emotionally, mentally, spiritually, physically, financially, manifesting a relationship of magic and purpose, 5'6", slim, believe. (10/12) ☎ 49474

AFFECTIONATE, HUMBLE desires 35ish-60ish, smart, funny woman. Safe sense of adventure for passionate romance. Open to new ideas. Movies, coffee, hiking, 49, neat appearance. (10/19) ☎ 49498

PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, 68, retired. Love to travel, movies, cruises, stable finance. East County. Looking for a nice lady. (10/19) ☎ 49511

Black Princess.

Movie critic, well almost. Attractive, sexy, white male. Slim and trim. Ray Liotta type. Mid 40s, born in October. 5'11", brown hair, green eyes. Adventurous, good listener, warm hearted, thoughtful, generous, dog lover, fun sense of humor, nonsmoker, romantic, flirtatious. Searching for that special black lady that still believes that life and love can be magic like it is in the movies. Age open. Long term relationship, or get married and live happily ever after. (10/12) ☎ 49482

INQUISITIVE, ECLECTIC tastes, discerning, attractive, sensuous, confident, integrity, honest, funny, monogamous, 55. Desire smart, accomplished, independent, healthy, kind, principled, conversant, happy, equal for friend, partner. (10/12) ☎ 49483

ALL GOOD MEN AREN'T TAKEN. Attractive, black, 48, 5'7". Seeking monogamous, fit, fun soulmate who

enjoys life, laughter, dining in/out. Race/age unimportant. (10/12) ☎ 48919

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share with large loving woman wanting permanent relationship. (10/12) ☎ 49467

CARING, FUN, FIT, romantic, stable, white male, 6', 54, 175lbs. Seeking special gal for quality time together, walks, dining, travel. Bye for now. (10/12) ☎ 49470

DO YOU HAVE A PHYSICAL disability limiting your activities but still able to get around? This 60s back injury guy seeks romantic lady. Race open. (10/12) ☎ 48913

Professional Gentleman

Date or soul mate? 51, handsome, secure, kind, loving man. Seeking fit, beautiful woman inside/out, 30-40 years, who enjoy life with positive outlook. (10/19) ☎ 49521

HAPPY, HANDSOME, 42, Hispanic, black, love to dance, athletic build, childless. Seeking attractive woman, 30-40, any race, good sense of humor, for a serious relationship. (10/19) ☎ 49489

HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL, South Bay, fit, neat, live alone with pets, active, a gentleman at all times, no baggage, self-employed, has time for you. (10/12) ☎ 49466

APPEALING TO MY beautiful black goddess! This attractive, athletic, passionate, white male professional-awaits you with romance and respect! (10/19) ☎ 49508

BLISSFUL WOMAN DESIRED, 40-55, humorous, independent, but want togetherness, not heavy. Me: baby boomer, tall, healthy and active, no kids, Levis to black tie, beaches, rivers,

swim, golf, garden, cook, travel and museums. Want quality living together, secure and respectful of each other. Open to other friends and fun. Herpes. (10/19) ☎ 49507

GOOD-HEARTED BIKER looking for fit woman for fun and possibly serious relationship. Nonsmoker. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (10/12) ☎ 48915

TALL, 55, SLIM, financially secure homeowner, book lover, prefers 5'8"+ slender lady, nonsmoker; nature walks, exploring, laughter, stimulating conversations, classical jazz, music, passion, travel, companionship. (10/12) ☎ 49468

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. (10/12) ☎ 49485

FUN AND FROLIC ANYONE? White, 52, green/brown, 5'9", stocky, financially stable, homeowner. Seeking attractive female for fun times. Enjoy kissing, cuddling, variety of activities. (10/19) ☎ 49497

WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE, prefer alive Filipino. Asian, any race. Loving, honest, affectionate, wanting same. Please no heavyweights, under 50. I'm nice looking, active. 50s. (10/12) ☎ 49476

THE LOVE YOU TAKE is equal to the love you make. Pursuing an independent, articulate, athletic, spunky, petite brunette, 36-45, travel, tennis, arts, genuine communication. (10/19) ☎ 49518

HANDSOME, TALL, SLENDER, honest, divorced, blue eyes, financially secure,

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59-YEAR-OLD MAN seeking non-smoker woman who has a good sense of humor, good person, who lives in North County and wants good man. (10/12) ☎ 49486

I'M HANDSOME! That's right! I'm 38, young looking, adventurous, very fit, and the best thing about me, is that I have a job! (10/12) ☎ 49502

GOT SMILES? Eclectic, 50s, seeks bright, adventurous lady for outdoors, movies, dining, you're interests. Let's explore San Diego and each other. I'm serious. No games. (10/19) ☎ 49516

ASIAN WOMAN DESIRED. You are slim, loving, attractive, financially stable, 40-55. I'm attractive, fit, educated, loving, 178lbs., 5'10", 60 years, Encinitas area. (10/19) ☎ 49519

AFFECTIONATE MAN, 56. I'm seeking a nonsmoking lady for companionship. I enjoy working out, movies, quiet times, together. Prefer 619 area or South San Diego. (10/19) ☎ 49514

MENSCH, 54, MAROONED by Cowles Mountain. Seeking bold, profound, slenderish female to spill guts with. Hey, I'm only \$1.99 and who knows how much Karma. (10/19) ☎ 49522

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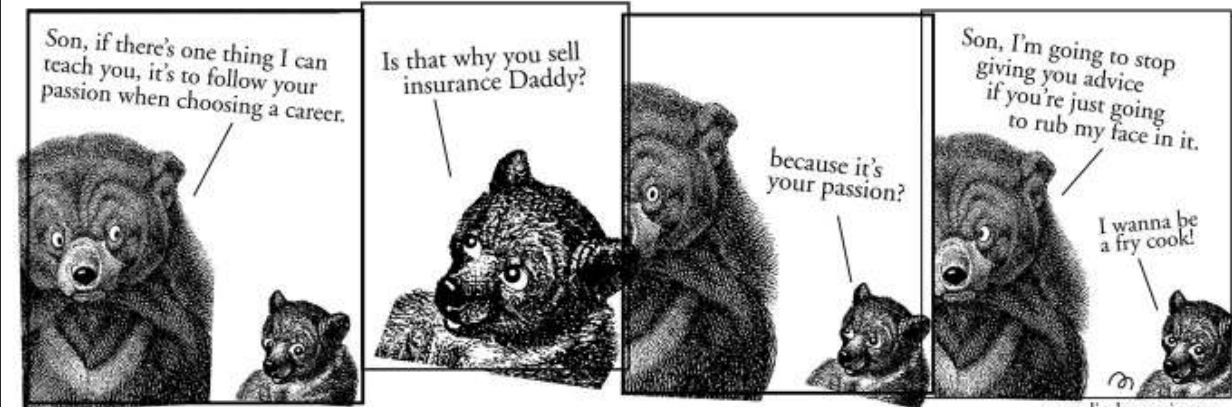
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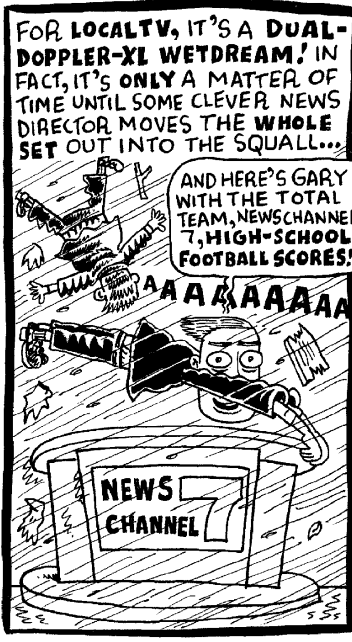
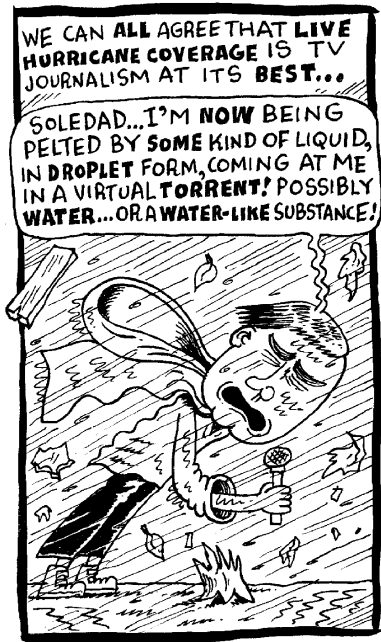
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Hotel Locator

Pacific Beach

Afghanistan. Osama Bin Laden has been there for the last five years and nobody's been able to find him; I'd just have to find myself a cave to squat in. If I couldn't leave the country, I'd hide out in my friend's basement. My friend's basement is right off of Mission Boulevard, but it's a dirty, filthy, stinking mess and no one would ever go in there. My friend pays 300 bucks for this complete dump, which he shares with rats and vermin.




