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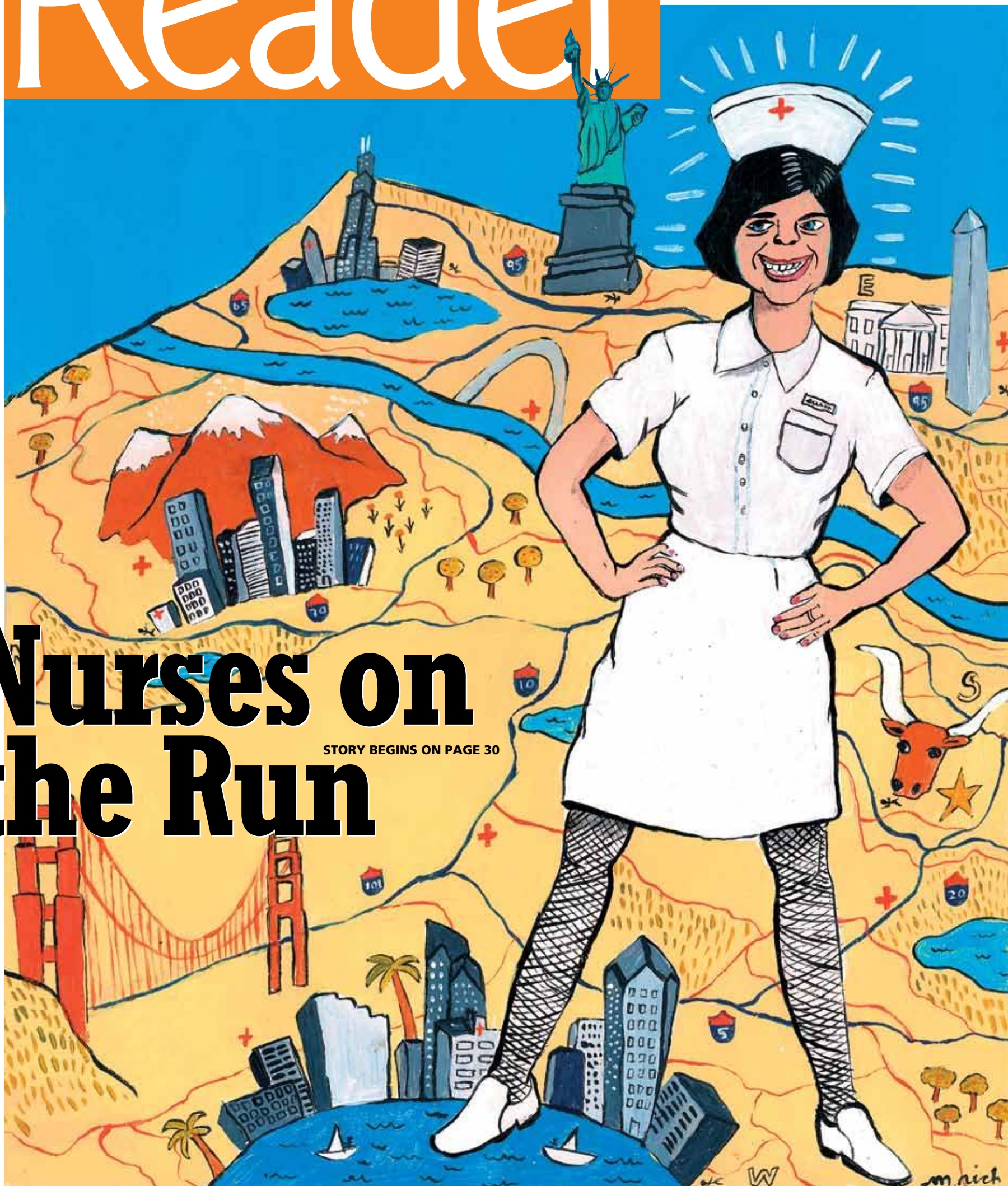
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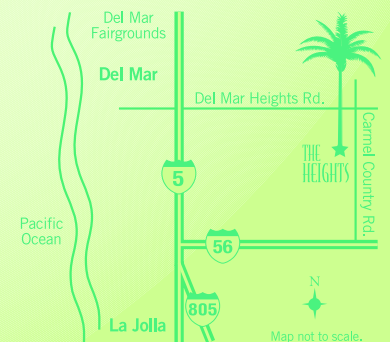


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Life with Larry High-tech evangelist **Larry Smarr**, who runs UCSD's California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology, is being paid \$249,200 a year, in part to promote commerce between big business and the public university. "My point is that the modern economy has one source of fuel, which is to take the incredible innovations occurring every day in universities and translate them into new jobs, rising prosperity, and a better quality of life for its citizens," he said in a recent speech. According to his statement of economic interest, Smarr's personal portfolio has also benefited greatly from the new technologies he has promoted through his role at the university. He reports holdings in Atheros Communications, a Wi-Fi chipmaker in which he owns stock worth between \$10,000 and \$100,000; online-meeting pioneer WebEx (\$10-\$10,000); and online fund-raising outfit Kintera (\$100,000-\$1,000,000). The latter was founded by ex-UCSD prof **Harry Gruber**, a nonpracticing physician who has employed Smarr to sit on Kintera's "technical advisory board." Smarr also holds UCSD's Harry E. Gruber chair in Computer Science and Information Technology. Other Smarr assets include "options" in Met-Net Communications and Med-Expert International, which he lists as "prepublic" companies. No value for either is provided. Smarr's website says he is an "advisor to the CEO" of Med-Expert. And UCSD's website lists MedExpert as a university "partner."



Larry Smarr

But wouldn't that create a conflict of interest for Smarr? UCSD spokesman **Doug Ramsey** e-mailed Smarr's answer: "You should know that Calit2 lists MedExpert as an 'industry partner' only because it was one of dozens of companies which wrote letters of support for the original Calit2 proposal in 2000. However, there are no funded proposals between Calit2 and MedExpert, and never have been. In the future, if such projects arise, be assured that Dr. Smarr would recuse himself from decisions on such projects, as required by UC rules." MedExpert president **Jeffrey Hiller** did not return phone calls. Smarr's various sources of outside income have included between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in fees, travel, and lodging from InterWest Partners, a Menlo Park-based venture capital company where Smarr serves on the "life sciences advisory committee," and between \$1000 and \$10,000 from the PBS *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* for "TV journalism, science advisor." He also collected between \$10,000 and \$100,000 from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, as a "strategic advisor."

Jumped gun Last week the *Union-Tribune* broke the story that Padres owner **John Moores** and his real estate outfit, JMI Realty, run by **John Kratzer**, had gotten into bed with the City of San Diego's wholly owned San Diego Convention Center Corporation to pitch a hotel project in Chula Vista. "The developer is working with the San Diego Convention Center Corp. to



John Kratzer

vie for the project. They are proposing an Olympic Village Resort and Conference Center, featuring a hotel with at least 500 rooms," the *U-T* reported. The paper added that "The team of JMI and the San Diego Convention Center Corp., Kratzer said, brings a track record of redevelopment success and local experience." Only problem: the *U-T* story wasn't quite ready for prime time, at least not according to an e-mail last week from convention center board chairwoman **April Boling**, currently traveling in Italy. "At last sdccc meeting, I gave an update on the status of the CV property," she wrote from her BlackBerry. "We are not yet at the point of a contract with JMI, that would not be appropriate until we are to the point of knowing specifically what we are to manage and our target market, etc. The board gave staff direction to continue moving forward."

Circling the wagons A recently released internal memo shows that those running the troubled San Diego City Employees' Retirement System kept a nervous eye on their critics as the fund melted down. In a note dated August 4, 2003, to the fund's public relations man, **Mike Rose**, general counsel **Loraine Chapin** complained that pension-board whistleblower **Diann Shipione**, who was busy blowing the top off the pension scandal, was "being treated by the media as the 'expert' on SDCERS. I don't know what it will take to change this." Added Chapin, "I am certain she is working with someone to help her with her delivery and the responses to questions, a very distinct pattern is emerging." Chapin's memo said her suspicions were fueled by Shipione's response on a KPBS radio talk show to a question about pension board members' alleged conflicts of interest. "She replied something to the effect that 'Bull markets create criminals and Bear markets catch them.' This was very reminiscent of the catch phrases found in her earlier *UT* article." Then Chapin wrote, "I don't see how we are going to 'win' in the court of public opinion. I was left with impression that if the general public really had any idea of just how generous public pensions are generally (San Diego specifically) we will see a backlash, the likes we have not seen before.... There were also noticeable digs at Mayor **Murphy**."

Shipione wasn't the only critic singled out by Chapin. "It is also interesting that one of the callers, 'Mel,' was featured. He was later correctly identified as **Mel Shapiro**, a political activist who regularly sues the City. As I recall, his calls are always aired. I distinctly recall an earlier broadcast with the *Editors Roundtable*. Mel was a caller then as well. He is getting as much if not more air time than **Fred**, our president. I watched the tape of Wednesday's *Full Focus* with **Gloria Penner**, also with KPBS. Approximately 15 seconds of Fred's 30 minute interview was used. Diann was again in studio, sitting as the resident expert. Call me paranoid, but the deck is stacked. Hence I go back to my initial comment. I don't see how we are going to prevail in the court of public opinion. I truly believe the less said the better. That said, I nonetheless look forward to your game plan for future press releases."

— Matt Potter

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Housing Bubble At End of Binge

By Don Bauder

Remember the Alamo? Remember the *Maine*? Forget both. Remember March of 2000 if you're concerned about your

economic future. That month has meaning for today. It's when the stock market bubble of the 1990s peaked and began to crash.

San Diego was hit harder than other cities because it has so many

der before he has recovered from the first. If the housing bubble bursts, San Diego could wind up with two hangovers at the same time.

Actually, the housing bubble was created as a cure for the hangover from the bursting of the 1990s stock market bubble, although Federal Reserve chair-

man Alan Greenspan would never admit it. On December 5,

1996, Greenspan described the stock market investment climate with these words: "irrational exuberance." Stock markets around the world plummeted —

temporarily. Greenspan caught flak from Wall Street moguls and the politicians who pander to them. Instead of doing something about the bubble, he continued to feed it by pumping money and credit through the banking system and waxing poetic over the solid performance of productivity, or output per worker

hour. Stocks bounced back quickly and zoomed the rest of the decade.

But then came March of 2000. Stocks tanked. The next year brought 9/11. Down some more. The Fed then created a flood of easy money, driving interest rates to very low levels. As mortgage interest rates plunged, people bought and built houses and borrowed against the soaring equity in their homes, just as Greenspan had intended. He knew he had to create another bubble to keep consumption rolling.

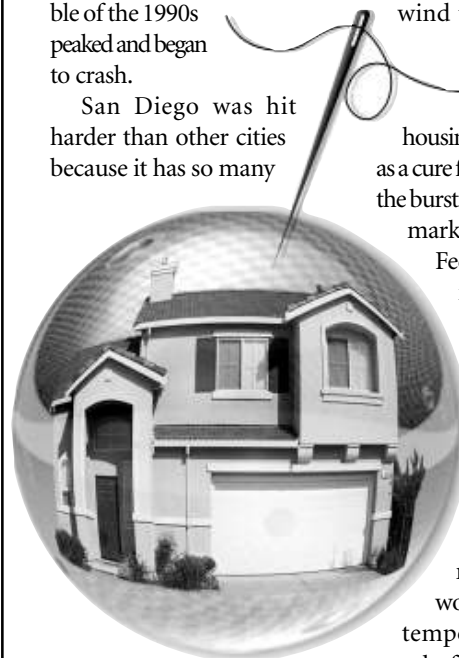
Again in San Diego, the housing bubble, like the earlier stock market bubble, was one of the nation's worst; the percentage of households able to buy median-priced homes sank to 10.

Then the Fed began pushing interest rates back up. The housing bubble is leaking a bit but not yet bursting.

Some think that if the housing bubble pops, money will flow back into stocks. That's plausible: stocks aren't cheap by historical standards but are less overpriced than bonds and real estate. Bud Leedom, publisher of San Diego-based *CaliforniaStocks.com* and *California Stock Report*, is bullish on stocks, but "I don't think there will be another bubble."

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tech, telecom, and biotech stocks that were flying so high at the time. Almost six years later, most haven't come close to recovering.

But here we are, fretting that another bubble will burst: housing. It's like the drunk who goes off on a second ben-

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Eyesore Antenna Invades La Jolla

By Ernie Grimm

It was like a scene from *War of the Worlds*. On a late Sunday afternoon in spring, Donna New heard her husband calling from the deck of their hillside home in the West Muirlands area of La Jolla. "He was yelling, 'Donna, Donna, come out here.' He is not an expressive, emotional kind of guy, so I could tell by his voice that something unusual was happening. I ran outside to see what was going on."

What she saw was what looked like a giant dragonfly rising up from down the hill. As the object passed eye level and kept going, she could see that it was an antenna. It was

asked, 'Peggy, Russ, what in the heck do you think is going on here?' They didn't know. I went back out on the deck and yelled down the hill, 'What are you doing, and is that thing legal?'"

No answer came from below. Donna New wasn't the only neighbor to notice the antenna. Across the street from Howard White's house, Becky Etes had seen the tower during its construction. "But I thought it was some kind of concrete pumping machin-

"I came out and saw something I hadn't seen before."

Though the tower sat in the middle of her neighbor's yard, the antenna arms — 70 feet across — were so long that they extended almost to the property line between the two lots. "Jim and I walked over and talked to Howard," Barbara recalls. "I asked him, 'How did this thing come about, and why didn't you tell us anything about it?' And he said, 'Well, I knew you would have said it is ugly.' And I said, 'You're right, I do think it is ugly. I also would have said to you that I think you have significantly devalued the price of our home by putting this thing practically in our driveway.' And I said, 'I wonder if that would have made any difference to you.' And he said, 'No,' and then he later mentioned to my husband that he didn't think it devalued the price of his own home."

Jim adds, "Of course, it hasn't devalued his home. If somebody bought his home, he could take it down. If he buys my home, he can't take it down."

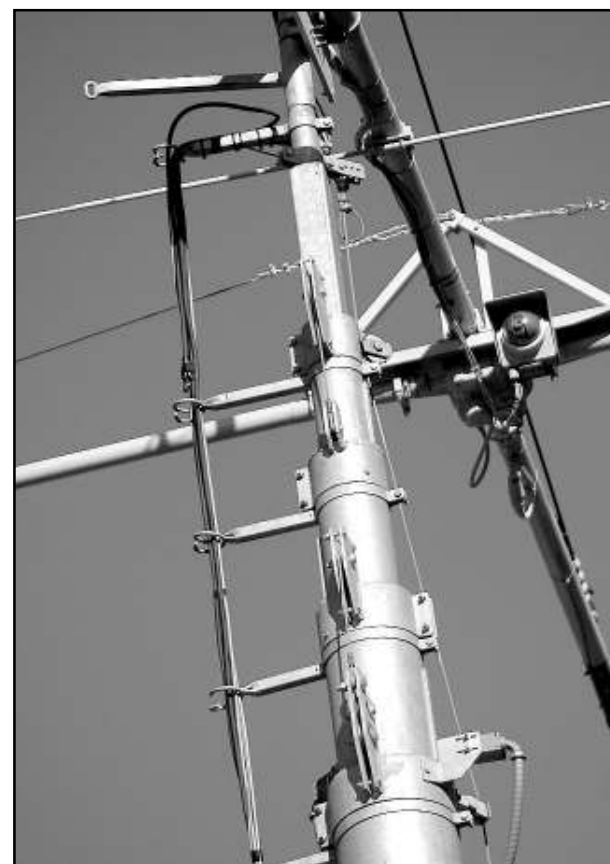
Etes says a conservative estimate of her property's loss is \$500,000. New, who is a real estate broker, says her own house has lost one of its prime assets: its ocean view. "I've gotten professional opinions on the matter, and I think my house has been devalued by over a million dollars," she claims. "Maybe as much as a million and a half."

White believes those figures are ridiculous. "If her house has dropped in value by a million and a half dollars, I'll buy it from her at that price. You know where the most expensive houses in La Jolla are? At the top of Mount Soledad, right next to 94 antenna towers, all of which are bigger than mine. It's not hurting their property values."

Contrary to lowering neighborhood property values, White says he may have increased them. When phone lines are severed, cell-phone circuits are jammed, and 800-megahertz fire and police communications fail during catastrophic events, ham radios can still be used to communicate. White is quick to point out that ham radio was the only form of emergency communication during long

stretches of the Cedar fire of October 2003 and for days in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. "Except for ham radio," White says, "there was no communications during the fires for several days, period. And myself and several hundred other ham radio volunteers basically saved people's lives because we were the only communications around. We were communicating on behalf of the fire departments, police departments, and the California Department of Forestry. What we do is, we have base stations set up — my house being one of the base stations — and we send volunteers to go out with the fire departments. We send them out with portable units. During the fires, we provided a significant proportion of the communication. In this county, there were 500 guys who volunteered and went out there and saved people's lives. I actually did some operating from my house initially, and then my stuff just wasn't high enough, and I couldn't work it from then on. That's why I built a new tower."

White's claims seem grandiose, but a quick Internet search reveals several emergency-response ham radio clubs in San Diego County alone and hundreds across the nation. White is involved with most all of the local groups. "I ran the CERT — Community Emergency Response Team — drill here in May, during which we simulated a bomb attack. We were



Ham radio tower and antenna

providing rescue facilities for a quick-response basis. We dispatched ambulances, we dispatched fire trucks, we basically controlled the communications for the emergency. Ham radios save lives. We saved lives during the fires."

White adds, "We hams passed vital emergency and health and welfare information during the Katrina emergency too."

Stories in the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* documented the communication services hams provided following Katrina. It's because

ham radios can be used in emergencies that the Federal Communications Commission offers protection to the antennas, which are predictably unpopular with neighbors. A pertinent section of the commission's regulations states, "A station antenna structure may be erected at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate amateur service communications." Another section states that state and local authorities must make "reasonable accommodations" of amateur radio antennas.

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Barbara and Jim Dudl

supported by a telescoping tower anchored below in the yard of her neighbor, a man named Howard White.

The antenna finally stopped more than 40 feet above the News' deck and 85 feet above its base. "It was so tall you could see it from the cul-de-sac in front of my house," New recalls. "I immediately called my next-door neighbors and

ery. But an architect we had went over and asked what the tower was for. That's when we found out we were going to have an 85-foot tower across the street with an antenna on top."

Next door to White, Jim and Barbara Dudl had also thought the tower was a piece of construction equipment. "Then, one day," Barbara recalls,

Neal Obermeyer



Housing bubble

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Investors are too jaded, although there will be hot periods periodically."

The San Diego stocks listed in the sidebar demonstrate just how far local stocks have fallen from their 2000 peaks. The list, taken primarily from Morningstar, Inc., and spot-checked against other sources, shows the 2000 peak price followed by the approximate price in recent sessions. All prices are adjusted for stock splits—that is, the 2000 and current prices are comparable. It doesn't include one-time highfliers such as Peregrine and Leap Wireless, which rocketed upward and wound up in bankruptcy, or Gateway, which soared, crashed, and moved up the road to Irvine; or successful companies (such as biotech Idex) that sold out for a good price.

If you've looked over these lists of many losers and a few winners, you note that financial stocks such as banks and real estate investment trusts have done well since 2000. With interest rates now on the rise, Leedom believes such stocks won't do so well, and the long-sagging techs and biotechs should finally make an upward move. He remembers when they moved only downward.

Back in the 1990s, Leedom had a publication exclusively devoted to local stocks, *San Diego Stock Report*. Each month he computed an index

of the average San Diego stock price. It flew upward and upward. "The two main sectors were techs and biotechs," he recalls. As the year 2000 staggered on, the index plummeted. "At one point the index was down 70 percent," he says. His subscriptions dropped as people soured on the market, and eventually he jettisoned the whole business and became a securities analyst and investment banker.

Just recently, he went back into the publication business with *Californiastocks.com* and *California Stock Report*. He has special sections on San Diego, Los Angeles, Bay Area, and Silicon Valley stocks. Once again, he has a San Diego index, but it doesn't correlate with the old one. If he were still calculating that original one, "it would still be down 30 or 40 percent today," he estimates.

There's an old Wall Street adage, "Buy cheap and sell dear." Translation: buy low and sell high. But in the giddy 1990s, Wall Street's advice was to buy high and sell higher. It's called the Greater Fool Theory. You know you're paying too much, but you hope some other sucker will pay even more.

The fools' party ended in March of 2000.

For several years now, San Diego real estate brokers have told buyers to purchase high with the expectation of selling higher. The game will end when there are no greater fools, as happened with the stock market. ■

Antenna invades

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What is necessary in terms of tower and antenna size for the purpose of emergency situations has been a source of contention between White and his neighbors. White says he needs the tall tower and wide antenna because, "I'm set up to run 40 meters [wavelength], which we use for emergency stuff."

Barbara Dudl responds, "But we've been in contact with other local hammers who tell us 40 meters is not the wavelength used for emergency work. Two meters is the emergency frequency. Forty meters is used to talk to people on the other side of the world."

White himself suggested that he put up his outsized tower and antenna for hobby purposes when, on March 26, he said in a Yahoo online group for amateur radio operators, "I bought this thing so that I could get to be a big contest gun on 40 meters."

The contests he referred to are competitions among hams to see who can make contact with the largest number of foreign countries in a given amount of time. White mentioned he had contacted people in over 100 different countries in one such competition.

Since White erected the antenna, the Dudls have scoured the websites of emergency amateur radio clubs in Ramona, Escondido, Rancho

Bernardo, East County, and Coronado, plus local chapters of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. "What we've found," Jim says, "is these groups list two meters as their emergency frequency. We also found that the ham community has set up an extended network of two-meter repeaters."

Repeater are the fixed devices that relay radio messages between two stations on opposite sides of physical obstacles such as mountains. "A 40-meter beam antenna," Dudl continues, "with horizontal elements, like Howard's, directs the signal directly towards the horizon and not vertically to the ionosphere. What the two hams we talked to said is that Howard's antenna is good for distances greater than 3000 miles away. A 10-foot pole is all you need [for emergency purposes]. You definitely don't want a 70-foot directional horizontal antenna, because all these do is focus you very much on 1 or 2 percent of the horizon."

Jim continues, "It is my feeling that Howard is not really being honest about the need for protection. I mean, I am interested in protecting our house and our community. I might be in trouble sometime. I want him to have that 10-foot antenna. I want ham operators to have an emergency system. But beyond the 10-foot pole, I think, is for personal use and maybe ego."

White concedes that most emergency communication is done on two meters. But he points out that two-meter communication relies on mountaintop repeaters, many of which were burned or lost power during the Cedar fire. And, he adds, "much of the short-range ham communications, such as two meters, went off the air in the hurricane-stricken areas because the storm destroyed much of the local infrastructure. However, high-frequency communication — 20 meter, 40 meter, 75 meter — was able to fill the gaps left in the network."

Steve Early, president of the Palomar Amateur Radio Club, says that both high-frequency and two-meter communications are needed for emergencies. During the Cedar fire, he says, "Environmental factors left only high frequency as a 100 percent reliable communications medium. Because for all intents and purposes high frequency is not significantly affected by the environmental factors that tend to paralyze two-meter operations. High frequency is terrain-following, out to a few hundred miles. This means that the signal hugs the surface of the earth, including into deep canyons. I am one of the many in-the-field emergency operators who rely on fixed-site operators such as Howard White to relay whatever emergency or priority messages I may have for such agencies and organizations as the San Diego/Imperial Coun-

ties chapter of the American Red Cross, California Department of Forestry, and local fire and law enforcement departments."

Whatever its purpose, White's tower is legal. He was granted a building permit for the project more than a year ago, and the project passed all inspections during the building process. However, for the time being, he has agreed to a city request to keep the antenna at its lowest height, 25 feet. Former assistant city attorney Bill Witt signed off on the permit, despite a city height limit of 30 feet for new construction west of Interstate 5.

The Dudls are both angry. Jim is angry with White, who he believes derives satisfaction from having the antenna. "He has disregarded his neighbors," Jim says. "And this is a lifelong pattern for him. He told me he has had towers at other houses, 75 and 100 feet tall, and that everybody thought that they were ugly. He sort of puffed up when he told me that, and he seemed to look prideful when he said that he had done these things."

Barbara Dudl is "more angry at the city, because laws such as the 30-foot height limit are put into place to protect the citizens. I feel that Bill Witt was absolutely, totally irresponsible to sign off on something like that. He not only dropped the ball, he threw it at us."

(Calls to the city attorney's office and the planning department were not returned.) ■

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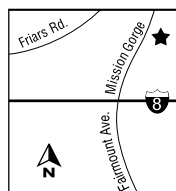
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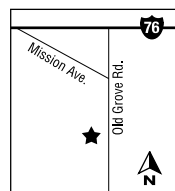
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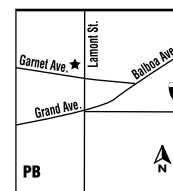
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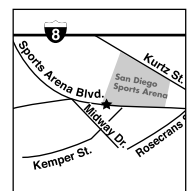
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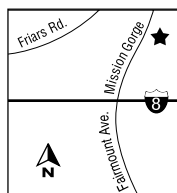
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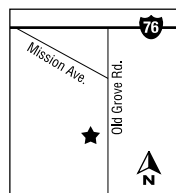
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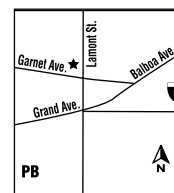
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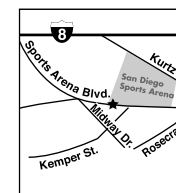
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Valley Factors

Thank you, Matt Potter. I deeply appreciate your article on the Mission Valley development project ("What Is Mission Valley's Future?" October 6). Although it would be nearly impossible to improve your article, I believe there were factors not mentioned.

There are no plans for schools in the Mission Valley area. With housing comes families; with families come children. Children need schools in their area. There are children already living in Mission Valley who are bused or driven outside the area to go to school.

The San Diego River gets diverted and diverted. Years ago it was diverted and filled in to build the Murph. The stadium is unstable and continues to crack, built on the old riverbed. The tank-farm pipeline terminal just north of Friars Road leaked underground from 1980 to 1990. This is where it gets interesting. Following the old river bed, a plume of fuel carrying MTBE, a pollutant that is highly soluble in

groundwater, is 15 to 18 feet from the surface of Friars Road and passes the stadium directly to our river. Why would you want to build on top of such an area?

Carole Thompson
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They Do Suck

To Barbarella, regarding her October 6 article, "Late People Suck": Absolutely!

Phyllis Hordin

Finally Figured It Out

You know, I've been trying to figure out for *months* what exactly it is about your "Diary of a Diva" columnist, Barbarella, that never fails to get under my skin on a weekly basis. Granted, I could stop reading her column — but color me a masochist. When I'm stuck on the can and the *Reader* is the only thing at arm's length, I'm gonna read the whole damn thing.

After this week's column, "Late People Suck" (October 6), I think I've finally figured it out. Barbarella simply can't view situations from the perspectives of other people. Odd, since to a certain degree (at least physiologically) most children are able to do this at a rather young age. But I digress.

When her friend's Latin friend was late in showing up to a dinner, she brushed aside the concept that time is all in the eye of the beholder and decided, according to her assertions stated later in her article, that the friend was "self-centered," had "no respect," "harbor[ed] a victim

complex," was a "poor planner," and would "not be given the opportunity to waste [her] time again." In reality, it's a matter of perspective.

In Barbarella's world, it is very apparent that timeliness is a virtue. The point is that it is not a virtue to a lot of people, and especially a lot of people not raised in this culture. There's nothing wrong with Barbarella's perspective, but I desperately hope that she attempts to explain her perspective to people that inadvertently offend her by their unforgivable lack of uncoached knowledge of her every want and desire prior to writing them off as useless wastes of space.

It would be quite sad, after all, were she to show up hours early for a function with another Latin friend only to find that they've written *her* off based on her anal-retentive dedication to a man-made concept (i.e., time).

One would hope that — even in the world of a diva — there is more to the art of friendship than being on time all the time. Oh, and as for that perspective thing...I don't think I'm that far off. Food for thought.

Chris Markson
via e-mail

Respect Vermin

This is in reply to the September 29 letters by Cutter Hays and Rebecca Stanger.

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Shopping For Sports

Got an e-mail invitation to celebrate the birth date of Fong Ha's one-year-old daughter, Emily. Fong was database guy for the Sporting Box Football Contest, which had a five-year run during the mid '90s. After the contest closed, he moved to Houston and started a software business. Judging from the attached map and meticulous directions to the birthday gala, Fong has returned to California.

Now, there is no way I can shop for a one-year-old girl. I hardly know what they look like, much less what they need or want. I decide, for no particular reason, to attend upon one of those mega-sports-stores and buy Emily a basketball or a set of barbells, or, perhaps, a titanium tennis racket. Sportswriter to infant.

It's been decades since I've been inside a sports-mega-store. For a long time I lived in places where there were no sports-mega-stores, and then, when I moved to places where there were sports-mega-stores, I'd already acquired the camping stuff and fishing stuff and hunting stuff and sports stuff. Thereafter, occasional sports sundries were acquired by way of Internet or the odd Longs drugstore.

So, you can understand, when I innocently strolled into SporTmarT, I was unprepared for the galactic, airplane-hangar quality of the experience. One leaves the everyday world of traffic and sidewalks and sky and abruptly enters an enormous space, filled with cardboard boxes, shiny oversized toys, and more sportswear than any human being should be allowed to see in one glance, yet the giant expanse feels empty. Strange.

Well, to work. On my left are treadmills. I walk over to the first row and greet the \$899 Horizon Advantage treadmill. I find the item unworthy, especially in the light of its larger brother, the Horizon Digital, which has a blue backlit LCD that will flash my fitness numbers, and, apparently, comes with an air cushion system. Still, it's only 1.7 horsepower. This is a problem. Lucky for me the Horizon Fitness is next door, has 2 horsepower, and costs but a few — 200 — dollars more. Two horsepower is much more my style, especially with the six preset workout programs that is vital for someone who doesn't want to work-up his own work-outs. However, none of these treadmills are cable ready, and I see no way to watch DVD movies while exercising.

I move toward the nearest wall and regard the Aqua Fitness Jog Belt. Looks like a chunk of blue

foam with a strap attached to it. Comes with free instructional videotape. There's a picture on the package of a personhood, can't tell if the form is male or female, jogging underwater while wearing the Aqua Fitness Jog Belt. I think I've seen this on television. Further down the shelf is a \$79.99 Tanita digital weight scale, "See your body better, four memory family model. Monitors your weight and compares your result to healthy ranges."

Behind me is a Fort Knox of stacked barbells. Against the near wall hang Asian sweatshop pink, off-pink, baby blue, black and pink, gray and pink Adidas and Nike gym bags. I can tell they're Adidas and Nike brands because of the large corporate logos stitched on the bags. What is the deal, by the way, about buying a gym bag or sweatshirt or baseball cap with soulless corporate advertising stitched to its side, and then carrying around said corporate ad on your back/head/butt for free?

Next are 150 baseball gloves. On to Asian sweatshop bat-bags in solid red or blue or black with a Nike logo or an Easton logo. Then, grotesque aluminum baseball bats, finished in whatever squalid Day-Glo color that amuses you.

How about an NFL trashcan, your choice of team logo? Now comes a kingdom's worth of tennis shoes. Many, many aisles of tennis shoes. The world wears nothing but tennis shoes. Now, various ski shoes, various snowboards, too many golf things, too many golf shoes, camping gear, grills, folding picnic table, folding chairs — ah, here is the Stars and Stripes fold-up armchair with carrying bag for \$16.99. Old Glory as leisure chair. Place butt on Old Glory and pop a beer. Could be illegal.

More Asian sweatshop stuff bags. Lots of pinks. Puma brand this time. And North Face daypacks in the inevitable pink, purple, and white colors. On to the manly side of North Face and daypacks in black, dark brown, or navy blue.

I walk past the talking can-opener; "Hear Hank Williams Jr. sing ABC's 'Are You Ready For Some Football?'" Pilates tapes. Inspirational tapes. Sportswear for as far as the eye can see. Columbia Sportswear, Russell Athletic, JanSport, and so on. I wonder if anything in this store is made in America.

Here are Asian-sweatshop bathing suits, more backpacks, Alpine Design sling bags, Dominican Republic sweatshop swimwear, Pakistan sweatshop sports shirts, Russian, 100 percent polyester, sweatshop gym shorts.

I decide on the Hank Williams Jr. can-opener and flee.

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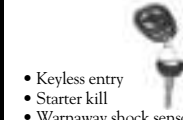


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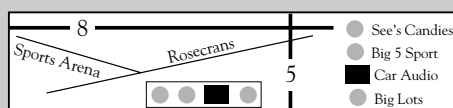


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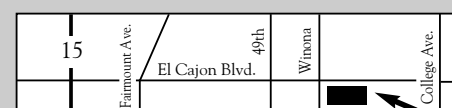
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Weekly giving: \$6,000

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"In the past, people's mindset was, if people aren't having kids, how is the Reformed faith going to grow?" said Rick Roeda, the director of youth ministries at San Diego Christian Reformed Church (SDCRC). "Reformed churches primarily grow

through birth and through church transfer. We're not as seeker-friendly as the Rock or happy-clappy churches." Roeda estimated that over 85 percent of people who transfer to SDCRC do so out of a theological conviction. "People come from Shadow Mountain or the Calvary system because they want to move from some of the teachings they have received to a deeper theology." Roeda said he did not want to be critical of these churches. "If someone was a new believer, I would recommend these churches to them. What they are doing is appealing in that they have a tremendous growth of new believers."

Roeda said SDCRC is in a transitional phase. "Right now there is a wake-up call, a realization that in order for [Reformed Churches] to survive as a group, we need to get out of our shells. The typical reformed experience is one where people come to church reverent, they don't say much. An organ leads them through several hymns before the pastor preaches. People come with their Sunday best on for the Lord."

Graeme Koch, the son of SDCRC's pastor agreed with Roeda's characterization of Reformed church. "If people enter wearing shorts and a T-shirt into a Reformed church, people might look at you funny. They would accept you, but eventually, they would want you to fit their mold. They would want these people to get cleaned up and wear the right clothes. The stereotype is that we act like the frozen-chosen, that Reformed people are not emotional. In the past, people looked like statues when we sang hymns."