Derak Morrell

Record Store Employee

College Area

Canada. I've never been to Canada, but I don't want to go south. Canada seems like the cleaner, nicer version of America. I have some friends who live in Vancouver, and they say it's really nice. It's a plus that I love to play hockey and I'd love to play hockey up there. If I couldn't make it out of the country, I'd go to Orange County and lie low. I'd also consider camping at Yosemite permanently; I was a Boy Scout, so I could figure it out.




Amanda Grundwald

Thrift Store Employee

Pacific Beach

If I was running from the law, I guess Mexico. I'm from Connecticut, and it sucks; it's so small that it's not a good place to hide. If I were a fugitive and I had to get away from the law, I'd try to make it down to Jamaica. I kind of want to go there right now.... I'd stay there for years if I had to; you gotta do what you gotta do. There're always places like Colorado, where I could run away and live in the mountains. I've been out in the woods for two months before, so I think I could do it. My friend lived in Vermont, out in the woods, and we were pretty much cut-off.




Carla Wilcox

Office Manager

Encinitas

I would get out of San Diego. I'd go to Mexico. I've enjoyed every trip down there. It's nice there; I'd go down to the beach and get lost in a tourist town. Partying on the beach...what else could I want? I'd never to go Canada; it seems boring. My friends would still be able to find me; I'd find a way to get ahold of those people I'd want to get ahold of.




Ryan Lucio

Restaurant Manager

Mission Valley

I'd probably go to Riverside. If it were a really major crime, I'd go to Mexico. It's easy to get into Mexico because I think they welcome outlaws there; the tough part would be getting back into the States. In Mexico, I'd try to live an upstanding lifestyle. I don't speak Spanish, so maybe I could get a job as a busboy in a restaurant where they pay under the table. When people would ask me what I'm doing down there, I'd say, "In my country, people complain that Mexicans steal American jobs; I'm working here as payback." I might just take a side job as a gardener and steal twice as many jobs while I'm at it. I've done a pretty good job about avoiding breaking laws; I pay parking tickets on time, and even though I was going 75 in a 65 when I got a speeding ticket and really shouldn't have even gotten the ticket, I paid it on time.



Ashley Myers

Food Server

Mission Valley

I'm from Wyoming, but I don't think I'd want to go back because I can't stand cold weather. That's probably why I wouldn't go to Canada.... In a pinch, I'd hop an underground railroad to Mexico on one of those banana boats pulled by a jet-ski along the beach. On second thought, Wyoming wouldn't be a bad place to hide out because it's pretty much vigilante justice there. My uncle and his friend went out hunting and, to make a long story short, my uncle accidentally got shot in the back of the head by his friend with a bow and arrow. The arrow was embedded just high enough that it didn't kill my uncle. Still, I don't think anyone at the hospital asked my uncle who shot him, and there was no investigation. My uncle's still friends with the guy who shot him, but I don't know if they still go hunting anymore.

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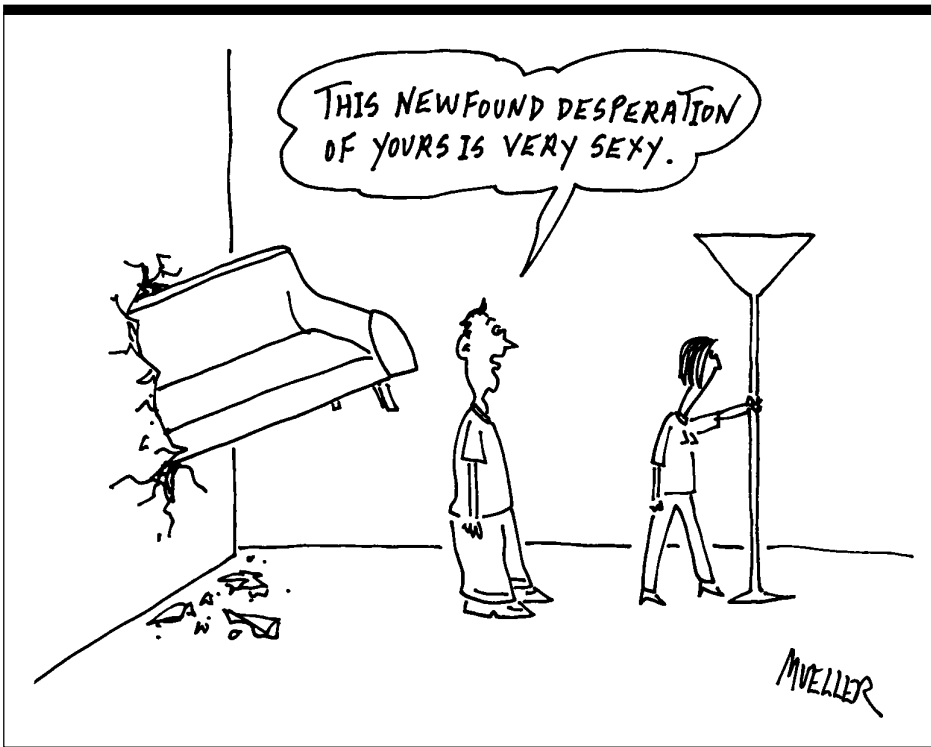
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fireman, noted that “Most of the streets were unpaved, making it easier for the horses to get a footing. On pavement, the animals were likely to fall on turns.”

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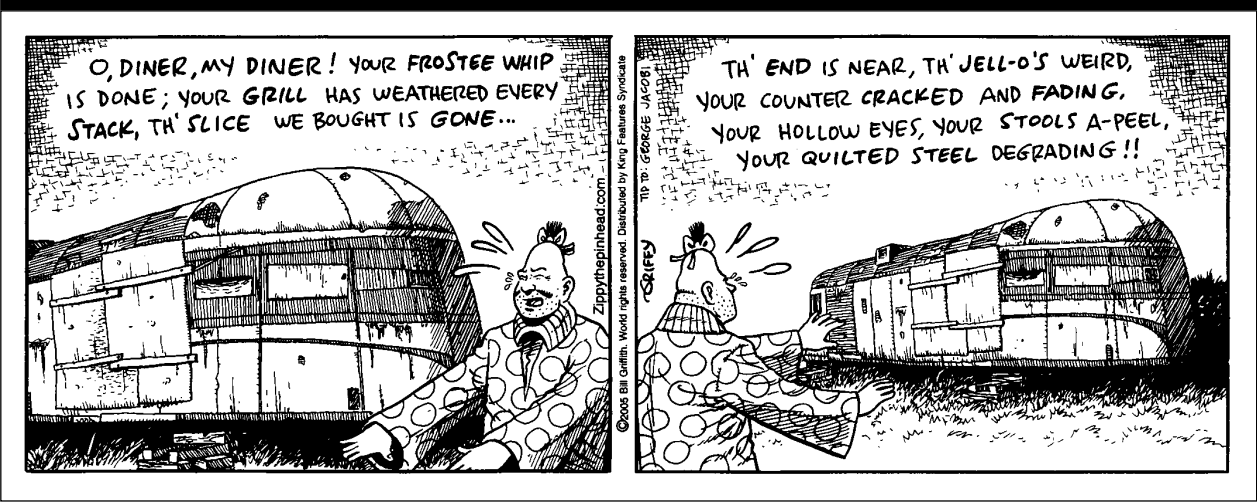
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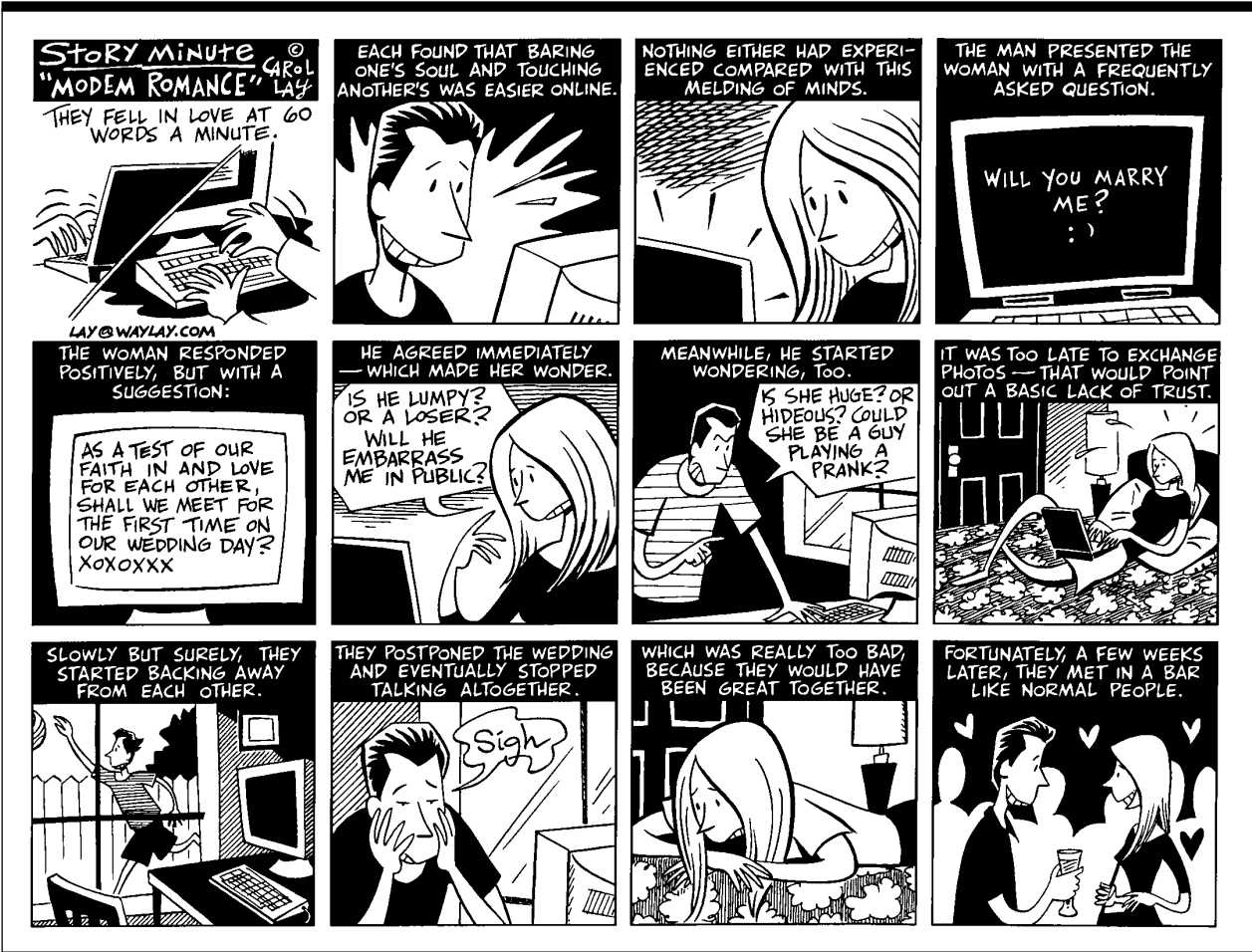
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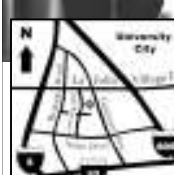




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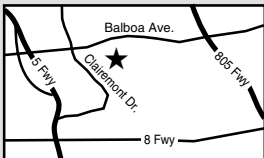


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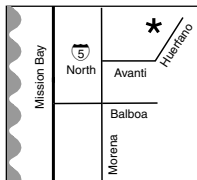


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Government in Action

— For 25 years, Multnomah County, Ore., has set aside 1 percent of public building construction money for art, meaning almost \$600,000 worth for its new \$58 million jailhouse. Critics of the program say that art won’t do much to battle crime in Multnomah, but on the other hand, so far, neither has the \$58 million. The jail has been finished for a year, but as of September, it’s still empty because county officials have not found a way to pay the operating expenses. If they ever do, inmates and visitors will be treated to such works as Thomas Sayre’s concrete shipwreck sculpture. — City Officials Who Know How to Make “News of the Weird”: Mayor Felipe Santolia of Esperantina, Brazil, declared last May 9 as “Orgasm Day,” pointing out that orgasms seem to make people happier and more productive. ... Mayor Gabor Mitnyan of a municipal district in Budapest, Hungary, declared in August that female workers should not wear revealing skirts to work unless they have “completely perfect legs,” nor crop tops unless they have “well-trained bellies.” — Government Service Is Tougher Than You Think: City council member Yvonne Lamanna, 58, filed a worker-compensation claim earlier this year against the city of Penn Hills, Pa., when she suffered a severe back injury as she took her seat at the Feb. 7 council meeting. ... The chief

minister of the Malaysian state of Kedah ordered all members of the legislature from his party to learn how to catch snakes so they will be ready to help people in distress. “Otherwise,” he said in June, “they will be standing there watching helplessly as victims cry [out].”

Are We Safe?

— In July, the Transportation Security Administration fired Houston airport baggage handler Bassam Khalaf when it discovered that he is, off-duty, the “Arabic Assassin,” a rap singer whose lyrics, according to TSA, glorify the 9-11 hijackers and threaten similar mayhem on the United States in the future. Khalaf said his lyrics were an innocent effort to gain notoriety as a performer.

Might Have Gone Too Far

— In July, envelope-pushing strip-club owner Howard White changed the main sign for his joint on Century Boulevard near Los Angeles International Airport from “Live Nude Nudes” to “Vaginas R Us.” Neighboring merchants immediately complained, but city officials said that “vagina” is simply not an obscene word. However, the city did cite White’s sign for being made of illegal combustible vinyl. At press time, opponents of the sign were trying to encourage the Toys R Us company to force White to abandon the name as too similar to its own protected trademark.