"A year ago, when I arrived, SDCRC's music was just an organ. Now we have a praise team, PowerPoint slides, drums, and guitars," said Roeda. "This change has not been the easiest. Most of the people have an excitement and joy about what we are doing. Yet, there has been some criticism and complaints. People have left the church over these changes. Families have left for more conservative churches, such as the United Reform Church in Santee or Escondido, which broke off from the CRC denomination. My biased view of this is these people think church

was good in the '50s, so why should we change it?"

Koch said things have changed at SDCRC. "Now we are not just singing out of a book, but we get more emotion out of it. But hymns will always be around because of their rich theology. Modern-day songs often miss this theological richness."

"Right now, we are trying to regain our identity, and things are stabilizing. The goal is to create a place where all people can worship together," said Roeda. "God wants us to create a place that people feel welcome. Ultimately, we aren't going to change what we believe for the people. But as culture and society change, we need to minister to new generations and their needs. If our church is in a time-warp, we are going to miss reaching our community."

Monica Rosales, a college student, has participated in this outreach to the community around the church. "We are trying to get more into the community around us. This summer, we offered kids a Vacation Bible School. We have had more families and kids attend the church because of our outreach."

Roeda said that many children at SDCRC do not have as much interaction with other non-Christian children. "Our church

has a lot of home-schooled children. I'd say that 30 percent of the kids at the church are home schooled. We probably have about 25 percent that attend public schools. The rest go to Christian private schools," said Roeda. "The kids that go to public schools want to be challenged and put their faith into action. They primarily view the school as a mission field. Most only send their children to public school if they believe their faith is strong enough. Some do it for financial reasons."

"Christians want to see public schools changed. We pray that Christian leaders would get involved. Public schools are set up in opposition to the Christian faith," said Roeda. "We believe that God is evident and able to work through all situations and systems. God tolerates public schools. God disapproves of much of what they teach, and they need to be fundamentally changed."

SDCRC's evening service began with a responsive reading and several hymns. Reverend Bill Miedema preached about change. "We often don't like that there is a constancy of change. Change is part of life. For example, God allows churches to go down the drain. A lot of churches are in hospice right now. I trust God in this; these churches need to change. Reverend Miedema encouraged the congregants to ask if their changes in life are for the better or worse. "Better changes are changes toward God," said Miedema. Reverend Miedema concluded the sermon, "God designed all change with a purpose. You may not sense it, feel it, or sometimes you don't believe it, but if you trust and have faith in God, He's right there through all life's changes."

I asked Rick Roeda what happens to a person after he dies. "A person dies and he goes to heaven or hell," replied Roeda. "You get to heaven by believing that Jesus Christ is your personal savior that died for your sins on the cross. Jesus is the only way to heaven."

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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Dear Saffron,

I know that compared to recent events my problem is not very serious, but it is troubling nevertheless. I am also sure that other women have experienced a similar problem. The last time I went to my hairstylist of 14 years she didn't listen to me and cut my hair way too short. I know: "Big deal." Hair grows. This is really a trust issue, and I don't appreciate her taking it upon herself to decide what is best for me. I didn't go to her asking for a radically different cut. I agreed to a small change, in part because I didn't want to be one of those women who have the same haircut for 20 years. We agreed upon a certain length, and she cut my hair far shorter. What makes the situation worse is that I paid for the cut. I usually tip her as well, but I didn't this time. I am afraid if I complain I will be labeled one of those picky clients and the relationship will be strained. Because I like her and the way she colors my hair, and due to our long-standing relationship, not going back doesn't seem right either. I am usually assertive in other matters; any advice from you or your readers would be greatly appreciated.

BAD-HAIR MONTH IN LINDA VISTA

Dear Bad Hair,

Many women and men who've had haircuts go terribly wrong end up leaving the salon wishing they could put a bag over their heads. I wonder whether your too-short-do is the result of a communication glitch — where your stylist thought she was giving you the cut you wanted, but in fact misinterpreted your wishes — or whether she just went ahead and hacked off way more than you asked for because she got carried away or had her own idea about what would look chic. You say you value the long relationship, so please talk to her. You could call her and find out when she's free to chat for a few minutes. Let her know you're unhappy and ask her what she thinks happened. If you talk to her, I think you'll be able to tell if it was a misunderstanding. This is then easily solved by taking more time to fully discuss any hair changes you're contemplating and making sure you're both on the same page. If, on the other hand, she understood you perfectly well but got scissor happy, then I'd consider taking my business elsewhere.

Dear Saffron,

My sister's dog bit her best friend's baby. Sis has had this dog for four years without a problem. The dog has always been good around people, other dogs, and kids. My sister doesn't have kids, but the dog has always been exposed to children of various ages with nary an incident. It's a smallish dog and about five years old. The friend was visiting

my sister and the women were chatting while the baby played on the floor a few feet away, yanking repeatedly on the dog's ears and tail as she had done many times before. All of a sudden the dog bit the baby near her eyebrow, just once, and she had to have two stitches. My sister is now saying she will put the dog to sleep. She feels she has to do this to show her friend that she takes what the dog did seriously. The friend, while of course upset, does not want the dog to be killed. I'm not sure it's necessary to put down a healthy, otherwise-nice dog in this situation. Are there options?

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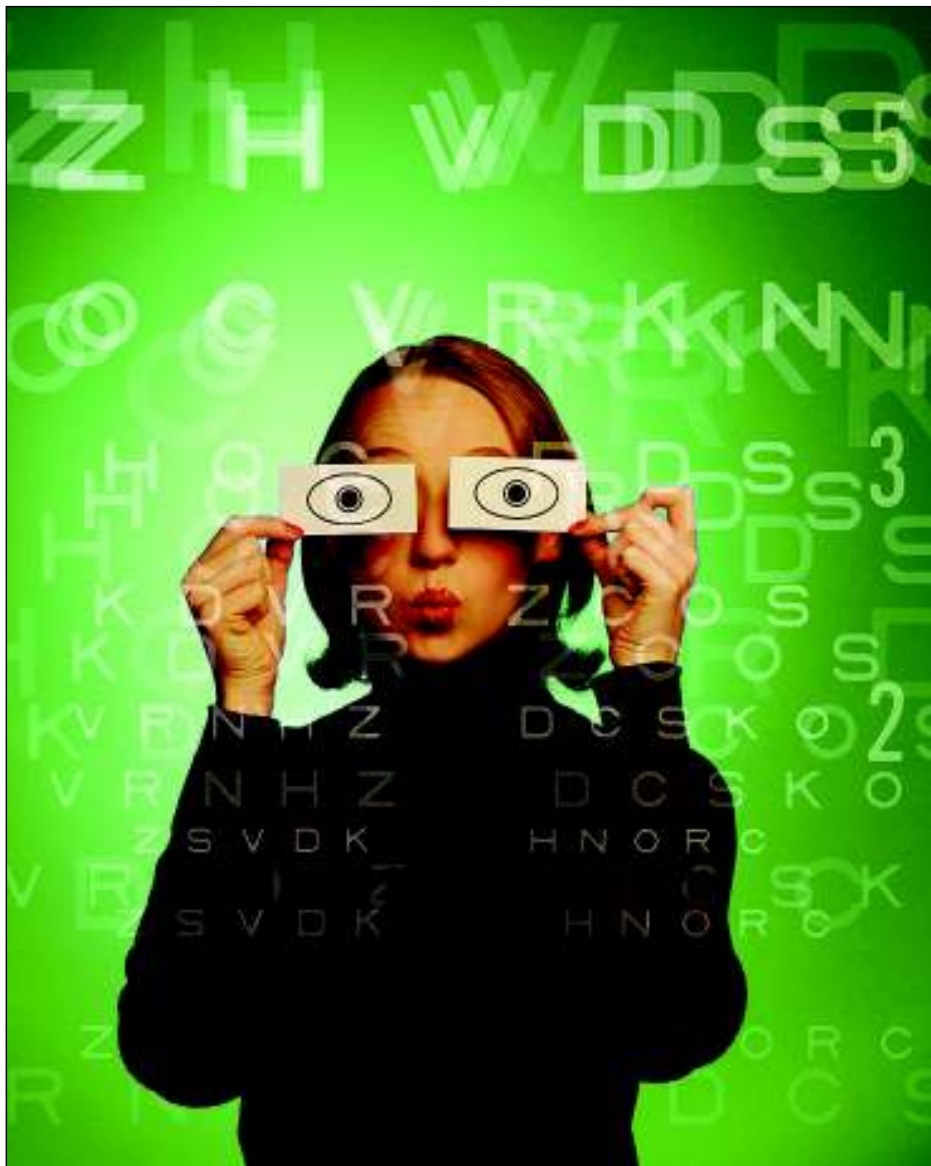
Dear Animal Lover,

Your sister should get one or more opinions from vets or animal behaviorists about what is up with this dog — whether it is really dangerous. I don't think it's necessarily the right thing to do to euthanize this dog if it has never been aggressive before, and certainly not without getting more information. I would like to take this opportunity to make a plea: Don't let small children pull a dog's tail or hit it or tug on its ears, etc. Children are not old enough to understand when they are hurting or bothering a dog, even an animal that seems not to mind. If the canine gets too provoked, there can be a bad result, as there was in this case. I fear this may have been an example of a child too loosely supervised in playing with a dog. If the vet feels that the dog isn't dangerous, ask their advice about what to do with her. Perhaps your sister can find it another home where its new owners will keep it away from toddlers.

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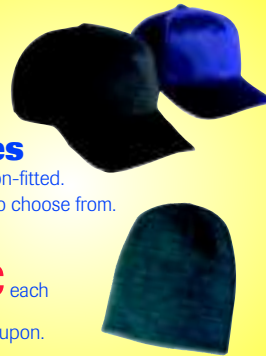


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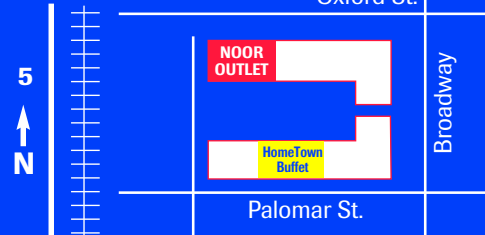
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—EVE KELLY

My husband Patrick and I are bickering more these days. It may be the heat — around October 1st, we both start thinking that the autumn cool should set in, and then we get blasted. Or it may be the extra 20 pounds we're hauling around between us. Or maybe we're just in a rut. We decided to try to find a way to mix exercise and together time. Patrick hit upon fencing — he'd always admired it, ever since *Sports Illustrated* ran an article on the sport during the '84 Olympics. I thought it might be a better way to do our dueling.

I met with Edwin K. Hurst, fencing master and owner of The Cabrillo Academy of the Sword in Normal Heights (619-584-2478; cabrillosword.tripod.com). He assured me that I'd fit right in, despite my thirty-something years and the lack of famous women swordfighters in history. "About a third of our members are female. And this is a lifetime sport. We have a couple of members who are 8 and 9, and from there it ranges up into the 60s." And fencing would be good exercise. "It's definitely an aerobic activity; it's about 75 percent legs."

The sport of fencing, said Hurst, "is directly evolved from European or Western sword fighting. Everything we teach as far as movements and positions was developed back when you did this for real. Fencers learn to move sideways, because a long time ago, it was determined that standing sideways and not using the unarmed hand was a better way to stay alive than standing front-on and using both hands."

There are three sorts of swords used in modern fencing — the foil, the epee, and the saber. "In the 18th Century, the small court sword was used for dueling, and the foil was the training sword. The code of honor at that time said that you should not fight a duel unless the injury to your honor was so serious that you intended to kill the other person. As a result, you trained to thrust only at the trunk of the body; you would not try to deliberately wound the other person; that was considered dishonorable. So, in foil fencing, you get points only when you hit the trunk of the body."

Things got a bit gentler in the 19th Century. "The code was modified so that you could satisfy everybody's honor as soon as someone drew first blood. So, with the epee, you train to hit anything you can hit; every hit scores a point. The foil and the epee are thrusting weapons; the saber is made for slashing. "The saber was developed out of the Turkish oriental scimitar. It gained popularity as a one-handed cutting weapon in Germany and Central and Eastern Europe, where it was used as a dueling weapon. They're all fairly thin swords, but they have different cross sections."

None of the swords have sharp tips, "for obvious reasons." The blades for the foil and the epee are similar, but the epee hand-guard is much larger, "because the hand is a target. But you're still trying to hit with the point. The

"You could satisfy everybody's honor as soon as someone drew first blood."

saber's hand-guard comes all the way around the hand," protecting it against slashes. Other protective gear includes "a mask to cover the face, a jacket with a high collar, made from a durable enough material that it won't get penetrated by a broken blade, gloves that come up and cover the forearm so the blade can't slip inside the sleeve, fencing knickers, and long white socks." (Equipment is provided for the first eight weeks as part of the instruction fee; after that, it may be rented. "We want to give people a fair crack at seeing if this is something they want to do," said Hurst.)

Over the jacket, competitive fencers "wear a vest of metallic thread. The sword is wired and plugged into a cord that runs under the jacket and onto a reel. A machine indicates a hit by a colored light. It's electronic because everything happens so quickly." But for Patrick and I, human jugs would suffice.

When we showed up, said Hurst, the first thing he'd teach us was "how to salute. It is required that you salute your opponent, the audience, and the referee before you start a match and again at the end. Then I'll show you how to stand on guard, which is the basic stance. I teach how to advance and retreat, and then the key element — the lunge. It looks very much like a first baseman stretching out for a ball." The lunge is the attack; the parry is the defense. "I teach the

four basic parry positions, one to defend each quadrant of your body." Everything builds on these basics — striking a riposte after parrying, deceiving the opponent's parry, and so on.

"Beginners spend the whole hour of each class on instruction," Hurst continued. "Then, as they become more experienced, they start spending the last 20 minutes of class fencing. Then, as they continue, they fence in class more and more. You can come to as many classes as you want, but if you attend at least the equivalent of one class per week for six months, you will be more than able to fence on your own."

Matches are fenced "on a strip that's 14 meters long and two meters wide. Just as in real sword fighting, it's over pretty quickly. That's why fencing matches are conducted for either 5 points or 15 points." One hit and out wouldn't be much of a sport.

The six-month instruction fee is \$145 for one person, \$240 for a couple, and \$300 for a family. Beyond that, there is a \$55 monthly membership due for one, \$90 for two, and \$115 for a family, plus an annual membership with the U.S. Fencing Association (which provides insurance coverage) of \$50 per person. The gym is open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for people to come in and fence. One-hour group lessons start at 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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Thirty Years Ago

Jane Fonda could in no way duplicate Jon Voight's warmth, nor does she feel the need to. Understandably, she is under pressure. Hayden has spoken to 600 groups since last June. If Fonda appears at even a fraction of these, it must be difficult to answer the same questions again and again and to maintain her poise when people address her as "Jane," and expect her to be informed on such issues as Indo-China, statistics on unemployment, etc. Said she, both as wife and politico, "If the people of California were the jury, Tom would win."

— "POLITICAL GARDEN PARTY," *E.J. Rackow,*

October 16, 1975

Twenty-Five Years Ago

It was July 5, 1980, and about 150 people drank and mingled at the Moose Club in Oneida, New York, for the ten-year reunion of the Oneida High School Class of 1970. I had danced a slow dance with my old girlfriend. After graduation she was hired as a file clerk and ten years later had the same job but was divorced, with a two-year-old daughter. I had spoken with the ex-football player I had helped to pass Spanish, now about to get his M.D. degree, the gay entrepreneur and community activist who was most of the way out of the closet in this city of not quite 12,000; and the former majorette who starred in a porno movie I caught at the Guild Theatre in Hillcrest a few years ago.

— "TEN YEARS FROM CLASS," *Paul Cleary,*

October 16, 1980

Twenty Years Ago

In the airport bar at Lindbergh Field, Dr. Hunter S. Thompson tossed back the last of his second margarita. He handed the empty glass to a passing waitress and, banging both fists on the cocktail table, let out a belch. "Two hours," he said, "is an *awful* long time to go without a drink."

Thompson's first stop after getting off his United Airlines flight was the airport gift shop. "Is this cool?" he asked, pointing to a black T-shirt bearing the words "San Diego Beach Club." "It's not for me — it's for my girlfriend, a Persian girl, Maria Kahn, who's 25 and also my manager." Thompson removed the shirt from its rack.

Gladys rang up the sale, but by the time she had finished, Thompson had disappeared; he returned with a "San Diego Beach Club" visor and placed it on the counter along with a hundred-dollar bill.

— "BEDTIME FOR GONZO," *Thomas K. Arnold,*

October 17, 1985



San Diego Reader, October 17, 1985

Fifteen Years Ago

Director of SDSU's creative writing program, 46-year-old Alcosser came to SDSU in 1986. Alcosser sits at the edge of her chair. She is so delicately boned she seems endangered. A corona of strawberry hair blooms about her face, haloing the wide brow, large hooded hazel eyes, valentine-mouth, small bump of a chin. She wears a blue blouse, beige linen skirt, black shoes, and has a decade-old gray Danish school-boy bag stuffed with students' poems.