Super-Clumsy People

— Evelyn Davison, 74, of Austin, Texas, filed a lawsuit in June against a neighbor who had failed to bring in her empty garbage can after a pickup. Davison discovered it in her driveway, and, attempting to move it by herself, she said she was seriously injured when she accidentally fell into it. ... The Minnesota Court of Appeals sent a case back to trial in May, ruling that Jenell Casarez could indeed sue Amy and David Klema for injuries suffered as a guest in their home. According to the lawsuit, Casarez needed to use the bathroom, which was occupied by David,

and so with Amy’s acquiescence, went to the basement and attempted to relieve herself in a concrete laundry tub, but when she climbed on top, it tipped over and crushed her fingertips. Alcohol was involved, according to the trial court. — Clumsiest Surviving Artist-Bombmaker: Chris Hackett, 33, built a small functional bomb that he was set to exhibit in the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council in New York City around the time of the Sept. 11 remembrances, but tried to assure worried exhibitors that it was only an art project and would not explode. Hackett is the artist who in January 2004 blew up part of his face when a propane tank exploded as he was hooking it up to fire a confetti cannon.

Least Competent Criminals

— (1) Amir Husain, 17, and Anthony Nauman, 18, who allegedly burglarized a home in Mundelein, Ill., in August, were easily tracked down by police after the pair decided to build a website and post photos of their loot for sale, along with their contact information. (2) In the early morning hours of a July day on the Eastern Freeway in Doncaster, Australia, when a driver on a restricted permit was stopped for speeding (at the equivalent of more than 120 mph), he told the officer in apparent seriousness that he didn’t realize the police worked that late. We’re a “24-hour organization,” said a police spokesman.

Fine Points of the Law

— (1) Judge Jeffrey K. Sprecher of Berks County, Pa., dismissed charges against a man in August for buying beer for his underage neighbor, ruling that the prosecutor hadn’t proved all of the elements of the crime. Specifically, said Sprecher, there was no evidence offered that Miller Genuine Draft is “beer.” Prosecutors usually submit a government-created listing of beers as proof but failed to do that. (2) In August, police in London, Ontario, informed the mother of a college student murdered in 1990 that they had recently solved the case and were certain that the perp was a man on parole at the time and who died in

1994. However, said police, they cannot reveal his name because of “privacy laws.”

Recurring Themes

— British insurance companies occasionally write policies on unconventional risks, as “News of the Weird” reported in 1996, when Goodfellow Rebecca Ingrams Pearson wrote a \$160,000-equivalent policy covering alien abduction (including pregnancies resulting from the abduction, even if it is a male who gets pregnant, in the event that the aliens have such extraordinary powers that they can impregnate males). In July 2005, sponsors of the Visit Scotland Adventure Triathlon in Loch Ness announced they had purchased insurance from the company NIG to pay up to the equivalent of \$1.8 million in case any of the competitors are attacked by the Loch Ness monster.

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— (1) Rumors of dead people registered to vote in Venezuela are plentiful, but according to a *Financial Times* dispatch from Caracas, among the names (with ID numbers) appearing on the rolls in July was that of Henri Charriere, the reputedly awesome escapee-criminal known as Papillon, who died in 1973. (2) A truck hauling 8000 live chickens overturned after being forced off the road near St. John’s, Newfoundland, in July when, on a two-lane highway, a car veered into the wrong lane and headed for the truck. (Thus, the car driver might be said to have won the inadvertent game of “chicken” with the chicken-truck driver.)

The Continuing Crisis

— From a Legal Notice of a Name Change in the *Honolulu Advertiser*, Aug. 24: from “Waiaulia Alohi anail ke alaamek kawaipi olanihenheno Kam Paghmani” to “Waiaulia Alohi anail ke alaamek kawaipi olanihenheno Kam.”

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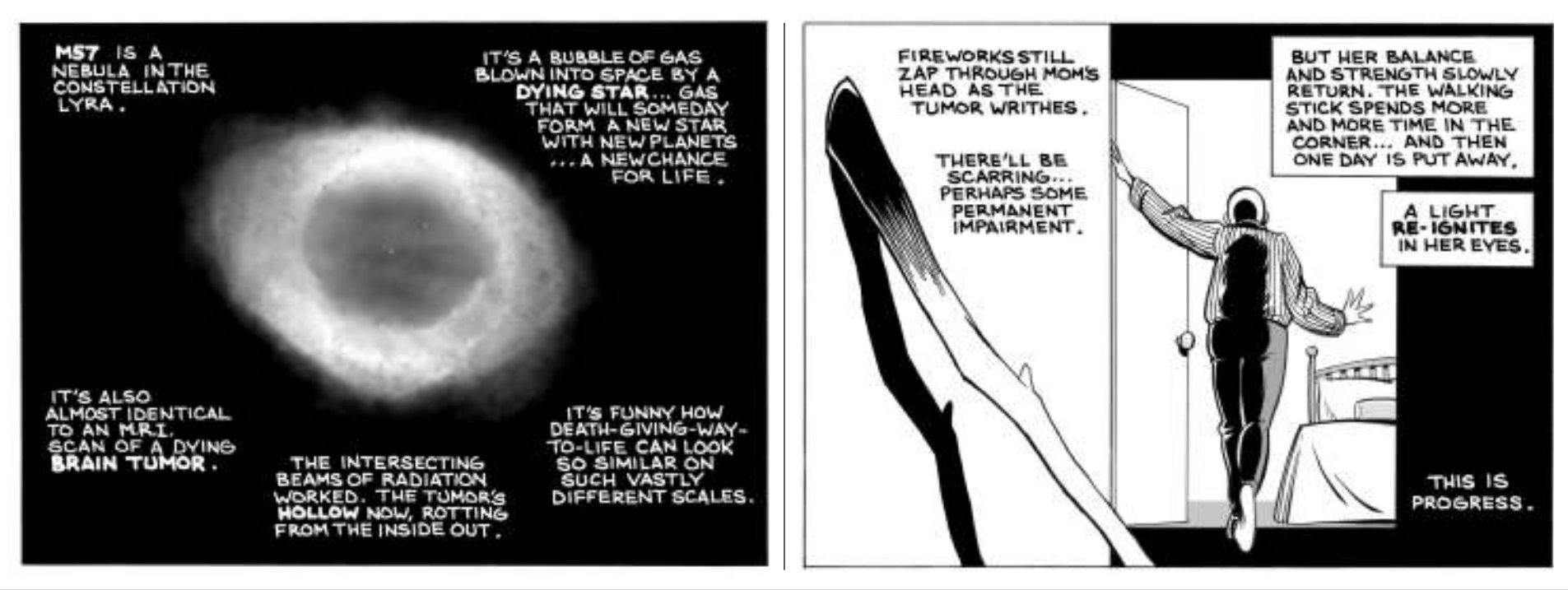
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THE GREAT UNWASHED

I blog for my friends. After the company I worked for in Dublin closed, everyone scattered, some on extended holidays, others to different jobs at home and abroad. I came home to Limerick to pursue a Ph.D. at the University of Limerick, and I thought a blog would be useful to keep in touch with people. Now we have our own extended family of blogs, which we use to catch up on gossip and adventure.

When blogging isn't enough, having friends scattered around the world means I get to tour and mooch. I have been to most European countries and spent a year living in the U.S. in Hoboken, New Jersey. That gave me an opportunity to explore and meet relatives in Chicago. Yes, of course, every Irish person has relatives in the States!

Even though I was born here, as a city I find Limerick to be schizophrenic, split between the city center, where I live and where most of the history (a castle, a couple of sieges, and a "new" Georgian Town from the 1700s), shopping, and amenities are, and the University, which forms another center of gravity, attracting visitors, tourists, and foreign students, with the effect of making Limerick quite cosmopolitan in outlook. This is not often appreciated by the national media, where Limerick has an unwarranted reputation for violent crime.

I don't have a TV in my apartment, which encourages me to get out and about. I go to the cinema often, but I don't often like the movies I go to see. No TV also means I read a lot,

though I used to read a lot even when I had a TV. I like sci-fi, but also history, economics, and biographies. No computer stuff; I get enough of that in college. My book collection is constantly expanding and threatening to take over the apartment, so sooner or later I am going to have to get a bigger place just to keep them happy. Or a fire.

Two years ago I took up fencing, as much through an interest in history as exercise. To improve my fencing I needed to become lighter on my feet, and over time I blundered into aerobics, yoga, and regular gym trips. As well as making me a better fencer, it had the fringe benefit of losing some unwanted pounds.

The first of October is one of those seminal dates, along with New Year's, the start of Lent, and people's birthdays, where stock is taken and plans for the future are made. Others just find that maturity is not something that is thrust upon them, but can sneak up unawares. I'm not into any of that crap, so here is just some

stuff that happened this week. Nothing to see here... Quiet around here at the moment! There are repeat exams, which gives us a snapshot of the hell the University is going to be in a few weeks, with great mounds of unwashed students hanging around, looking for attention, and taking all the good parking spaces!

But at least some of the



restaurants that closed down for the summer are beginning to reopen. A chance to get away from a diet that alternates staple foods with shop-bought rolls. Yoga is back soon as well, and we had to register and pay early,

so we sent off a bank draft today. A lot of people turned out to be yoga wusses, or just plain disorganized, so it's going to be me, Maria, and 18 other people.

Ronan and I are thinking of getting finger puppets for the office. I need to wean him off his dependency on dongles.

Gave blood Wednesday. Nothing unusual about that; I donate regularly. This was my 13th donation, I think. I am still in the system twice, as I managed to give blood both in Limerick and Dublin before the IBTS merged their donation records. That always causes some confusion, although they promise to have it sorted by next time. I gave a pint in 4 minutes, which is a personal best (not that I am tracking),

and the fastest donation the nurse had seen. I continued to bleed for a while afterwards. You win some, you lose some.

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wetsuits, others. Toys, videos and more. 12110 Dormouse Road. Greg 858-484-6589.

DESCANSO. Library, yard sale, 10/15, 7am-5pm, furniture, books and more. Proceeds to Friends of Descanso Library, 9545 River Drive, Descanso. To make donations, call 619-445-8377.

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SAN DIEGO, EAST. Yard sale. 9am-5pm, Saturday, 10/8. Dishes, pots, pans, many miscellaneous kitchen items, furniture, dolls, clothing, shoes, linens, books. 4574 Cherokee Avenue.

SERRA MESA. Amazing moving sale. Saturday, 10/8, 8am-noon. Treasure chest items, like new. Treadmill, furniture, lamps, clothes, wedding gown, awesome books, CDs. 2445 Melbourne Drive.

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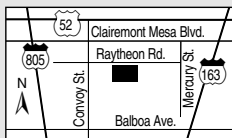
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THREATS WITH A WEAPON

Location: 1030 University Avenue, Hillcrest

Time/Date: 4:08 a.m. on 8/24/05

Report: Three Hispanic male juveniles, age 16 to 17 years old, returned to the Ralphs grocery store after previously being evicted for shoplifting.

The juveniles began threatening the employees with a knife and breaking the windows. Responding officers arrived and began chasing the juveniles. One of them jumped over a three-foot wall to escape capture and did not know that the other side dropped about 16 feet. He suffered major injuries to his head, legs and back, and may be paralyzed as a result. The other two juveniles were apprehended and charged with threatening others with a weapon and curfew, and [then] released to the custody of their parents.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

Location: 2200 Comstock Street, Linda Vista

Time/Date: 10:00 p.m. on 9/26/05

Officer's Report: I responded to investigate a possible assault with a deadly weapon. I learned that A.H. arrived at the hospital with several

lacerations to his face and neck. I spoke to H. and took his statement.

Victim's Statement: I was...coming from Linda Liquor and I heard a noise, so I look across the street and saw two guys dressed in dark clothes, wearing masks,

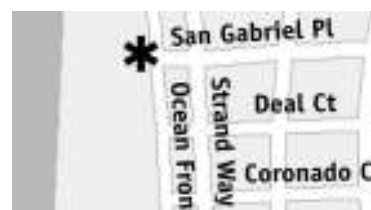
standing on the corner. One of them had a "long gun" in his hand and said "Bang" and then I heard a loud shot. I took off running between the apartments down the alley. When I got behind the apartments, I just thought I was sweating and I wiped my face off and I was covered in blood. I saw this girl from the neighborhood, Lydia, and she came up to me and started "freaking out." She put a towel over my head, and I remember being in a car and now I am here.

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: [2900] Ocean Front Walk,

Mission Beach

Time/Date: 2:08 p.m. on 9/26/05



Officer's Investigation: Officer Sinclair and I responded to an assault with a deadly weapon call. Richard B. reported his girlfriend, Linda C., stabbed him with a knife. Upon arrival, [we] saw Linda C. riding a bicycle on 2900 Mission Boulevard. Officer Sablan and Officer Burr contacted C. and detained her for investigation. Officer Burr found two folding knives on C.

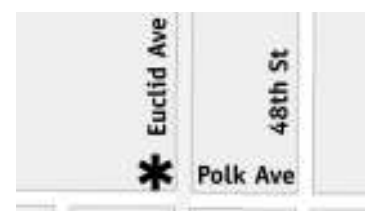
Victim's Statement: Linda came to my house with a homeless black male. I asked Linda why he was in my house. I told Linda I wanted the

man to leave my house. The man left my house and waited for Linda outside. Linda and I started arguing about her bringing people into my house. I was trying to tell Linda I didn't want her bringing homeless people into my house. Linda would not listen to me. She kept yelling over me while I was trying to explain to her why she should not bring homeless people to my house. Linda and I were standing in the kitchen arguing. She grabbed a knife and stabbed me in the right hand. I pushed her back with my left forearm. Linda fell to the floor. I immediately grabbed the telephone in the kitchen to call the police. Linda ripped the telephone line from the wall outlet and cut the line while I was trying to call the police. I ran upstairs to my bedroom to grab my cell phone. I came back down to the living room area. Linda tried to take the phone away from me. I went outside onto the balcony and called the police. Linda left the house.

ROBBERY

Location: 4100 Euclid Avenue

Time/Date: 5:20 p.m. on 9/27/05



Victim's Statement: I was walking to City College from my house when this guy (Suspect #2) asked me what time it was. I noted these guys, three Hispanic males, sitting just in

the alley (west alley 4100 48th Street) drinking 40-oz. Millers. Suspect #2 stood in front of me and asked me, "How much did your headphones cost?" Suspect #1 put an open pocket knife in his left hand to my ribs and said in Spanish: "Give me your chain." He moved the knife to his right hand so he could reach my chain. Suspect #1 pulled my necklaces off over my head. Suspect #2 took my watch. Suspect #1 felt my pockets. Suspect #2 took my CD player. Suspect #3 stood off to the side the entire time.

ARMED BANK ROBBERY

Location: 3609 Midway Drive,

Point Loma Heights

Time/Date: 10:05 a.m. on 9/27/05



Incident: Three black males wearing ski masks and armed with handguns robbed the Washington Mutual bank. Two entered the bank and had all the employees and customers get on the floor. One waited by the door and counted down the time. They took one employee to the vault, obtained money and ran to a red SUV. As they were removing the masks, they saw a female driving nearby and apparently assuming she was following them, they fired five rounds at her. Her vehicle tire and two parked cars were hit.

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"For my birthday this year, I needed a radio for the Mazda, and I was going to get one, and my husband Ron said, 'Naw, don't get one.' And I said, 'No, I want a radio.' I was going to go buy one and he said, 'No, you can't.'

"I had been thinking it was about time I got a new car, and the one I wanted was a PT Cruiser. So Ron confessed that he and our daughter Lisa had been out looking for one for my birthday. Ron wanted me to get a Lexus, because there were some nice Lexus cars

at our credit union. But I didn't want a Lexus. I wanted a PT Cruiser. I'm a physical therapist, so PT can stand for physical therapist, and since I travel from place to place for my work, the Cruiser part fits too.