— "WANTING TO WRITE," *Judith Moore,*

October 18, 1990

Ten Years Ago

The alternatives were a little tough to swallow at first. Singles Night at Congregation Beth Am. Personal ads. Dating services. Then I discovered the Belly Up Tavern. The club's Sunday night blues parties became the staple of my social diet. I started to feel toward Sunday nights what I imagined my forefathers felt when trudging off to Friday synagogue.

— LOCALS: "MIRACULOUS HEALING AT THE BELLY UP,"

Scott Herscher, October 12, 1995

Five Years Ago

Another recent Ron Roberts donor is listed as Jay Emmett, the Padres board-member and alleged bag man in New York's famous Westchester Premier theatre mafia case. Back in the 1980s, Emmett copped a plea and testified against his codefendants in federal courts. Today the Manhattan resident is said to be a key point man for the San Diego baseball team and its troubled downtown-stadium deal.

— CITY LIGHTS: "COMPUTER CASH," *Matt Potter,*

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SURVIVOR'S SECOND SEASON

by Josh Board

a friend of mine took me to a party in La Mesa with the understanding that I wouldn't write about it. When I grabbed a pen from the car, she said, "What are you doing? I told you that you can't write about this."

"Let's ask the lady throwing the party."

Laura Farmer had no problem with me writing about her second annual "survivor" party — no, it had nothing to do with the TV show. Laura is a cancer survivor. She told me, "This party comes on the anniversary of my first day of chemotherapy. I realized during the whole struggle that all any of us really have is each other. I decided to have a party every year for all the people I love, or who have helped me with this."

There were more bottles of wine at Laura's party than any party I've ever been to (excluding the wine shop party), and the Mexican food was catered (from El Indio, I think). She had hired two bartenders to serve drinks.

Natasha was painting henna tattoos on guests' hands. My friend Anne asked her, "Do you take tips?" The artist said she did but that she was paid to be at the party, so she didn't expect gratuities. Anne said, "Why don't you tip her, Josh?"



I took a fiver out of my pocket and slapped it on the table. As I looked through the book of animals and Egyptian patterns that Natasha could reproduce, I heard her say that she used to belly dance. Her husband bought her a henna kit seven years ago, and she learned how to tattoo. When she finished with Anne, she insisted on doing one for me. I chose a lizard, which stayed on my hand for almost a week.



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Just as I started stuffing a burrito into my mouth, I noticed Natasha carrying her suitcase of paints downstairs. I went to help her and ended up carrying this heavy thing down 50 stairs and up a big hill to her car. She told me she was off to play with her band at a pub.

I saw a few people in Hawaiian luau shirts and was told that Hawaii was the theme. It worked perfect with the backyard, which was green with

plants and trees.

I met a woman at the party whose voice I recognized. It turned out she'd done voiceovers for local commercials. "Do you have a studio at your home?" I asked. "Of course!"

Late in the afternoon, a few people started leaving. I heard one guy say, "You're leaving already? Well, drive fast and reckless." A few older couples left, and someone said to me, "Parties are interesting. Old people and couples leave early. Single people end up staying all night. Maybe they are hoping to meet someone."

One guy told me about his rich brother who had written best-selling computer books. He told me how unhappy he thinks his brother's life is, despite the money he has. He said, "I have a good job, and I enjoy life. I enjoy hanging out with friends, going to parties like this." I mentioned a rich person I met at a party, and he said to me, "Do you ever read about the parties that guy in the *Reader* writes about?" Anne started laughing and said, "This is the guy that writes those." It was my 15 minutes.

When it got dark, we left the backyard and headed for the living room. After telling

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Sitting nearby was a guy reading tarot cards. I heard him say to one woman, "This card shows that you will be taking a trip soon." The lady was excited. "Yes! Yes, I am! I'm going to Hawaii." The guy con-

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stories, somebody suggested we play a game. A few ideas were thrown around, like charades. I suggested a game with teams — a word is thrown out and each team has 20 seconds to sing a song that has that specific word. The first team that can't think of a song loses a point. It was fun listening to people sing as if they were at a poor man's karaoke bar. When somebody sang a commercial jingle, there was an argument as to whether that counted as a song. The woman who sang it said, "I heard a Disney song. That's the same as a commercial."

One guy who appeared drunk had trouble coming up with songs. When it was n't his turn, he'd start singing a song from a word that was used 15 minutes earlier. Somebody said, "You're a guitarist. You shouldn't have so much trouble with this game." A guy suggested he get his guitar, and he walked to his car to get it. He walked through the screen door without opening it and knocked it to the ground.

He came back and played songs for half an hour. He sounded great, but often forgot the words when it got to the bridge. Someone said, "I guess the song game is over, huh?" Laura enjoyed playing host, bringing in chips and chocolate and keeping the wine flowing.

There was a couple at the party whom I think were in their 70s. They were energetic, belting out their songs. I tried to talk to them before I left, but the guitar was too loud.

I gave Laura a hug before leaving. I admired her attitude regarding the cancer and her second chance at life. I look forward to next year's survivor bash and seeing Laura again. ■

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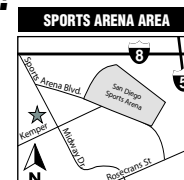
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After a brief battle in which my emotions lost to logic, I started talking, draining my cloud as I spit the words like rain out of my mouth.

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“Just a lot of stuff, okay?”

“Like what?” There was no getting around it. For a moment, I was angry with him for caring so much. *Leave me alone; I like it here. Don’t go spoiling things by making it all*

I have a love/hate relationship with stress. I work well under pressure, which is both a blessing and a curse — sometimes I *require* a certain amount of stress (a deadline, expectant people to please, or fear of failure) to motivate myself. But there's a fine line between not

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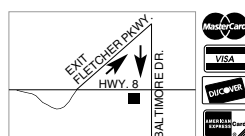
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before our move. At the time, I had reached my stress limit and ceased to function for a few days; David ended up packing mostly everything. As I look back, I wish I'd been more understanding of David's choice to inter himself beneath yet another project — sometimes the only way to get things done is to give yourself no time to *think* about doing them. My problem is, I think too much.

I have a lot going on this week. Not enough to grind my teeth, but plenty to keep me busy and preoccupied. We both work from home, but the only true downtime David and I have found lately is in those short moments after getting into bed and before falling asleep. Last night my mind was reeling. As soon as my head hit the pillow, I remembered dozens of things that I needed to get done, and lay there with my eyes open wide.

"You alright?" David asked.

"I'm stressing, babe. But I'll be fine. You know me, if I don't stress, I don't succeed." I gave him a pathetic smile in an attempt to convince him I was fine. Then, to my confusion and surprise, David did the weirdest thing I've seen him do in the three years I've known him. He touched the soles of his feet together and drew them close to his body, joined his hands over his head, and sighed a long, vocal sigh, similar to the noise one makes when settling into a hot bath.

"What are you doing?"

"Aaaaaahhhhhh." He

held his strange position.

"Babe, you're freaking me out. What the hell are you doing?"

"Aaaaaahhhhhh." He turned to face me, a dreamy smile on his face. "I'm a Valium pill. For you."

"You're insane," I said. Then, taking it all in, how pointless it was to get myself worked up before trying to fall asleep, and David's adorable effort to soothe my nerves, I exploded in a fit of hysterical laughter. David joined in and the last thing I remember before falling asleep was giggling softly into his arm, without a care in the world. ■

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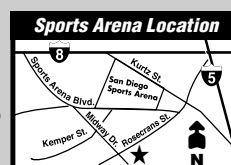
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NURSES on the RUN

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WHEN MARIETTE PARSONS, RN, tells her patients she's a traveler, she says they often look puzzled. "They're, like, 'You work for a travel agency or something?'" Parsons explains that travel nurses fill assignments all over the United States. A native of Arlington, Virginia, Parsons came to San Diego at the beginning of February 2004. When I talked to her seven months later, she was contemplating a move to Denver. If the general public hasn't yet become familiar with the idea of itinerant health-care professionals, Parsons says most nurses have. She says young nurses ask her what they have to do to follow her example.

Parsons, who's only 27 herself, advises them to acquire a few years of nursing experience before they take to the road. "Being a new grad is really where you learn the most. Depending on the hospital, you usually spend about two months in an orientation program with another nurse, where you're with her on a daily basis. You take what you have in your head and apply it to people. Learning something from a book and applying it to a mannequin is all fine and well, but it's not the same." Once a nurse starts to travel, "People assume you know what you're doing," Parsons says. They see travelers "as people who know how to jump from A to B to C to D — to pick it up and go."

A slender young woman with delicate features and creamy skin, Parsons wore her fine, copper-colored hair pulled into a bun at the back of her head. She told me she was "so, so young" when she began to think of herself as potential nurse material; she has a vague memory of taking a test in elementary school that suggested she was suited to work in a helping profession. "I thought about sociology, and then I realized I felt a little too shy to talk to people too much." But nursing intrigued her, and by the end of high school, she knew she wanted to study it in college. One of her great-great-grandfathers had been a doctor, but the men on her mother's side of the family were mostly lawyers. "My dad is in sales, and my mom is an office



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manager of a company back in Virginia.” Both supported their daughter’s aspirations. Becoming a physician never appealed to her, Parsons said. At first the educational requirements seemed onerous; then later, while working as a nursing assistant in college, “I noticed that nurses get a *lot* more time bedside. You’re there all day, basically.” Doctors “have to see so many people they don’t get to spend as much time with the patients as they might want to. But in nursing, you really get that. I appreciate how much time I can spend learning about my patients and their bodies. I need that time to be able to assess changes.”

She began attending York College, a small private college in Pennsylvania with a well-respected nursing program, in the fall of 1996. It was around then, she says, that she first became aware of the national nursing shortage. Teachers would exclaim over what a wonderful time it was for the students to be venturing into the job market. “You knew you’d get a job,” Parsons recalled, though she and her peers also fretted about the negative implications of the shortfall. “You weren’t sure if you’d be working your butt off because there weren’t enough nurses. That’s something I think about down the road, because I think the nursing shortage is getting worse, not better. And you don’t want to be put in a position where there are six travelers and one regular staff person. Then nobody really knows what they’re doing.”

She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in nursing at the end of 2000 and, as predicted, had no trouble finding work, joining the coronary-care staff of the Arlington hospital where she’d worked as an assistant. “I knew I wanted to work with more critically ill patients. And I prefer the ratio of two to one or three to one [common in intensive-care units]. You’re not running around as much. Also, it’s very interesting trying to determine what the problems are and trying to help fix them, working with the doctors.”

After a few years in Arlington, Parsons says, a couple of factors persuaded her to contact a travel-nursing agency. She wanted to live in other parts of the country, and being a travel nurse would make that almost effortless. The agency would find her a job, pay for her moving expenses, cover her health-care insurance, and provide her with a furnished apartment. Moreover, the standard travel-nursing assignment is 13 weeks. Parsons figured she could stand anything that long. If she didn’t like a job, she could always move on.

She didn’t want the agency to place her just anywhere. “I was afraid I’d end up in some weird small town that I never wanted to go

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to. I actually had New York City in mind, because I have a lot of friends there." She also thought about Denver, as well as San Diego. "I did like San Francisco as well, but I was, like, 'Well, if I'm going to California, I might as well spoil myself and go where it's warm all the time.'"

Parsons says San Diego quickly rose to the top of her list. Although farthest from

Virginia, "It's still a nice, relaxed place," she judged. "The only reason you feel like you're in a city sometimes is if a trolley rolls by you and you're standing next to a tall building. I'm used to Washington, D.C., and New York City, so San Diego feels a lot different to me. There's no old buildings. There's no trash anywhere. And the weather drew me here a lot."

The job that suited her best turned out to be in the medical and surgical intensive-care unit at Sharp's Chula Vista facility (no position was available in a more specialized cardiac-care unit, such as the one she had been working in). "But I was willing to try something new," Parsons said. "Half the point of my moving was so I could try new things. This forced me to do that sooner than I wanted, but it was fine."

Although most travel nurses are interviewed over the phone, Parsons was interviewed at the Chula Vista hospital while on a reconnaissance trip to San Diego. While she was there, the hospital offered her a six-month contract rather than the more typical three-month one, and Parsons says she felt confident enough about the hospital to commit to it. Sharp would be paying her directly, an uncommon arrangement. (Most hospitals pay the travel-nursing agencies, which in turn act as paymasters.) Parsons also took a non-standard approach in arranging her housing. A friend of hers had lived downtown in the

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Archstone Harborview apartment complex at G Street and Pacific Highway, and Parsons liked the building so much she negotiated with Access Nurses, her travel-nursing agency, to receive a monthly stipend to cover the rent on a studio there. "I really wanted something downtown, just to have the experience," Parsons explained. "The good thing about travel nursing is you can pick and choose a lot of what you want. You get spoiled, I think."

In exchange, hospitals expect the traveler to function at full effi-

ciency after only one or two orientation shifts. "There are so many ways of doing things in nursing," Parsons says. "A lot of it's a matter of finding where things are. Or different pharmacies can work in different ways as far as what kind of meds do they bring to you and what you're supposed to get yourself on the unit. They're stored in different places." Emergency-code names aren't always standard, she says, and "you also have to familiarize yourself with the paperwork. Everybody has different kinds. Less is definitely

better." Parsons says her colleagues at the Chula Vista intensive-care unit made her feel she'd chosen well in coming to work there. "My manager is wonderful — very warm." Although hospitals "don't necessarily need to put a lot of emotional effort into their travelers, I have to say they do at the hospital I'm at. They're very warm and accepting. They know that travelers keep them from being short [handed] all the time. So they're very happy that you're there." Parsons also found the

Chula Vista job to be less stressful than her old post in Virginia, a difference she attributed to better nursing support and a stricter adherence to having one nurse take care of no more than two patients. (The California legislature mandated that ratio for intensive-care units on January 1, 2004.) "At my old job, they didn't use travel-nursing agencies as much. If you were down two nurses and you couldn't find anybody, you were just down two nurses."

As a consequence, Parsons says she

watched some of her colleagues in Virginia develop poor attitudes over time. "Not poor in the sense that they provided bad care. But they were really stressed out, and they couldn't handle as much. Nursing is so physically and mentally stressing that the combination can really burn you out pretty easily. You're on your feet a lot. Not so much in this particular job, which I really like. I'm able to actually sit, as opposed to the last job, where I honestly wouldn't sit except for maybe the 15 minutes when I ate lunch or did

stuff on the computer." Parsons had been working a 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. shift three times a week, a common work schedule. I asked what she did on a typical night. That always began, she said, with an exchange of information with the day nurse. "So the real shift actually starts about 7:30 [p.m.]. You want to get your patients assessed within the first half hour. You're saying hi, looking them over, listening to their heart and lungs." This was crucial, Parsons added, "Because unfortunately

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these patients can change within minutes, depending on how sick they are." In order to recognize such a change, "You need to know what their baseline is."

A wide spectrum of individuals find their way into the intensive-care unit, she added. Patients might include pregnant women with complications or those who'd delivered but had developed problems while birthing. Ailing hearts and life-threatening cancers and mysterious abdominal masses all could require intensive care. "We also get a lot of folks who cross over the border for medical care," a fact that often led to linguistic frustration, according to Parsons. The only language she had studied in school was German. "We get a lot of communication done with hand gestures," she said. One saving grace

was that "the Hispanic community definitely provides for having a lot of family support. There's always, like, 10 or 15 people coming in and out. And that's very good because you usually have somebody there to help you translate."

After the initial patient assessments, "What happens after that really depends," Parsons said. "Unfortunately, you can walk into a room to assess your first patient, and they start crashing, and you can't even get to your next patient. There's those kinds of nights. Then you also have the kind of nights where both patients are really needy, and you're running back and forth a lot. Medication time is around 9:00 or 10:00, and retrieving the medications from the pharmacy can take a lot of time. In addition, you have to recheck all the

orders to make sure you're getting the right kind of medication.

"Fortunately, with nights, it's a lot more relaxed — which is one of the reasons I don't mind doing nights," Parsons said. Although intensive-care-unit patients are more apt to be awake than other patients, "There are definitely some times when you're sitting and just charting or doing other paperwork. And you can take a good break."

Outside the hospital, Parsons had also been happy. People here were much more relaxed than on the East Coast, she believed. "I mean relaxed in the way they go about doing things. Relaxed in their driving. I feel like I'm the only one speeding down the highway at 85 miles per hour with a cell phone." Compared to the hustle and bustle of Washington, D.C., or Arlington, San Diego

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seemed hardly a city at all. "They're building the high buildings, but the trolley system is kind of laughable, as far as I'm concerned. And nothing's open late. You have the Gaslamp that has the restaurants and other things, but there's no late-night deli. When the 7-Eleven opened up down on Kettner, I almost lost it. I was, like, 'Yes!'" Parsons hastened to add that she had enjoyed her downtown-living experience, but after extending her six-month contract with the hospital for an additional three months, she was thinking about moving to Pacific Beach.