"One day I was looking on-line in the *Auto Trader* and I found this Cruiser. It was a good price and low mileage. The person selling it was a widow. It had been her husband's car. His name was Ron, the same name as my husband. And the gentleman had done a lot of customizing to it.

"The flames on the side he had done by Robb in El Cajon, who I think is famous. And he got the spoiler bar, and everything he wanted on his Cruiser. On the back window, when you step on the brake, a light comes on that says Ron's PT. It's the turbocharged six-cylinder. The gentleman wanted it to have pickup, and it does. Especially when you put the high-test gas in it. And he put on the glass pack mufflers, so it has a nice roar."

"Glass pack mufflers," I say. "I didn't know they even made those anymore."

"They do. And it's an automatic, which I wanted, because I went through three clutches on the Honda, so that was the end of standard transmissions for me. The gentleman also added a tachometer and a water temperature gauge. He really must've loved the car. He belonged to the PT Cruiser club. He only had it about a year before he died. We promised his widow we would keep it in the garage.

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"I'VE HEARD YOU'RE GOD," the reporter said.

The old man whom the reporter was talking to continued to chomp on his chocolate chip chocolate muffin. When the hoary fellow finished he croaked out, "Who told you such a story?"

"That's just the rumor."

"Would God sit, devouring a chocolate chip chocolate muffin and sipping espresso in the front room of a rented single-story cottage in Hillcrest? Does God sit in that house and watch reruns of *MASH*?"

"Well, people have..." the tall, thin greyhound started out but then stammered. "Good lord, I've turned into a dog."

"A greyhound, to be exact," said the old man and got up to leave the room. He returned with a green fabric leash and brown leather collar. "Here, boy."

The dog that used to be a man wanted to protest. He did not want to be leashed. He did not want to wear a collar, and most of all he did not want to be a dog! But, he found that his vocal cords were simpler than they once were, and his mind didn't know how to operate them effectively. So he turned around and pushed his head back into his brown, corduroy blazer to hide from God.

It was no use. God reached in and slipped the loop around the greyhound's head and tugged on the leash.

"C'mon, boy. I want to show you something." And with that, God leapt out the front door and bounded down the porch steps with his companion following loyally. Out onto University Avenue they pushed through the night and stopped in the dim doorway where the fluorescent lights of the liquor stores cast a deep shadow.

"Hello, boys. This here's my new friend," the old man said, tugging on the leash.

"Oh ho. He's a good dog," the rummies, bummies, and drifters groaned through coughs. They each reached over and petted the majestic animal from his head to his tail, and the greyhound panted.

"Scoot over, I'm going to sit down for a while. I'm an old man," God said. And with that, the crowd laughed and coughed and sputtered.

"Thought you'd be watching TV about now," one of the lost souls coughed out.

"No, no," God answered. "*MASH* is over."

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

THE WEST WING

BRAVO 11:00 A.M.

Condoleezza Rice is what I imagine the Bride of Frankenstein would look like if you used only the parts from a Neanderthal and a bull-dog. Yes, she's a very powerful woman. No, my judging her by her looks isn't fair. Yes, you may bite my ass.

FIRST DAUGHTER (2004)

HBO 3:55 P.M.

It takes a village to raise an idiot.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

INTERNATIONAL SHOWGIRL AWARDS I

INHD 12:00 A.M.

The other day VH1 played *Showgirls*. Which kind of pissed me off. Because of the damn cen-

sorship, all of the crappy dialogue about whacking off was cut and they didn't show what's-her-name-from-*Saved-by-the-Bell*'s funny, tubular boobs. What the hell am I going to watch this stinkin' movie for if not that?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

HISTORY BOOKNOTES

CSPAN3 10:00 P.M.

The only time the word "knoll" is used is in reference to Kennedy's assassination. It's as if there are no other knolls in the world. I get a little creeped out if I say "knoll" because I think of that movie *JFK* and Joe Pesci wearing those terrible fake eyebrows. Knoll. BBBBRRRRRAAABBBH. It gives me the heeby jeebies.

2 FAST 2 FURIOUS (2003)

USA 5:00 P.M.

Oof, that's rugged. Talk about a rough trade. They ought to pay me to watch this steamer.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

WILD AMERICA

KUSI 3:00 P.M.

One hobby of mine is assigning collective nouns to dirty words. A collective noun is something that describes a group of things, usually ani-mals. Like a murder of crows or a parliament of owls. Right now I'm using "swing" to name an assembly of "assholes" and a "cartel of pelt" to describe a batch of girls in a pickup bar.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

THE VIEW

ABC 10:00 A.M.

Frankly, I'd rather French kiss a baboon.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

TREMORS 4: THE LEGEND BEGINS (2004)

USA 5:00 P.M.

Who knew there were four *Tremors* movies? Let's take a conservative stab and say that each



First Daughter

of them cost five million dollars. According to my calculation, that's eight gazillion dollars. Couldn't somebody have spared five grand from the budget and bought me a motorcycle instead? I mean, who *really* would have noticed?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

C.I.A. II: TARGET ALEXA (1994)

SHOTOO 3:05 P.M.

I have a theory that the illegal drug trade is propped up by the government to sustain the hat industry. Not the cap industry, which has sports like baseball and football to keep it running in the black. But, the hat industry. Cowboy. Derby. Floppy. Nobody wears a hat until they're really mangled on a head full of drugs. Except(!) old men. Think about it. Not only are the president and his cabinet oilmen and defense contractor men, but they are also HAT men! The CIA pumps cocaine into Hillcrest because there are hat shops there. I'm not making this up.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

WORLD SERIES OF POKER 2005

ESPN2 5:00 P.M.

I have been watching nothing but gambling shows. You know what that means. VEGAS, BABY! YEAH! Boy, am I going to get really wasted and offensive this weekend. My publisher better stand by with bail money or I'll have to talk to the jail librarian about checking out a typewriter and a *TV Guide*.

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“When I was your age, we had to walk uphill 50 miles to a theater, and we couldn’t afford feet.”

By John Brizzolara

The first Friday night in a new apartment, and it is time to take a break from furniture schlepping and the unpacking of boxes. What do normal people do? Probably order a pizza and rent a movie. The pizza has got to be out. My son and I are under a self-imposed regime of healthier dieting and we’ve already had the bean-and-lard burrito at the corner *taqueria* at lunch. The movie may prove problematic as well: my son has a problem concentrating on plotlines. I tell him I do too, the result of brain damage and old age. He insists his problem is worse, but this proves not to be the case.

When asked for his help in writing this column, I put it this way: “Pretend we’re like those two guys who review movies on TV. You know, you say, ‘I disagree, Dad. You’re a senile old guy and that’s why you’re saying that.’ Then I say, ‘That’s because you’re a 28-year-old punk. When I was your age, we had to walk uphill 50 miles to a theater, and we couldn’t afford feet.’”

“What do you want to watch?”

“Up to you.”

“How about Constantine?”

“Funny you should pick that one. We can get it on pay-per-view.”

I either scored a point or drew blood by knowing something he didn’t. Neither of us had ever had that cable feature before. It was easy enough getting it onscreen. In a minute we were looking at the opening scene: a shabby Mexican guy digs up the Spear of Destiny out of some ruin in Mexico. Moments later he is brutally run down by a car. The spear, I ventured a guess and was right, was the one a Roman soldier had used to pierce the side of the crucified Christ. It was, of

course, cursed.