Parsons confessed that when she moved to San Diego she had felt scared about leaving her family and friends. "'Cause I'm not a good phone person. I'm not a letter writer or anything like that." But working

the three 12-hour shifts often left her with blocks of five or six days off, she said, and she had used some of those to visit her boyfriend and other loved ones back East. Her boyfriend had visited her a few times too, before coming out to live with her at the end of the summer. Despite the travel, Parsons had managed to save "a good amount," she disclosed. "What I do is I use the money I get from paychecks from Sharp to live off," paying her rent out of that money. "And I save what Access gives me for the rent." She was living in a much more expensive apartment than she had had in Virginia. "There my roommate and I had a place for \$1000, so my share was \$500." The San Diego studio, in contrast, cost \$1400 a month. "But I'm getting paid more here as well,

plus I make a night differential." Whereas she had been making \$23 an hour when she left Virginia, her wage rate in Chula Vista was \$29 an hour.

Parsons told me that Sharp had offered her a permanent position. Although it tempted her, she said she wasn't ready to abandon her dream of living in Colorado, maybe even in New Zealand. She imagined she might travel another five years.

The drawbacks of being a travel nurse were minor, she reflected. Professional educational opportunities were more limited. "If an in-service class is filled with the full-time staff, you might not get in. Which is understandable. You're not going to do them any good knowing about [some new skill] if you're leaving." Parsons had also found her

nursing supervisors reluctant to allow her to handle more specialized procedures without proof of her competency. "I'll say, for example, that I've worked with balloon pumps, and they're, like, 'Oh, well. But you need to go to our class — which is not available until October.' Which doesn't help me at all." As a result, Parsons felt her learning might have hit a plateau.

Another disadvantage was that travelers were more vulnerable to displacement when times got slow. "A few weeks ago, they had only 5 patients in the intensive-care unit, instead of the normal 18." So the hospital "floated" Parsons, having her work in units where patients were being monitored for potential heart problems. There each night nurse took care of

between 4 and 6 patients. "When you're not used to taking care of that many people, it's really stressful to do so, 'cause you have to organize your time differently. It's a totally different way of doing nursing."

Parsons caught herself. "As far as I'm concerned, we're really spoiled, when it comes down to it. I feel very, very lucky to be able to do this — nursing in general, but also the traveling. I really can't complain on any level. I mean, I whine when I get floated, but that's pretty much it. And I whine for only, like, two seconds."

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When Parsons decided to become a travel nurse, she turned to the Internet. "I found there were so many companies," she said. "Google brought up page after page." She signed up

with Access Nurses because it seemed small, and Parsons thought she might get more personal attention.

Headquartered in Sorrento Mesa, Access in fact is a midsized operation, with about 70 employees, according to Alan Braynin, the president and chief executive officer. Braynin founded the company in 2001, seven years after graduating from UCSD. In the interim, he helped supply information-technology workers to companies in the Bay Area. Braynin also ran a San Francisco dot-com for a while and came to think he should marry his online experience with the growing need for travel nurses. "You have thousands of nurses in your database." They need housing all over the country. "If you're able to retrieve information more efficiently,

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Money, he says, provides a powerful incentive for nurses to travel. "A nurse in Tennessee, an RN, might be making \$17 an hour. They can come out to California and make more than \$30 and live in housing rent-free. They get benefits. They get health insurance, a 401(k) plan." In California, San Diego nursing jobs pay the lowest, according to Braynin. "For one thing, there are a few hospital systems that are dominant in this marketplace. So they can kind of control the [wage rates]. But the other thing is it's a more desirable location. Actually, [pay rates in] Hawaii and San Diego are lower than many places. It's sunshine dollars." Braynin estimated that San Diego salaries ranged from \$24 to \$30

an hour. "Thirty would be very high in San Diego. It would be low in San Francisco."

I asked Braynin where the travel nurses come from, and he replied, "We take a lot of nurses from Southern states and put them into California, because Southern states like Alabama and Mississippi don't have as acute a [nursing-shortage] problem. I think Minnesota actually may have a surplus, for some weird reason. But right now, the shortage is a worldwide problem. The U.S. recruits nurses from the Philippines and India and Canada and the UK and Australia and Ireland. Australia also has a shortage now, so it recruits nurses from the Philippines and India and other countries. There's this musical-chairs game being played, where you have nurses being moved around

overseas as well as domestically. It is an acute national problem, and it's getting worse."

The same assessment comes from Susan Nowakowski. She's the president and chief operating officer of AMN Healthcare, the largest travel-nurse provider in the United States. Recent mayoral candidate Steve Francis founded the company in 1985 in Las Vegas, but two years later he moved it to San Diego County, with the current headquarters located in Carmel Valley. When Nowakowski joined the company in 1990, she says it had about 20 employees and 200 travelers. Today it boasts 900 corporate employees (including about 600 locally), who place and serve about 6100 nurses at any given time. "We went public in 2001," Nowakowski says. Now AMN Healthcare is the

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Nowakowski says travel-nursing began in the late '70s in response to the seasonal needs of hospitals in Florida and Arizona. "Those areas have a big influx of the elderly for four or five

months out of the year. Their hospital censuses grow, and they need more staff — but only for four or five months." When people realized that nurses could be induced to follow the snowbirds, an industry was born.

Other factors have helped it to flourish. Nowakowski says, "In order to be competitive, hospitals are constantly opening new units with the latest technology. But with every opening of a new unit comes a need for more nurses,

and you end up with specialty-specific shortages. Or sometimes there's just an increased utilization in a particular specialty. The operating room, for example, is very tied to the economy. When the economy is doing well

and people are more employed, they're going in for more surgeries, and there's a need for more O.R. nurses."

Another factor is that 95 percent of nurses are female, according to Nowakowski, and many

staff nurses take family medical leaves to have babies or care for ailing parents. "A traveler fits in perfectly for a two- or three-month stint." Even if there were no nursing shortage, the company president says, travel nursing would be

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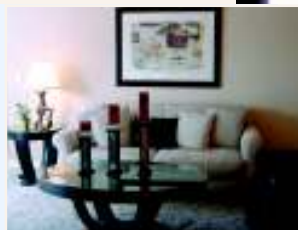
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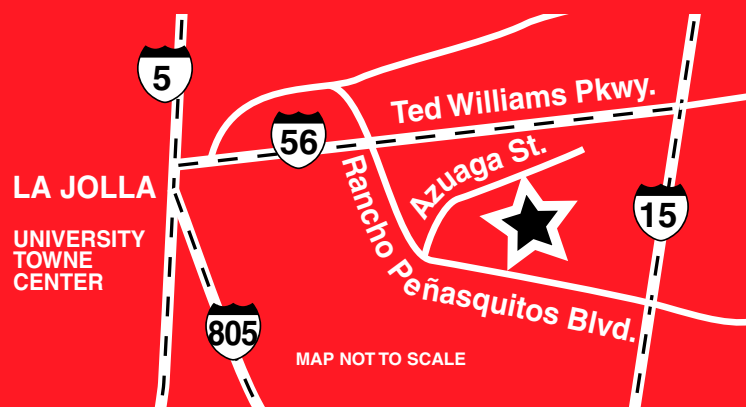
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"And they already are having a difficult time making ends meet," Nowakowski notes. "So that's not something they're jumping on the bandwagon to do."

On the other hand, hospitals have embraced the use of travelers, she says. AMN Healthcare currently works with more than 3000 facilities, which Nowakowski says constitutes about 40 percent of the nation's acute-care hospitals. And "every year we sign up more." Competition among the agencies to both recruit and retain travelers is fierce. "The thought within the industry is that people tend to travel for two to three years. But we have people who've been

doing it for ten years." Others try one contract only to realize they're not cut out for the peripatetic life.

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Lisa Khan at first thought she might be one of the latter. Khan left her home on a dirt road in a two-stoplight town in the Deep South to help deliver babies in San Francisco. "That was culture shock!" The crowds and traffic and homeless people dumbfounded her. "I wanted to gawk at everything, but I didn't want to look like I was gawking. I was thrown by it. It took me a while to adjust."

But adjust she did. Khan, who's 43, is a short woman with long blond hair, a wide face, and a voice full of Southern honey. Five years after her departure from Luverne, Alabama, she gave the impression she'd be

unruffled if she found herself having to deliver a set of twins by herself. In the back of a taxi. In the middle of a snowstorm. In Greenland.

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to know.” She’d never been hospitalized until she had her first child a year or so after graduating from high school. But she had complications from that delivery, and she says the nurses’ skill and self-assurance impressed her during her week-long postpartum stay. “They seemed to know exactly what to do.” She began to wonder if she might join their sisterhood.

“My mother worked for the state Department of Human Resources. And my father was self-employed. But I think they felt like if I went into nursing, I would always have a job.” Khan’s first inclination, she says, was to become a licensed practical nurse (the equivalent of a licensed vocational nurse in California). “Back then it only took a year, and they had these programs that basically paid for everything, with loans and grants and stuff like that.”

While enrolled in the licensed practical nurse program, however, Khan says she and some friends had second thoughts about the more limited degree. “There’s skilled things that RNs can do that LPNs can’t do.” They can administer intravenous drugs, for example, or work in intensive-care units. “RNs are more trained for critical thinking and to make decisions. So if you’re the kind of person who enjoys doing everything you have the potential to do, it’s better to go ahead and be an RN.” Khan says one friend found an accelerated program in Selma that enabled her to get her RN in just one additional year. “I’ve always been so thankful that I did it that way — got it behind me.”

Khan was 21 when she obtained her license, and within

short order, she found herself pregnant again. Having a second child didn’t derail her career. “In the hospital [where] I worked at the time, you worked seven days on and seven days off. But I had a grand-

mother who took care of my kids the days I was at work, so I didn’t have to worry about daycare or anything like that. I just paid her.”

The hospital, the only one in the little town, required nurses

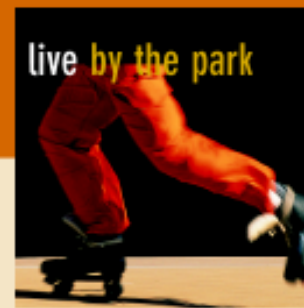
to work 12-hour shifts on seven-day stretches. “But with a small community hospital like that, you don’t have the hustle and bustle that you have in big hospitals,” according to Khan. “We did do routine sur-

geries, like gall bladders and appendectomies, and we did labor and delivery. But very low risk. There were days when it was very busy. But there was also a lot of downtime.” The nurses set up a barbe-

cue under a gazebo in a little courtyard, and on sleepy weekends they’d grill for themselves and the doctors.

On two occasions, Khan says she left the little hospital in search of a more traditional

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work schedule. Both times she became a community health nurse. "I kept thinking Monday through Friday would be better, but in the end it never worked out. And every day the hospital was calling me on the phone, saying, 'Please come back.'"

She learned about travel nursing in the early 1990s. "Two of the nurses at the hospital became travel nurses. They were single, and they went together. They took a job somewhere in Texas. One of them couldn't handle it. She came back halfway through. She just missed home too much. The other one finished out her assignment but then came back," also convinced she wasn't cut out for life on the road. "So that's how I first heard about it, but I didn't know any details."

About five years ago Khan tried to find out

more. At that point, she had divorced her first husband and married a banker who had grown up in London, England. "The small town I lived in didn't have the job opportunities that he needed." Khan says she was flipping through a nursing journal one day when her eyes lit upon an ad from a travel-nursing agency. "I'm a sucker for advertisement," she laments. "Advertisement sells me." Her husband was also intrigued by the prospect of seeing more of the United States, so Kahn called one of the recruiters. Although she'd worked almost every nursing job at her little hospital, she says she gave some thought to how she ought to market her skills. "I talked to one of the doctors back home about it, and he told me he thought I'd be better in the ER. But the only ER nursing I had ever

done was small-town." Big messy trauma cases were a rarity. "I could just envision it in these big cities — like *ER* on TV! I didn't want to go somewhere where I would feel incompetent. So I decided to go with labor and delivery. Because labor and delivery is just labor and delivery. That baby's only going to come out in one of two ways."

She loved the ease of the relocation. "I'd never done any big moving. Even when I was married, I lived just right down the road from where I grew up." She says she and her husband and daughter (then 15) drove from Alabama to California, arrived in San Francisco on a Friday afternoon, and slept that night in the apartment that Khan's company had prearranged for them. "They took care of utilities and everything. I

didn't have to put anything in my name. It was a very nice apartment complex."

She worked at the Kaiser Permanente facility on Geary Street, and Kahn says it took her at least six weeks to get over the culture shock. By the end of her original three-month contract, she felt confident enough to stay another three months. At the end of that period, her mother became ill, "and I wanted to get back on the eastern side of the United States. So I was making plans for a contract in Ohio, which shows you I know nothing about geography, because that was nowhere near Luverne. You can make it in a day's drive, but it's a hard day's drive." As things turned out, her mother died before Khan's California contract ended. She and her husband and daughter

nonetheless moved to Ohio for 13 weeks, where she enjoyed her stint at Ohio State University Hospital, a huge teaching facility. But her husband's professional opportunities were limited in Ohio, "so we decided to go to Washington, D.C. We lived in Alexandria, Virginia. We were there for about two years," Khan recalls. "I worked at different hospitals, and he got a job at the credit union in the Pentagon."

She never warmed to her first Washington assignment, a Catholic hospital that seemed gloomy to her. She spent a more satisfying year at a private medical center, then got a contract working at a large inner-city institution. There, "A lot of the patients were drug addicts. It was sad. A lot were high-risk. And while we were there, two hospitals closed. The last one was a large

delivering hospital, and it flooded the other hospitals in labor and delivery. We would have people lined up in the hallways, sitting in chairs, waiting for monitors, laboring. It was overwhelming at times, especially toward the end."

Khan says the last three or four months of her Washington tenure almost extinguished her enthusiasm for nursing. Her older child, a son, had married by then, and his wife was expecting a baby, so Khan and her husband and daughter returned to Alabama. They still had their home there, a significant tax advantage (since living expenses on the road aren't considered income if you have a permanent residence). "But every year or two, you have to go back home and reestablish your residency," Khan explains. As she waited for her



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grandson's birth, she returned to Luverne's community hospital. "There I kind of dabbled in labor and delivery. You don't always have someone in." During the slow periods, she worked with medical and surgical patients again, a welcome change, she says. "I didn't realize that by specializing like I'd done for the past three years, I had kind of lost touch with medicine."

Khan says she and her husband stayed in Luverne for three months after her grandson's birth. Then, to her surprise, "I kind of got itchy to be back on the road again. And my husband said, 'Well, let's go back to California.' " No contract was available in San Diego, their preferred destination, "So we went to Palm Springs — in the summertime! I had no clue what that meant. But I do now. Enjoyed it

very much, but it was *hot*." After five months, Khan took an assignment in the mountains, in Santa Maria, which she remembers as "a very lovely place. It was nice and cool. There was fall in the air." Then a position at Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women opened. "I was there for seven months. They're delivering an average of 700 babies a month. But as long as you have the nurses to handle it, it's not hideous." On the contrary, she thinks Mary Birch is "an excellent hospital. Very well organized. You may have seen them on Discovery Health a couple of times."

Around this time, Khan's husband began to think about starting a medical-billing business. As he went back to school to study that subject, Khan decided to check out another hospital here, and at the

beginning of July, she took a job at Kaiser, five minutes away from her apartment, tending to women recovering from high-risk pregnancies and gynecological surgery. "It's an excellent hospital, also," she told me toward the end of her contract there. "It's a teaching hospital. But I don't like being out of labor and delivery for prolonged periods of time, because labor and deliver can be very intensive and very critical. It's a specialized field, and if I'm out of it for a prolonged period of time, I have to stop and think about what to do next." By September 2004, another labor-and-delivery post for a traveler had opened up at Mary Birch, and Khan was planning to return. "The nurses are wonderful there," she said. "Very supportive."

Still, she doubted that she and her husband would remain in



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San Diego for much longer. "I have a son and a daughter-in-law and a grandchild back there in Alabama," she reminded me. Also, the cost of living in San Diego could seem overwhelming. "When we first came back out, I

decided there must be no cows or chickens here because eggs and milk were so expensive! Unfortunately, I have to buy my groceries. My company doesn't do that for me." While the top pay Khan had earned in Alabama was

\$24 an hour versus \$26 to \$34 an hour in San Diego, "The cost of living [in the South] is nothing! I could have a mansion for \$100,000 there. With lots of land." Moreover, neighborliness in California seemed in short supply. "Like, for example, when we were in Santa Maria, my car broke down on the way to a doctor's visit. It was at a busy intersection, and I was able to get it off to the side of the road. I

just needed a little jump to get to the service station across the road. But nobody would stop." She called AAA, which solved her problem, but she couldn't help comparing that experience to what had happened to her husband on the couple's last trip back to Alabama. "He was alone on this stretch of deserted highway, and something happened to his car. And within ten minutes, three people had stopped to see what he needed. So there's a difference, and it has to do with the region you're living in."

On the other hand, traveling had taught her about different cultures, she pointed out. "Being from the South, you know there's certain

prejudices with certain people. There's no different cultures back there. It's just a slow, sleepy town that's still living in the past. Which is nice. It's like Mayberry. It's a great place to raise kids. But when I started traveling, I met all these different races, especially in labor and delivery." Traveling had exposed her to much more racial and ethnic diversity, which she enjoyed. Khan told me she felt sad that people in Alabama were missing out on this "because they want to cling to the past."

Travel nursing had also taught her about the diversity in American medicine. "I've learned there's different ways to achieve the same end," she said. She

also believed that traveling had forced her to become more efficient. "I wouldn't want anyone to regret that they'd hired me. And I'd hate for travel nurses to have a bad name. So I try to excel in the things that I do."