Also cursed is Constantine (Keanu Reeves), an interesting enough amalgam of genre heroes. Constantine is a hard-boiled cop/knight in tarnished armor, a fallen angel (though not completely), and a kind of defrocked priest. An actual priest character with comic, wild eyes appears in the movie, an alcoholic cleric who ends up drowning in phantom alcohol, and the anti-hero is a psychic renegade as well, a staple in recent decades of horror or dark fantasy fiction. Like its cinematic clones since *Batman*, it is based on a comic book. In this case, on the DC comic book *Hellblazer*. The movie has a return, multiple-viewing DVD audience of the sort who are fans of, say, *Blade* and the *Matrix* movies. It is this return audience, fans of the supernatural, vampires, and quantum reality (I suppose) that speaks of a market starved for spirituality and moral complexity. Those willing to watch these movies again and again — to resolve, in the internal logic of the story, issues of good and evil, damnation and salvation, the fine points of prayer or meditation as a means to an end, and the use of relics or icons as role-playing, game-scoring devices — are those easily bored by some basic material in this area. I refer to works such as the *Book of Revelations*, Milton, or Dante, all in the metaphysical neighborhood we’re talking about. To say the movies win simply because of the special-effects factor is far too simple. Even to say viewing a film is more passive than reading a book doesn’t fully cut it. Even these Wesley Snipes and Keanu Reeves vehicles invite thought on the part of the viewer, and maybe even creativity.

While I’m tempted to add that these movies do much of the thinking for you, even that isn’t quite true. Much is left to hypothesize, extrapolate, and debate over while downing Frappuccinos into the night.

I was about to regale my son with insight about the spiritual vacuum in popular culture when he mentioned the spear. “That’s like the ring in *Lord of the Rings*. It keeps getting lost, people find it, and the story revolves around how it effects the ones who find it.”

“Right.” I shifted gears and was now about to pontificate on the grail-quest stories, the conventions in fiction of talismans, and other great stuff when he trumped me.

“This also reminds me of those White Wolf Press Books like *Werewolf: The Apocalypse*.”

“Of course. What are they?”

He showed me several hardcover volumes of Dungeons and Dragons—type role-playing material. One text, *Demon: The Fallen* (I think), contained world backgrounds, character types, whole stories, myths, legends, and scoring methods. Most of it meant nothing to me, but I could see that the creators of this game drew much from wide sources, including Native American myth, Egyptian, Celtic, and Nordic stuff and borrowings from the major religions, including Buddhism and Sufism. Questions occurred to me almost immediately: *Are all these comic book nerds anthropologists, ethnologists, theology majors? Do they have a smattering of knowledge? Are they some kind of pimply savants?* Poised to



From Constantine

pursue this matter, I leaned forward over the book.

But my son was criticizing the portrayal of Lucifer (Peter Stormare). “He’s too evil. Too gross. Too much.”

“Over the top?”

“I guess.”

“Actually, Norman Mailer had a unique treatment of Lucifer in his novel *The Gospel According to the Son*. He described him as very beautiful, his presence very comforting.”

“Uh-huh.”

The phone rang, and by the time I returned my son had to fill me in on Constantine’s trip to Hell. During his synopsis, he in turn lost a few beats on the movie. In a scene close to the end, the angel Gabriel, a beautiful female who ostensibly has switched loyalties from the angelic to the demonic, invites Constantine to shoot her. He punches her instead. “She’s been like his moral anchor from the beginning.” He nodded, satisfied Keanu didn’t shoot her. I was surprised to hear this because she could so easily be dismissed as corrupt. To see beyond this indicated a sophistication in the lad that impressed me.

We somehow got onto *The Odyssey* and Ulysses’s relationship to Athena. His face scrunched in thought, and I imagined he was recalling Armand Assante as Ulysses and trying to remember the actress who played Athena (I couldn’t).

As film reviewers, we may be public access material, but we gave *Constantine* two thumbs up. My upraised thumb was for its utility as a conversational spark plug, one I may use again.

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Club, but I was appalled by the attitude of the members of the political committee of the Sierra Club and their endorsement "process."

The chair, Richard Miller, made it clear that they endorsed candidates for the club's benefit, not as a public service. He justified their highly unusual procedures that did not have to conform to Robert's Rules of Order on the grounds that the Sierra Club is a private organization that can do anything it wants.

I cannot believe that rank-and-file members of the Sierra Club would ap-

prove this cavalier attitude to due process if they knew what their representatives were doing. Unfortunately, the vast majority of the Sierra Club San Diego chapter members do not vote in club elections (fewer than 200 out of several thousand in the 2004 election). So, in that sense, they are responsible that a small clique of activists have commandeered the Sierra Club name to help elect the clique's personal choice.

As the story relates, I found the whole endorsement process and the attitude of Richard Miller and

his committee so unethical and distasteful that I withdrew my request for endorsement by the Sierra Club, viewing it, so cynically controlled, as worthless.

Ian Trowbridge
City Council Candidate,
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Bad Rat Rap

Re "Rats" (September 22). According to information I've studied, hantavirus is primarily spread by deer mice (50 percent are carriers), which are found in mountainous regions such as Palomar Mountain, not by the roof rat (*Ratus ratus*), which is common to coastal regions. And as far as I am

aware, hantavirus outbreaks in affected areas are fairly rare. Fine article otherwise.

Jack Haka
City Heights

A Rat Is A Rat

Re "Rats," by Geoff Bouvier (September 22).

Thank you for another interesting and informative article about animals — one of the best yet. I particularly liked that Bouvier mentioned not killing cats as one method of control. The cats of my neighbors that I watch from my kitchen sink window seem to live for the chance to stalk and prey, especially targeting birds. There are many pet cats on Golden Hill. I doubt we have

mice or rats, and I have seen no signs of them except possibly one rare roadkill in the alley, which I believe was not a rat but a baby opossum.

Years ago, when I lived in Del Mar, I trapped a mouse every year or so using a peanut butter-baited spring-loaded killing device which was effective and efficient. Elsewhere in the San Diego area, I've seen rabbits and ground squirrels in large enough numbers to be deemed pests. Also, curiously not mentioned in the article were raccoons, opossums, skunks, and gophers, all of which I've seen on Golden Hill.

Likewise, I wonder why birds were not covered as other vermin, especially pigeons, swallows, and mockingbirds. The gravest oversight in this report was leaving out pest dogs, cats, and fleas, which can be so problematic that we don't rely upon private, for-profit business to control them.

Bouvier could have, and probably should have, addressed the fact that people keep rats (and mice) as pets, feed them to their pet snakes, and study them in laboratories all over the place. A rat is a rat, but it is also pest, pet, food for carnivores, research subject, and more.

The most troubling aspect of the story was the part about the pest "inspector" scheming ways to "build his business." Isn't it conceivable that we could learn to live in ways that minimize or eliminate the need to control pests as a business enterprise? When does pest control become itself a pestilence upon society? Already is.

David Case
Golden Hill

Give Rats A Chance

Regarding your article on rats last week ("Rats," September 22).

Aside from the most obvious fact that the writer has some serious rodent issues (or perhaps animal issues in general — he truly made rats out to be evil, ugly monsters, which they hardly are), the article does not have its facts straight.

In the case of the plague, the pathogen was carried by the *mites* on the *fleas* that were on rats — however, in those days, *humans* had mites. So did dogs, cats, and horses.

People *do* protest the abuse of rats, mice, and even bugs.

Today's rats do not carry one-tenth the heinous diseases the writer claimed they do, and rats were never responsible for hantavirus.

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That virus is (very rarely) found in the droppings of *field mice* in very remote areas.

Ratus ratus is the very same species as the pet rats that are clean, intelligent, and affectionate. They make wonderful pets, as anyone who has had one will testify (by the way, that's many millions of people).

There are many cheap, humane ways of ridding houses of rats, but the writer didn't bother to list any. Humane traps (and then relocation), high frequency sound devices, or simply spraying cayenne pepper where you don't want rats to go (i.e., a hole in a wall, perhaps). There's no need to kill them, and as everyone can plainly see (even the crusading writer), it doesn't work.

Dr. Valeron
via e-mail

A Better Rat Trap

Re "Rats" (September 22). I was out of town when this article was printed. There is a better rat-/mousetrap. It is a small strong plastic box, approximately four by four by ten inches. It is called the Rat Zapper. We recently started to sell them; they are fantastic. No poison, no springs, no blood, no guts. They are clean and simple. They use four AA batteries, and you bait them with dog-food kibble, only three or four pieces. Some food even comes with the unit. Just keep the batteries fresh.

I have been using one at my house for about two weeks and have killed at least 12 rats and mice, mostly rats. One was so large, I had to tap the Zapper on the side of the trash can to get him out! They go in the "box" after the dog food, and they get electrocuted! There is even a flashing red light that tells you when you have one.

You never touch the animal, just turn the box on end, and it drops in the waste can. Put in a few more pieces of kibble, turn on the switch, and you are all set for the next kill. It is very simple and clean. Anyone over the age of about ten can do it safely. You can use the Rat Zapper indoors or out; it does not matter, just keep it away from moisture (sprinklers or rain). You can put them in a heavy plastic bag as long as the opening is clear.

Pets can't get into them. There is no poison. Some are concerned about animals or

birds picking up poisoned rats, so this becomes a non-issue. No springs to snap your fingers and no squished animals to deal with. The old rat- and mousetraps are now obsolete.

They are available at both of our nurseries, but you might want to call ahead. There has been a run on them, and the company that makes them sometimes can not supply the demand. It is an amazing product and guaranteed to work. If they are there, this will catch them. When you figure what they do, it is a great investment.

Walter Andersen
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Meaningless Review

Regarding the recent article on Sonrise Community Church in the "Sheep and Goats" section by Drew Goodmanson (September 22), let me just say that as a pastor and a veteran journalist, that was an incredibly juvenile and biased picture of what we are doing at Sonrise Community Church in Santee. For instance, the previous week's article on Baha'i (September 15) was allowed copious

amounts of space to clarify its "message," while Mr. Goodmanson chose to pull only those things from our service and my message that would ridicule or serve to make the college service appear irrelevant.

Mr. Goodmanson spent half an hour on the phone with me asking about my faith, what I believed and why, and why I turned to the ministry. I wasted my breath. He chose instead to pull lines out of context and ignored the point of the entire message. That bias, or maybe just lack of writing experience, rendered the ar-

ticle meaningless to any of your readers who would actually like to learn more about Sonrise Community Church.

By the way, Drew, the church is not "nondenominational." It is actually Baptist. But we welcome all who want to hear the message of Jesus Christ and how He can change lives. I find it very sad that you chose to leave that part out. I don't believe you meant to be mean-spirited in the article, I really don't. Drew, why not give Jesus a try, and if He doesn't change your life, please feel free to

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Cash Too Costly

Concerning your article "All Ages Plus Alcohol A-OK" ("Blurt," September 22), the Royal Palace in El Cajon was also once the Bostonia Ballroom.

Johnny Cash definitely played there. In the late '50s, I begged my parents to take us out there to see him. It was a Sunday, and when we got there, my parents decided the concert was too costly, TWO DOLLARS!!!!

Bob Zito
via e-mail

You Guys Rocked

I just wanted to leave you a note about this week's *Reader* (September 15). I was very impressed with your paper. I had seen it before, but this was the first issue I have ever picked up and read. The cover article was well written and seemed to take a little bit of a different look at what seems to be one of the worn-out topics in a military town. So, well done, Joe Deegan, and a well-done to the whole staff. I have worked for a weekly school paper and know the constant stresses to find quality material, and you guys rocked it this week. I am looking forward to finishing the rest of this issue. You earned a loyal reader.

Jared Callahan
via e-mail

Convenient Garbage

What do you get when you put into a blender sour grapes, cheese, chocolate ice cream, eggshells, Tabasco sauce, and leftover kidney pie? Garbage! Which leads me to comment on the "Sheep and Goats" assessment of Baha'i belief (September 15).

"Abraham, Krishna, Buddha, Moses, Jesus, Mohammed were a few of the prophets God spoke through. They preached the same spiritual message...." Oh pleeze! Left out were Aztecs, Incas, Australian aborigines, Mormons, Polynesians, and numerous African tribal worshippers. But that's a moot point.

Jesus may have preached parables pushing peace, reconciliation, forgiveness of sin, and several other bits, but He was absolutely clear

that He was the way to the Father and eternal life. He claimed sonhood (my own word) with His Father and, by extension, created our familial relationship upon accepting Him. This is why He was killed. He roiled waters of complacent servants of occupiers, Jewish nabobs who, in conspiracy with Roman Empire minions, couldn't accept Him. He, claiming to be son of the Father, insisted that all of His true disciples had to "eat of His body and drink of His blood."

We live in a polytheistic world with thousands, if not millions, worshipping gods of created convenience. We have to get along despite what some radicals might think, and they historically have come from various persuasions. To claim that Jesus was but another mere prophet and not who He claimed to be is ludicrous. It's a clear option.

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I-Like List

I saw in a few different *Readers*, that people have sent in what they think is wrong with the paper. Well, I decided I'd include my list of likes/dislikes, since everyone else seems to think you guys care. I'll start from the beginning.

1. The cover. I love it. The photos are always great, and the illustrations have a style that is appealing.
2. "City Lights" stories. They are the perfect length. Any longer, and they'd bore me.

3. "Sporting Box." I like it more when Daugherty editorializes. I hate it when he goes to a gas station in Barstow to talk about the Chargers season.

4. "Sheep and Goats." Wow, I didn't even know you had a column reviewing churches until thumbing through just now.

5. "Saffron." I enjoy advice columns, but she's not as good as her Aunt Trudy was.

6. "Crasher." I would give my left nut to hang with this guy for a month and go to all these parties. What a life and what a fun column.

7. "Diva." Good writer, annoying person. Sometimes I have to skip her column, I get so frustrated.

8. Cover stories. Great variety you have.

9. Advertisements. They don't bother me. It's how you make your bread. I don't mind them on TV or in the movie theaters either. Having them charge \$9 for a ticket and another \$5 for popcorn does. The *Reader* is free. Can't beat that.

10. "Local Events." Great way to start the Calendar section.

11. Book reviews are enjoyable, as are the film reviews. Would be better if Duncan Shepherd didn't do them (can't Judith Moore do double duty?).

12. "Blurt." I wish this section was longer. Surely there are enough bands and stories to fill a few more pages.

13. The colorful advertisements. They are eye-catching, but as soon as my fingers end up different colors like they do when I eat M&M's, I'll be mad and you'll get a second letter.

14. "Hometown CDs." Montgomery is great at writing reviews, but I wish it were about bands I knew.

15. Restaurant reviews. I enjoy two different styles.

16. A wine column. Are you shitting me? Does anyone really care? Is this because *Sideways* was such a hit?

17. "Off the Cuff." Always great responses in this.

18. The comics. Some are funny, some aren't. Just like Gary Larson. They add flavor to the paper, though.

19. "News of the Weird," always a blast.

20. "Blog World." Who the hell cares? You are wasting ink printing this crap.

21. "Remote Control King." This would be great if he talked about the shows. He merely talks about his pathetic life. It's only a step better than that Meltzer guy that did those bizarre music reviews years ago.

22. "T.G.I.F." I enjoy. I might not if it weren't Brizzolara writing it.

And I will end with 23, which is what the *Reader* starts with, Letters to the Editor. Always my favorite in any magazine. Two questions about this. Why in the world would you print letters from anonymous people or people with made-up names (like Fidel Castro)? And second, will you have the balls to print this list in its entirety?

Eric S. Payne
via e-mail