I wondered if travel nurses ever serve as a conduit for transmitting good ideas between hospitals, but Khan said she hesitated to tell one group how others did things. "People don't like to hear that," she observed. "I myself don't like it. And you don't want anyone to think you're talking down about their facility." Over the years, she'd learned to hold her tongue for several weeks after arriving in a new place. "I just watch

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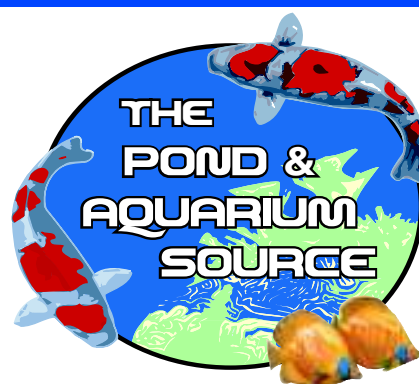


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She said she'd had the most luck at passing along suggestions to the community hospital in Luverne. One of the doctors there had asked her outright how people did things elsewhere. "And he changed a few things. Like, they were giving moms a type of medicine that was old, and it wasn't really necessary. They quit giving it, because nobody else does." She added, "Even though I may never, ever go back to that little hospital again, I'm always on the lookout for things that I think will help them out. Like I told them about an inexpensive disposable vacuum for helping to deliver babies, and I think they actually started using it."

At the community hospital, Khan had served on a number of committees over the years. One of the drawbacks of being a traveler, she thought, was that she couldn't get involved with hospital infrastructure. "I miss being involved with the inside policies and procedures of how things are going. Helping make decisions."

She'd like to do more of that if and when she stops traveling, she says. "I wouldn't want to be totally management, but I like being on the fringes of it." If she settled into a permanent hospital position, she could also see being drawn into something other than labor and delivery. "The kind of nursing I enjoy is the fast-paced hustle-bustle. The blood, the guts, and the gore. That's why I love the ER."

Toward the end of our conversation, Khan

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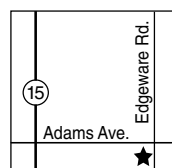
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and I got to talking about the nursing shortage. "It's a stressful job," she reflected, "and there's a lot of responsibility. Not just everybody's cut out to be a nurse." Her daughter, who was studying cosmetology, "would run away from it in a minute. She's very squeamish. And she can't stand the thought of inflicting pain on anyone. She doesn't want to see anything that's the least bit messy." Khan's son, on the other hand, had confided to her that the field appealed to him. Khan says she told him, "You just waited too long to entertain that thought, because now you're married with a child." But he would make a good nurse, she believed. "He likes things that are exciting. He's very calm and can think things through. He's just the kind of person who has a good, stable inner self, so he'd be able to handle multi-tasks well."

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Men may make up only 5 percent of nurses, but some do travel. I spoke at length with two. Brian Becker told me nursing had called to him "because I knew of the opportunities that were in it." As a nurse, he might work in a hospital or sell drugs or medical equipment. He might work as an expert witness. "With that one degree I have a lot of options."

Becker, 35, acknowledged that it took him a while to recognize this. A native of Philadelphia, he'd thought about a medical career while in high school. But instead he studied hospitality management in college, and after graduating in 1991, he managed several restaurants over the course of five years. Although he liked the work at first, he grew

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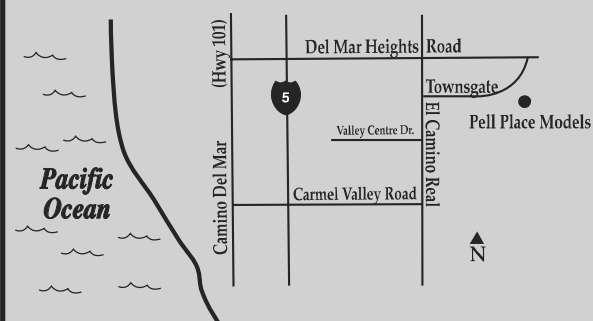
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discouraged by the long hours and salary limitations. He also by then had become aware of the nursing shortage and knew that as a nurse he would never lack for job opportunities. Still, he says he agonized for about a year before deciding to change careers. "It was pretty hard to go back to school at a nontraditional age in a nontraditional gender role."

He took out loans

and waited tables during the three years it took him to get a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Kennesaw State University in Georgia. Since then, Becker told me, he'd never regretted the career switch. While working at his first nursing job — caring for patients recovering from heart and lung surgeries at a large Atlanta hospital — he heard about travel nursing.

ing. "It sounded like a pretty good deal.... I had always wanted to move around the country and see different parts of it, even when I was doing hospitality management." Becker signed up with an agency, and his first assignment brought him to Mercy Hospital's cardiothoracic step-down unit.

In the three and a half years since then, he'd worked in Oakland, Denver, Chicago, San Diego (for a second stay at Mercy), San Jose, Philadelphia, and Laguna Hills. In the future, "The Virgin Islands is on my list," he told me. "Savannah, Georgia, is another one that I would like to do a lot. Sometimes for the winter, I like to do a ski area, and sometimes I like to stay warm." Visions of Maine had been coming to him, he said. Reno/Lake Tahoe sounded appealing.

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Maintaining his friendships and ties with family had proved to be “no problem,” he asserted. “With cell phones and e-mail, it’s pretty much a piece of cake. Although my longstanding friends have been more jealous than anything. I have so many friends that work in the business field, and when I first started doing this, they were always saying, ‘Why didn’t I go to nursing school?’”

Becker thought his capacity to be flexible aided him. “A lot of nurses tend to only want to work days or nights. But I’ll work all kinds of shifts. I love my job, but it’s only three days a week. I can go in and do anything for three days, to have my four days off to do whatever really makes me happy.” For that reason, he avoided working overtime. “I always have it in my mind that I’m going to work overtime, but I have too much fun when I’m not at work.”

Becker told me people often ask him how he went from restaurant management to nursing. But so much of both jobs is the same, he thought. “It’s all public relations, management, and people skills. In nursing, you’re constantly building bridges to manage the care between the doctors and patients and families. More often than not, you’re dealing with more than one doctor. And the weirdest thing is it seems like doctors don’t like to talk to each other about what’s going on. So you’re an intermediary.... It’s like you have doctors on one side and patients and family on another, and the nurse is the valley. It all rolls down on both sides of you, and you have to build the bridge between the two.”

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Thirty-two-year-old Edward McNamara often remarks that he has 30 to 40 years of nursing ahead of him. He sounds enthralled by that prospect. When I asked if he might not

tire of the work at some point, he shot back, “Never! Oh, I’ll be a nurse until the day I die. I don’t know why God made me a McNamara. I don’t know a lot of things. But I do know that God put me on this

earth to be a nurse. It’s my one true calling.”
A baby-faced man with short dark brown hair and expressive brown eyes, McNamara was the only male in his graduating class in Louisiana, where he

studied to get his LPN degree. There, some of the nursing instructors made it clear they viewed men as intruders. “I’m not going to lie to you,” McNamara told me. “They don’t like men. I had one instruc-

tor who said, ‘The doctors are men. The administration’s men. Nursing is the one area that’s female-dominated and female-controlled.’ And they wanted to keep it like that.”

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McNamara had worried about the academic demands of nursing school and indeed found the course work to be "18 months of hell." But as a working LPN, he chafed at having "all these RNs over me. I was, like, 'I'm doing what they're doing. I'm just as smart as they are.'" So, like Khan, he found a college with a program that enabled him to become a registered

nurse with one more year of arduous study. At that college, in Chicago, he says 10 out of his 62 classmates were male. McNamara then worked for a few years in New Orleans before signing up with a travel-nursing agency. Having shuttled throughout his childhood between his father's home in New Orleans and his mother's in Dixon, Illinois, he figured traips-

ing around the country would feel natural. But as he settled into his first travel-nursing post at the Brotman Medical Center in Culver City, he found himself flailing.

"It's a very difficult transition," he says. "I had to literally pull myself out of my apartment and say, 'You're going to get on the freeway today. You're going to find out where the Starbucks is or a Chili's.' Because I love Chili's restaurants. But I didn't know where anything

was." At times he would call friends in Chicago and wail, "I hate it here! I hate the traffic! And the people are mean! Midwest people are friendly. They're conservative; good people, for the most part. But in L.A., people are just all about film, comedians, singers, actors, producers, directors."

I asked whether McNamara detected more obnoxious behavior among his patients than he'd seen in the Midwest or New Orleans, but he said no.


"To me, people are people. They're either generous, genuine, honest. Or they're manipulative, drug-seeking, scared." Only at coffeehouses and grocery stores had he witnessed repulsive behavior, he said. "I was in the grocery store in L.A., and this guy walked up to me and said, 'I'm a producer.' And I looked at him and said, 'Okay.'" The man repeated his assertion. "It was like he wanted me to get his autograph," the nurse recalls. "And I'm, like,

'What a weirdo!' But that's L.A."

In Culver City, he worked with patients recovering from heart surgery, but he yearned to get back to exclusive duty in the emergency room, his specialty. "What I like best about the ER is that patients come in, and you fix them. You see results. And they go home." The pace is always intense. "You never know what you're walking into. There's no specific routine. You just go with the flow." He says he

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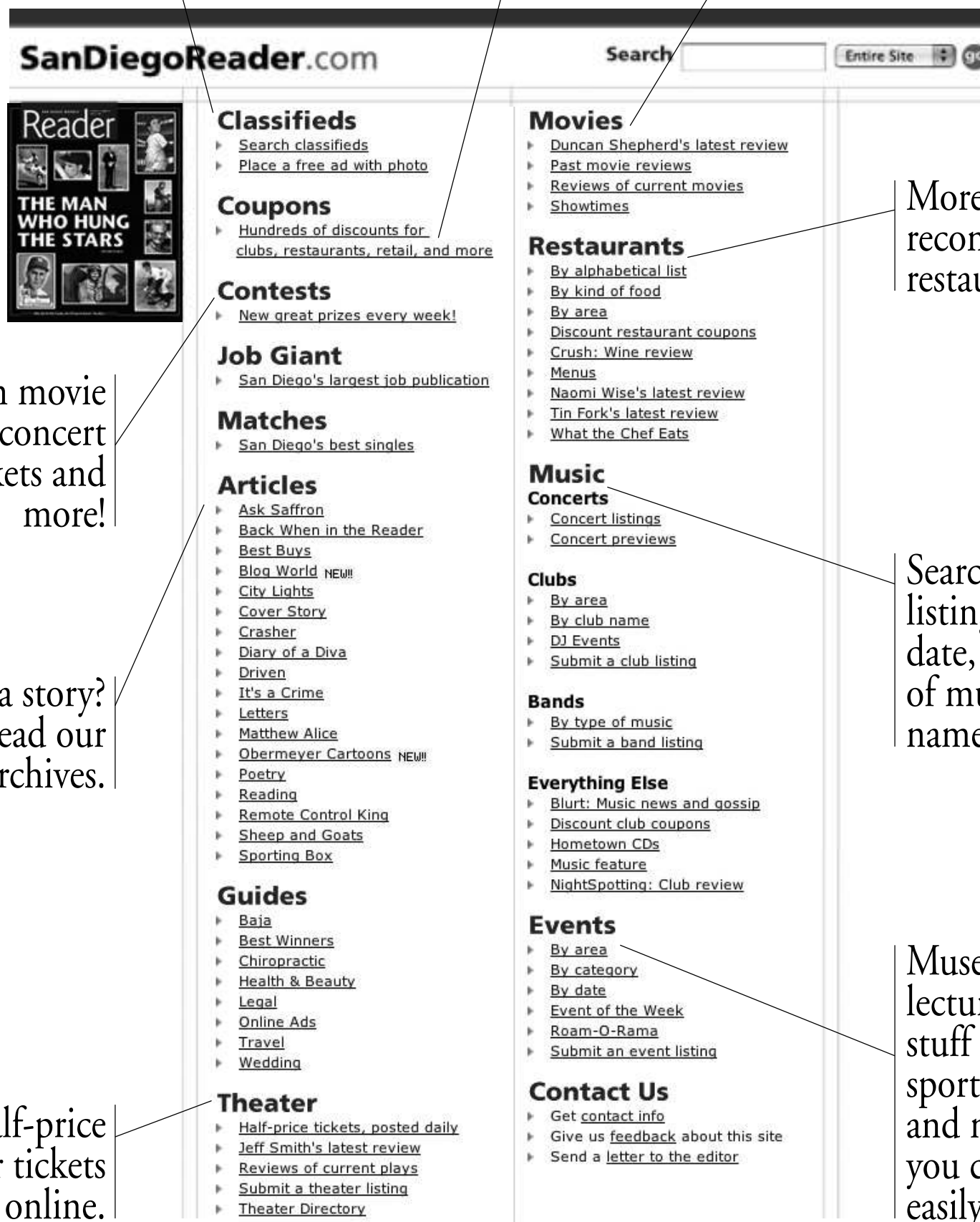
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disliked the Brotman center for other reasons. "The nurses I worked with didn't know what they were doing. We had a guy come in, and I said, 'He has AIDS.' And they were, like, 'No, he doesn't.' And I'm, like, 'Look at his respiratory rate. Look at his color.'" McNamara says his judgment turned out to be correct. Moreover, "We were always short-

staffed, so I was always overworked." After ten weeks, he moved to the Verdugo Hills Hospital's emergency room in Glendale, where he says he saw a lot of drug overdoses. "Oh, my gosh! We would have one every other night. Upper-income bored housewives."

While at the second hospital, McNamara lived in an apartment in the Hollywood Hills

for which his travel-nursing agency paid \$3500 per month. But he didn't like it as much as the place he'd had in Culver City, which was located "in a very middle-class, normal type of neighborhood. It wasn't that expensive," he said, "but it had a very comfortable, homey-type feel to it. It had a fireplace." In contrast, the Hollywood apartment "was right across from

Warner Brothers studio, and it had all these little snotty, snobby people. And you know what? I said, 'I'm a registered nurse. I have blood on me. I have poop on me. I don't need to be living in some high-class place.'"

When he moved to San Diego in July of last year, he settled into the Archstone complex across Villa La Jolla Drive from La Jolla Village Square, also "a very ritzy area," in his judgment. But he found La Jolla beautiful and unpretentious. Everything about San Diego, in fact, appeared to please McNamara. "People are very, very friendly. Flip-flops, T-

shirts, and shorts. My first week here, I called my recruiter at Access Nurses, and I said, 'Somebody walked past me and said hello.' She kind of laughed and said, 'Edward, you're not in L.A. anymore.' I said, 'I know! I love it! I love San Diego.' The difference from L.A. is night and day."

Here he was earning the same wage he'd made in New Orleans (about \$28 an hour), and the staff he was working with, at the University Community Medical Center, ranked among the best he had known anywhere. "It's the old Villa View Hospital," at the intersection of University Avenue and 54th Street

in East San Diego, McNamara explained. The neighborhood looked so rough it almost scared him away at first, he recalled. "I thought, 'Oh my God. What did I get myself into?' But when I went in, the nurses were all smiling. One nurse gave me a tour of the entire facility, and all the staff members welcomed me with open arms." Nurses can be "very territorial," McNamara interjected. "One ICU I worked in, the nurses all had assigned seats, and I sat down in the wrong seat, and I got chewed out by this older nurse. From there on, I said, 'Oh my God! Before I walk into any new unit,

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"You can have the most psychotic, manipulating, demanding patients in the world and still have a great night" if the staff works well together, McNamara offered. Many of the medical center's emergency-room visitors did, in fact, appear to him to be "very psychotic. We see a lot of outbursts." Many were also "really, really, really, really, really ill," he added. "Because of

the neighborhood, the knowledge base isn't like you or I have, where we were taken to the doctor when we were young and had physicals and exams and this and that. These people go years without going to a doctor. We had a 22-year-old come in with a blood sugar of, like, 800!" A normal range is 80 to 120, McNamara pointed out. When blood sugar gets that high, it can thicken and even stop the blood flow. "He could have died!"

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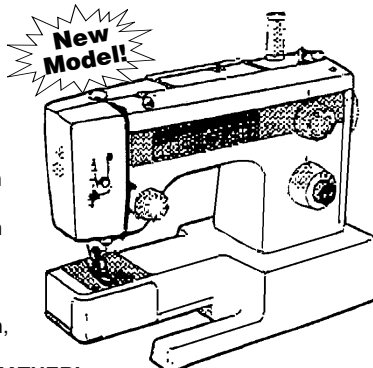
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That irritates him, McNamara admitted. "We'll have four beds full, with two people in triage, and three people outside waiting to come in. And they're wasting our time."

Although McNamara had worked in a number of emergency rooms before coming to San Diego, none were Level I trauma centers — places capable of dealing with victims of gunshots, stabblings, car accidents, and other messy disasters. The emergency room at the University Community Medical Center was a Level III facility. "For example, if somebody's got a gunshot wound, they'll ship them directly to Mercy, instead of taking them to where I am."

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After nine months of working as a travel nurse, McNamara still thought like a staff nurse, he confessed. “Somebody will throw something away, and I’ll say, ‘Don’t do that! It’s not cost-efficient!’ Or, ‘You’re using too many paper towels.’ ” But he was planning to travel for a few more years.

When I checked in with him one year after we first talked, he had covered a lot of ground, both physically and psychologically. In January he had left San Diego to move on to a Level I trauma center in

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BIPOLAR?



We’re looking for men and women diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder.

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Does your erectile dysfunction (ED) medication have the lasting effects you desire?

We are conducting a research study to determine male sexual responsiveness over time, to a previously approved ED medication.

To qualify, you must:

- be 18-70 years old
- have had ED for at least 3 months

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San Francisco; then in June he'd transferred to the University of Maryland's hospital in Baltimore, where the emergency-room services were reputed to be the best in the country. "It's *just like* the TV show *ER*!" he told me.

He would continue working there through

either December of this year or sometime next spring, but then he planned to move to the Chicago area, where most of his family lived, and find a position as a staff nurse. "I've kind of gotten this out of my system," he reflected.

"For the past six months I've felt like my

life has been on hold." He wanted to sink some roots, create a real home for himself. "I've had my fun." He added that if he ever did decide to take another travel-nursing assignment, "I'd probably go back to San Diego. It was paradise." ■

— Jeannette De Wyze

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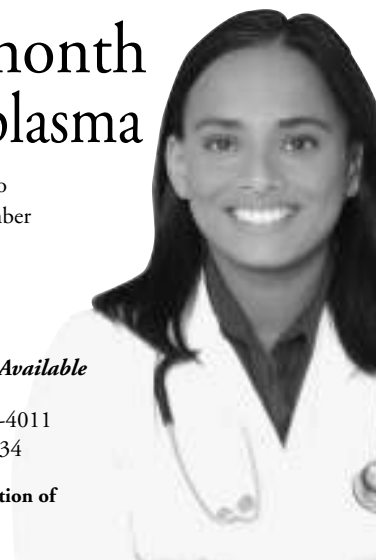
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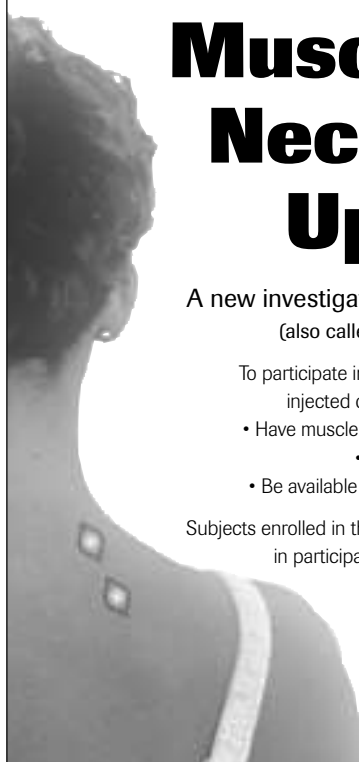
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Can't Sleep?

Pacific Sleep Medicine Services is participating in a national research study of individuals who regularly have trouble falling asleep or waking and not able to get back to sleep.

Interested participants must be:

- 18-64 years of age
- Diagnosis of chronic primary insomnia for at least 3 months

Study related care is provided at no charge, including a physical exam, sleep exams, laboratory services and study medication.

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

For more information, call (toll-free)



Pacific Sleep Medicine Services

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heavy menstrual bleeding

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

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

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

This investigational drug is not a hormone.

You must:

- be a generally healthy woman between the ages of 18 and 49
- have regular menstrual cycles with heavy bleeding
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Bipolar— Manic-Depressive

Bipolar disorder affects 480 million adults. We are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medication that may treat manic episodes associated with bipolar disorder. Manic symptoms include decreased sleep, irritability, racing thoughts, rapid speech and hostility. If you or someone you know has these symptoms, you may qualify to participate.

Qualified volunteers will receive compensation for their time and participation.

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Mild Memory Loss?

You may have mild cognitive impairment.

If you or someone you know are aged 45 to 90 and have mild memory loss, a local medical facility is taking part in a national clinical research study to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an oral investigational medication for mild cognitive impairment. Qualified participants will receive complete study-related physical exams, lab work, electrocardiograms and cognitive evaluations at no charge while taking part in this study. If you or someone you know is otherwise healthy but having evidence of memory loss, call Optimum Health Services today to find out about this study for mild cognitive impairment.

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Do you suffer from insomnia related to GAD?

Optimum Health Services is currently screening volunteers for participation in a research study for individuals with insomnia related to Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD). If you are between the ages of 18 and 64 and have insomnia related to anxiety you may be interested in finding out more about this research study.

Symptoms you may experience include:

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

The purpose of this research study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication for the treatment of insomnia associated with anxiety. All qualified participants will receive an approved anti-anxiety medication in addition to the investigational medication. Study participants will also receive study-related medical care including health assessments and study medication.

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Schizophrenia Research Study

If you suffer from Schizophrenia, you might qualify to take part in a research study. We are currently looking for men and women 18 years and older to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of schizophrenia. Office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications related to this study will be provided at no cost. Compensation provided for time and travel.

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ROAD.’”

Richard Milford, owner of American Driving School and El Cajon Driving School, has been an instructor since 1977. *What percentage of students are teenagers?* “I would say probably about 60 percent are teenagers. A lot of the teenagers [that I teach] have had amputations or have had, you know, a stroke or something like that.”

Is teaching handicapped students a lot harder? “Oh, yeah. Much more difficult to teach when they have never driven with one arm before or had to learn to drive with hand controls.... [And] they are not always that coordinated because they’ve had accidents. So their coordination skills are bad. A lot of the times their vision is really bad where they can’t see really good to the right or left. So, you have to teach them all new vision habits, which is difficult because they’re not used to turning their head, not used to doing these things.”

Do teen students drive better than older students? “Nah. Well, they’re new.... I think driving depends on a person’s knowledge and attitude. A lot of times we have trouble with young people because their attitude is that they kind of use the road as like a — we call it the ‘Disneyland Syndrome’ and they rush around. Older people don’t do that.”

What’s the most common error made by teen drivers? “One of them is that they have trouble judging their speed. In other words, when they come to a turn, they don’t slow down enough so that they can accelerate through the turn. So, they roll around the turn with their brake on because they went into it too fast.... The next one is attention span, because they have a tendency to get distracted easily, looking at other things or whatever because they’re new at it. And the third one is vision. They have a tendency to let their vision get distracted or they don’t look far enough ahead.”

What do teen drivers do well? “One of them is that they’re

very quick, response-wise. They see things quickly and respond to it. Another thing they do is they have a tendency to not really get upset at traffic as much as adults do. They’re a little more patient, in some regards — until they get to about 22 or 23, and then they start getting like everybody else.”

What’s the most memorable driving experience you have had with a teen? “I think probably the most positive ones I’ve had were teenagers who get in the car and don’t have a clue where the brake and the gas are, and after six hours or so they’re driving really well.... The other thing I guess would be that you’re in a position to control their thinking. In other words, you can get them to think about driving correctly.”

Any other interesting stories? “A lot of senior citizens — one of the things that’s happened is they — a husband and wife — the husband does all the driving. Husbands, they usually die first because usually they’re older. The woman has not driven for years and years and years because the husband did all the driving.

Now how’s she going to get around?”

Kelly is an instructor at Allstate Driving School. She’s been teaching for approximately seven years.

What percentage of students are teenagers? “Most of them are seniors and teenagers, usually about 80 percent teenagers.”

About how many teens do you instruct each week? “I teach every day from 8:00 to 5:00 [and] usually I have about four students a day.”

Do teen students drive better than older students? “Well, they learn quicker than seniors, but they don’t have experience. In six hours, I can train them and they can drive very well. But if something happens, they don’t know how to react to it.”

What’s the most common error made by teen drivers? “They mess up the gas and the brake often.”

What do teen drivers do well? “When you tell them something, they pick it up right away.”

Have you ever been in an accident

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Change in appetite

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Creepy, crawly legs?

Do you have the urge to move your legs or feel unpleasant sensations in your legs at night?

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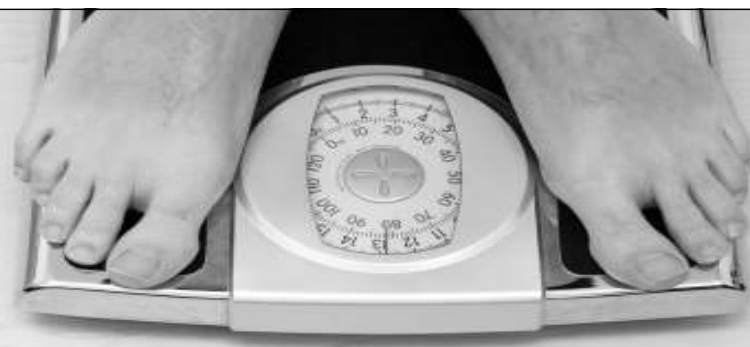
- ✓ Be 18-75 years of age
- ✓ Experience symptoms of RLS, or an irresistible urge to move the legs or uncomfortable sensations that worsen during periods of rest or inactivity

All office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications related to this study will be provided at no cost.

Qualified participants will be compensated up to \$650 for time and travel

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Do you or does someone you know have **bipolar depression?**

Bipolar disorder is a serious disorder of the brain that can cause extreme shifts in mood, energy, and functioning. Individuals with

bipolar disorder usually suffer from cycles of mania/hypomania and depression. Bipolar depression symptoms may include persistent sadness or emptiness, irritability, loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities, or difficulty concentrating.

If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms of depression and have been diagnosed with bipolar I or bipolar II disorder, you may be interested to learn about a clinical research study of an investigational medication for bipolar depression.

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with a teen driver? "No, not with me."

Have there been any close calls? "Yes. Most of the cases, when they turn, they turn onto the wrong lane. So I had to grab onto the steering wheel and step on my brake. You know, I have to step on

my brake pedal on the other side [of the car]."

What's the most common question teens ask? "They ask me at a traffic light or at a stop sign what to do; they ask 'Can I go?' Most of them don't ask me very many questions, so it is hard to say. Usually

they ask me when they stop, 'Can I go?' especially on their practice tests."

What's the most memorable driving experience you have had with a teen? "One time I had a student who didn't know the difference between left or right. Every time I said

something, like, 'Move to the left lane,' he would move to the right. You would think that they would know this."

How do teens feel when they begin to drive? "Usually, they are very nervous on their first lesson. Even though most of them know how to drive before they come to see us, they are very nervous and excited for their first time."

Anonymous, Balboa Driving School *What percentage of students are teenagers?* "For most schools, it's about 80 percent of their business."

What's the most common error made by teen drivers? "Depends on the teen. Some are timid, some are over-aggressive, some act like they don't know where they're at. It just depends on the person.... But I think it's mostly the [older people] that make the errors."

What do teen drivers do well? "Well, they probably learn better because they want to drive more. When you're teaching an adult over a teen, they probably pay better attention and learn quicker than the adult. When you want your license at 16, you're very eager."

Have you ever been in an accident with a teen driver? "You usually don't crash. I've never hit anybody. If someone is out there crashing a lot, they can't be that great of an instructor."

What's the most common question teens ask? "Is there a law that says they can't get their license until 18? Which there isn't. They keep worrying about that every year."

What's the most memorable driving experience you have had with a teen? "Whoever's doing the lessons isn't in control, so it's pretty boring. Maybe you grab the wheel a couple times and say, 'Hey, don't drive on the other side of the road.' And that's about it. It is really not that hair-raising."

How do most teens feel when they begin to drive? "Some are more scared than the others." ■

— Derrick Sun,
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Schizophrenia Research Study

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More than 2 million Americans suffer from schizophrenia in a given year. People with schizophrenia often suffer terrifying symptoms such as...

- **Hearing internal voices not heard by others**
- **Believing that other people are reading their minds**
- **Believing that other people are controlling their thoughts**
- **Believing that other people are plotting to harm them**
- **Speech and behavior can be disorganized**

If you suffer from schizophrenia you might qualify to take part in a research study. We are currently looking for men and women 18 years and older to participate in a clinical research study of an investigational medication for the treatment of schizophrenia. Office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications related to this study will be provided at no cost. Compensation provided for time and travel.

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Are You Worried That Your Child Seems Depressed, Sad, Irritable, Cranky or Hopeless??



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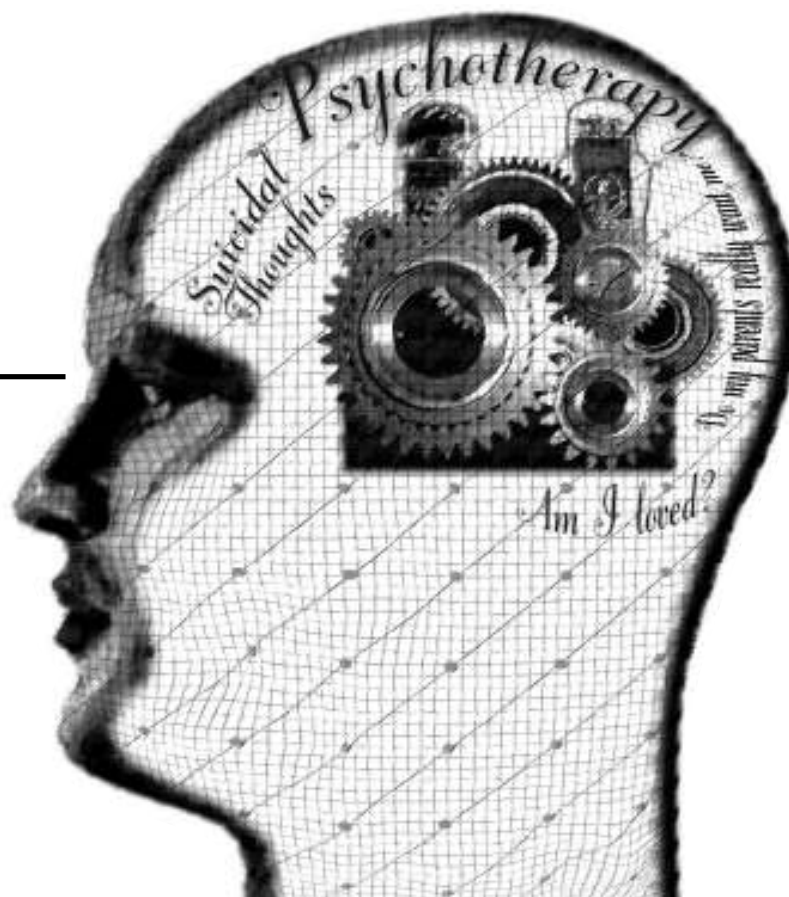
Symptoms of Pediatric Depression may include:

- Loss of energy and concentration
- Low self-esteem and guilt
- Frequent absences from school
- Increased irritability, anger or hostility
- Extreme sensitivity to rejection or failure
- Loss of interest in activities

All study-related medications, medical exams and lab evaluations are provided at no charge to you. Compensation is available for time and travel.
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TWO CHAIRS

In an age in which psychotherapy is looked upon with much disdain and bitter criticism, it's refreshing to know that there are a few people so skilled in the art and science of therapy that, as painful as a journey through the self can be, they can make a person look forward excitedly to each and every weekly session — with a hunger for freedom that person may never have known.



What is underneath the dissatisfaction most people feel in their lives? Why is it that most people grow up chronologically; choose a career based solely on questions of money, security, and convenience; enter stultifying relationships that serve mainly to counteract feelings of incompleteness and insecurity; accept the onset of middle age at 25 or 30; and spend the rest of their lives riding into the sunset, slowly tilting over facedown into their graves, avoiding all the conflicts and fears beyond which lies the jewel inside each one of them? How have these jewels become buried so deeply? How have they become so encrusted with layer upon layer of fear, anger, frustration, and self-

hate? If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, how would you feel? Would you feel that you had missed something, that you hadn't had the chance to live fully, that somewhere inside you lay that jewel that somehow was never allowed to be brought forth into the sunlight? Or would you feel that it wouldn't matter—the sooner the better as far as you were concerned? Or would you feel that your life right now was so rich and full that you would want to live on forever?

I'd like to share some of my experiences in the last three years of psychotherapy with a psychologist who is one of those special few I described above. It has been a journey through

hell and back, and it is by no means over, but the pain at this point is minor compared to what it used to be.

When I first walked into J's office, I was in the midst of a deep depression. I had recently dropped out of graduate school and had taken on a very menial job, mainly because I didn't feel I could do any better. As for my social life, I was unable to make any kind of contact with women. I was petrified of them, and at the same time deeply angry at them. I was incapable of dating, and my sexual experiences were limited to once every few years or so. At this particular time the few women who did manage to find their way into my bed were usually off-balance them-

selves; and the impotence I was experiencing only made matters worse. On top of this, I was struggling with homosexual feelings brought on by a recent confrontation with a gay friend and former employer. I was scared to death that I might be gay. I had twice taken up my friend's invitation to bed, and had twice run away before letting myself get into anything. I occasionally had suicidal thoughts. I also had a complete collection of phobias, the most serious of which was a fear of open spaces. I would wake up in the morning, lie in bed ruminating for a few hours, get up, get dressed, run from my house to my car, drive to a restaurant, run from my car into the restaurant, eat

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breakfast in some corner of the place, run back to my car, drive home, run back into my house, ruminate for a few more hours, drive to work, run into the store, work, drive home, run in, go to sleep, and wake up the next morning — only to go through the same routine all over again. My car was a rolling womb, and my home was a permanent tomb. I was 3000 miles away from my parents, whom I believed I hated, and from whom I was rapidly withdrawing. In short, I was desperate, and there was no escape in sight.

I called J in answer to an ad he had placed in a newspaper regarding an encounter workshop he was running. (For reasons which I'm sure the reader

can understand, I have chosen to keep J's name, as well as my own, confidential.) When I went to the workshop, it became immediately apparent that I was desperately in need of one-to-one therapy, so without further ado, we got started.

For my very first session, J took me in the back and put me into the "chairs": two chairs face each other; the client sits in one, and in the other a person significant in his or her emotional life, played either by the therapist or by an imaginary partner projected by the client. On this particular occasion, J played my mother. She (J) said, "I'm your mother, Rick, and I love you." "Bullshit!" I said. "You never loved

me; you never loved anything!" I continued on in this way, spewing out accusation after accusation for a good five minutes. Finally, Mom said, "Do you love me?" All of a sudden I felt something rise up from deep within my chest. I bent over in pain and listened in utter astonishment as an emotion-laden "Yes" worked its way up through the enormous tension in my stomach and chest...and barely squeaked out of my mouth. I was in tears. Mom said, "Say that you love me. Say that you need me." The words came out in a whisper. "I love you. I need you. I love you, Mom... I need you." We did the same thing with my Dad, with similar results. When I left J's office

that day, I knew that I had finally found what I was looking for. I sensed that my search was over, and that I was about to embark on a long, difficult, but fantastic journey.

The first session opened up my feelings for my parents. Within the space of one month, an enormous amount of emotional material came to the surface, accompanied by lots and lots of tears. At the end of the month my parents came out to visit me, and we all went over to J's office for what turned out to be a seven-hour session. First my mother and I went into the chairs — this time it was the real thing. I took her hands in mine and the first words out of my mouth were, "Why did you hit me so

hard?" For 20 years I had completely forgotten a segment of my childhood during which my mother had beaten me brutally with a belt, often raising welts with the buckle. Suddenly all of this had burst into consciousness, and just as suddenly the same thing happened for her. She broke down crying, begging my forgiveness, expressing terrible guilt and remorse. I told her I would try to forgive her, but I was not able to reach out to her due to the tremendous anger I still harbored inside. Then it was my father's turn. Again I experienced a bursting into consciousness of deeply repressed material. This time I recalled that as a child I used to walk around the house all day, just

waiting for him to come home. He was never around, never had much time to spend with me, and I used to occupy myself all day, waiting for him to return. We both recalled a camping trip we had taken when I was nine. This trip had been the shining moment of my childhood. By the end of the session, my Dad and I were crying in each other's arms.

The next six months were rough. I would wake up in the morning and spend most of the day lying in bed, utterly exhausted. I was wracked with tension, which was centered in my stomach, genitals, chest, and jaw. I worked at night, slept and fantasized during the day, and was totally disoriented. But the depths were

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being prodded, and I had to let the pain and exhaustion surface.

Nine months after the first session, J brought a middle-aged couple in to one session to do some role-playing. During one heavy scene, Mom, played by the woman, was taunting Dad, played by the man. He was in tears, and he stood behind me and said, "Don't let her talk to me like that, Rick. Stand up for the both of us. Do it for me." Something inside me snapped — an enormous wave of anger rushed through me, and I screamed, at the top of my lungs and right at the woman's face, "You idiot! *You idiot! I hate you!* I HATE YOU!!!" The room was silent. Never in my life had I done anything like that. I had never been able to express anger, and had never yelled at anyone in my life. I can still hear that blood-curdling scream. It wasn't the last, but it was the loudest, and it was from deep, deep in my guts, deeper than anything that came after it.

That scream opened up some big doors. Several months later I began dating and having sexual experiences with women. This went on for about six months, and then I had a face-to-face confrontation with my homosexual feelings. I was no longer able to run away from these feelings, so I began exploring the gay realm. I went to the bars, the baths, and anyplace else I could go in order to find out whether or not I was gay. However, I always kept one shaky foot in the door of the heterosexual world, out of fear of being trapped in the homosexual world. Had I been able to immerse myself totally in homosexuality, perhaps I would have discovered much sooner than I did that I was heterosexual by nature, and that the gay feelings merely provided me with an escape from my conflicts with women. On another level, they had represented unfulfilled needs in relationship to my father. In other words, they had sprung out of the vacuum created by my father's absence during my childhood.

In July of last year, my parents came back for a second session. This time Dad was first. We sat in the chairs and I told him of my lack of respect for him. To my surprise and utter delight, he started to get angry. I had never seen him get angry in my life. Suddenly I respected him! Then J had me ventilate some anger with the "bataca," a foam-

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rubber bat that the client beats against the ground while verbalizing anger. (The anger must be genuine; forced anger falls flat and provides no relief for the client. It takes a skilled therapist to tap into this genuine anger.) When my father saw how much anger I still carried around inside, it shook him up. Then he said that if he were to take that bataca and swing it, my yelling would be a whimper by comparison. We invited him to try it. After some hesitation, he took the bataca in hand and started to beat it against the floor, yelling about how stupid he had been as a

father, and how blind he had been to the plight of his own children. My heart ached as he pounded that thing and screamed his lungs out. It was a moment I'll never forget as long as I live.

Since that day, Dad and I have had a fantastic relationship, and his belief in me is without bounds. I've always wanted a close relationship with my father and now I have it. It's on an adult-to-adult level, and it is one of the most wonderful things in my life. I would love to have the same kind of relationship with my mother; however, she did not

take advantage of our last session. She saw the anger all right, but she was unwilling to face it, nor was she willing to face her own feelings. We're hoping to bring her around next session, though.

Following the above session, the focus of therapy centered on my sexuality. I experimented with swinging, as well as casual sex in general, but quickly tired of that. Then I renewed my attempts to establish an intimate relationship with a woman. I have been dating quite a bit lately, but am still looking for a special woman. Currently J and I are

working on what will be perhaps the most difficult phase of this entire journey — the emergence of my masculinity and the freedom this will give me in my relationships with women — and in my life in general.

I've come a long way from the basket case who used to run back and forth from his house to his car. I feel about 20 years older inside. My social relationships are much different and much healthier than they were three years ago. I no longer entertain any doubts about my sexual identity. The homosexual feelings crop up occasionally, but only in proportion to the strength of the inner conflicts being dealt with

at the time. It is no longer necessary to act on these feelings, and there will come a time when there is no longer any need for their existence, at which time they will die out, allowing my heterosexuality to express itself without inhibition. The fear of open spaces is still there, and in fact is being intensified by the magnitude of the present conflict we are working on, that of the most deeply repressed anger I have — the anger at my mother for the childhood beatings. However, if you can see the connection in the previous sentence, you should have no difficulty in believing me when I say that I stopped worrying about this fear long ago. When this deep-

est conflict is resolved, the fear of open spaces will no longer have any reason for existence, and will evaporate along with the remnants of all the other vestigial phobias attached to it.

One of the most fascinating developments in this whole process has been the recent emergence of my inner creativity and its expression in the arts, especially music. It's a thrill to see ideas spring from my mind that I never believed I had the capacity to generate.

I often wonder how many people experience the kind of pain I've talked about, and I often wonder if there is anything I can do about it. To those who are old enough to be responsible for themselves, I can only say that you *must* do something about this pain. You cannot ignore it for the rest of your lives; it won't just go away. You must seek the right kind of help, and you must find the courage within yourselves to travel your respective journeys. Happiness, inner peace, freedom from conflicts of the past — these are all far more important than any of the financial goals most of us strive for in our lifetimes. There will always be conflict, but the

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difference between a healthy person and a neurotic one (or worse) is that the healthy person deals with conflict entirely in the present, and has developed the tools to resolve it; whereas the neurotic, upon encountering conflict, is immobilized by recycled, unresolved conflicts from the past, and as a result is unable to cope successfully. The healthy person, free from this outdated anger and fear, can live fully in the present and can appreciate the beauty in everything the world

has to offer, from the tiniest, most insignificant things to the most awesome wonders of the universe. The neurotic, saddled with these persistent aches and pains from the past, knows no pleasure and suffers through a marginal existence, never once being able to look out of his black cloud at the world just on the other side.

Regarding those who are too young to know what they need to do, their parents can change their lives immeasur-

ably with one small gesture. This gesture, however, requires a great deal of courage. Often when I'm in public places, I get the chance to see parents interacting with their children. By far the most common kind of interaction is an expression of the parent's own frustrations, inadequacies, and unresolved conflicts. The child is punished or scolded for virtually everything he or she does, and is prohibited from expressing any of the normal impulses and curiosities of a healthy

child. Nowhere is there any overt sign of the parent's love to reassure the child that he or she is wanted or cared for. I feel a deep sadness whenever I look into the faces of these children and see the expressions of pain and bewilderment. Their eyes seem to search for an answer to the question, "Am I loved? Am I worthwhile? Do my parents really want me?" I often want to say something to them, to comfort them, but I usually feel powerless.

What is this gesture that

parents can make in order to spare their children such pain? Well, if my father had sat down with me when I was a child and said the following words, I would be a different man today: "Rick, I'm sorry if I haven't been the perfect father to you. I'm sorry if I haven't given you all the things that you've needed from me. My own life has been hard. When I was growing up, my parents didn't give me any sign that they loved me, and in fact they made me feel that I wasn't even worthwhile, and that I would never amount to anything. I hope I haven't done this to you; I'll love you no matter what you do or who you are. And to me you're worthwhile

just because you're my son. I care about you very much and I want to be a good father to you. Help me find the strength and courage to grow beyond my own frustrations and inadequacies; help me to be a good father. Let's work together and help each other find happiness and fulfillment in our lives. Will you do this with me, Rick?" What would you have said? I would have flung myself into his arms and cried. I would have said yes a thousand times. If my mother had said these same words to me, it would have made all the difference in the world. Maybe I'm hoping that this is what she *will* say at our next session together. ■

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Dr. Ozzie Dean, seated on a picnic bench on a sunny day at La Jolla Cove, sips light coffee and comments on how his ex-wife from Massachusetts wouldn't come with him from San Francisco to San Diego when he went after his Ph.D. “She didn't like the weather. Can you believe that?” He finds this hilarious.

He is a slim, dapper, 36-year-old man with close-cropped black hair. His eyes squint happily from behind his glasses as if he's thinking of something funny; or he'll look away and blink as if pained, perhaps at a loss for the English phrase he wants. When he speaks, it's in a quiet, heavily accented voice. He teaches psychology at National Uni-

versity. He also teaches cross-cultural management. Before that he was teaching at USIU. He has been a comedian for two years as well, with over 100 performances at the Comedy Store. He has never worked another room other than the classroom. Born a Berger in Constantine Algeria, Dean (whose real name is Azzedine Mezbatche) has been in the United States since 1978. He lives in a boarding house in the Scripps Ranch area with an Egyptian and an American.

Does he feel alienated? An outsider? “You want my neurotic side.” He chuckles, his eyes disappearing, his head sinking into his shoulders. “There's a feeling of being different. You want to melt in, be looked at just like anyone else...” He pauses, shifts his weight on the bench as if looking at the question from another perspective. “Hey, I'm not just like you.” He turns back to his coffee and speaks into it. “Comedians tend to be depressed, really. Comedy is a way to let it out and to deliver a mes-

sage about diversity, how to work together, not become alike.”

What depresses him?

“Closed-minded people. Especially people who have never been anywhere, have only one perspective. Ignorance bothers me.” Indeed he looks momentarily sad as he watches a group of older people take up the next picnic table. “Ignorance.” He pronounces it again as if saying “cancer.”

Has he ever been discriminated against because of his ethnic background?

“Once. No big deal. I applied for a job, and this woman discriminated against me. I was able to prove it later. My American friends wanted me to sue the company. I said no. This is one individual.... I'm not going to penalize the whole company. I only wanted to prove to this woman what she was doing. I did everything she asked perfectly. The organization admitted it.”

Generally speaking, how does he find America?

“Turn left over the Atlantic Ocean.”

John Lennon.

“So sue me.” His laughter is bark-like. He talks a bit about his role models, Robin Williams and Yakov Smirnoff.

Could he give an example of some of the material he'd be doing later at the Comedy Store?

He smiles in anticipation, thinks. “Okay. Like I say, ‘Algeria is the only country in the world that doesn't have toilet paper.’ Then, what I do is take my hand and smell it and say, ‘Hi,’ and stick it out to someone in the audience like I want to shake. That always gets laughs. Always.”

Touching people and educating them.

“Hah hah!”

He blinks into the sun and fingers the collar of his plaid flannel shirt, wondering, perhaps, if he's just bombed. Does he ever have periods where he simply cannot be funny, because of, say, the occupational hazard of depression?

“Yeah.” He looks as if he were pass-

“There are some audiences that are easier to make laugh than others. You can tell from the first ten seconds.”

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ing broken glass. "There was this woman I was dating, meant a lot to me, but we weren't getting along, and we had to split. I had to call the Comedy Store and tell them I couldn't perform. Not for three weeks. Mood is very important when you perform. I've seen comedians who, I knew they had a problem, but they went onstage, and they were funny. They were doing a routine, of course, but that sadness didn't show. My sadness would show. I don't know how they do it. I have to read a lot when I'm depressed. Books by psychotherapists, mostly."

If he were to consult himself as a psychologist, what would he say about himself? A long silence.

"I'm not paranoid....

I don't know. I'm not compulsive. Maybe depression is the closest. When I'm depressed I don't like to relate to people."

Eager to shift the subject, Dean says that he grew up with two mothers under his native country's system of polygamy. His birth mother died a year ago. "I have very few complaints about polygamy. You always have at least one person to provide moral support. The bad part would be, when you do something wrong at school, you get punished twice — or maybe four times. You can have four wives under Islamic law."

He still feels close to his remaining mother, pointing out that there is no word in Berber dialect for step-mother, "or step-anything,"

he says. "My father used to say, 'Azzedine, you eat in two houses and you don't get fat.' That was his joke."

Was his father funny? He thinks and shakes his head no.

With several references to polygamy in his material and the supposedly humorous differences in the way women are treated in his old country and his new one, does he hear from women in the audience that he is sexist?

"No. It's just a cultural thing. Culture is a behavioral map; it's a grammar of being. I get no hostile comments from women. I like women. They sense that. I come across as friendly. I like to think of myself as friendly. I'm very gregarious, and I put that impres-

sion across onstage more than anything else." He runs his hands over his grey pin-stripe pants legs and blinks questioningly as if asking if that sounded okay.

* * *

Smoke rolls toward the ceiling past the spotlights, candles in red glass holders wink and strobe dimly. Silhouettes of couples are guided to tables by comedians doubling as hosts or hostesses. An unattended microphone stands to one side of the stage, and from the shadows in the corner, the piano player is rolling out the chords to "Keep On Runnin'." It is Monday night at the Comedy Store on Pearl Street in La Jolla, and while the room fills with patrons (no cover, two-

drink minimum), the 20 or so comedians scheduled for five- to ten-minute slots that night mill around the lobby — smoking, gauging the mood of the crowd, bantering nervously with each other while studying 3-by-5 cards full of material. They even take turns checking IDs at the door.

Dean is among the first to go on. Number four tonight. In a few minutes he will be introduced as "the world's greatest Algerian comic."

The black curtain that separates the nightclub and stage area from the foyer swings wide. A small, bespectacled man with shoulder-length hair and a mustache shows his face. It's Fred Burns, assistant manager, comic and booker-of-acts

on Monday and Tuesday nights. He signals to a blond man in a Comedy Store jacket, "Okay, Dante." He gestures at his watch. It's eight o'clock. Showtime.

Dante, a youthful-looking comedian/actor nods and bounds toward the stage. The piano player gives him a jaunty musical intro. Burns sees Ozzie and nods to him. "Hey, Ozzie, I've got a line for you!" Burns propels himself forward on crutches intricately decorated with rainbow-colored tape. The crutches have been with him since birth.

Ozzie sips at his white wine, nervously tugs at his thin, blood-red leather tie. He smiles, blinks, "Yeah?"

"Yeah," Burns tells him. "How about this? 'In my country, a good hump is a

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camel.' Or hey, Jimmy Con-
dor the piano player came
up with this one. You get
up there, you go: 'Just flew
in from Algeria, and boy,
are my hostages thirsty!' "

Ozzie laughs and the
comedians waiting all laugh.
Ozzie nods and taps his
forehead. The line is in.

Across the room, Eric
Schwandt, comedian and
bartender, is making mar-
garitas and cracking open
beers. He will go onstage
very late and talk to the
audience much like an
exhausted high school
teacher — complete with
patched elbows on his tweed
jacket — who has given up
trying to teach an unruly
schoolroom and just decides
to mess with 'em a little.
"Yeah, I know Ozzie. I've
watched him and thought,
'What the fuck is that all
about?' You get the feeling
he's still working on a lan-
guage barrier. He's just Ozzie.
Everybody's lookin' for their
own way to go. He's gettin'
better."

* * *

Onstage, Dante is pacing,
smirking at the stage floor
as if put-upon but grudg-
ingly amused at the bizarre
events in his life. "Strangest
thing happened to me today.
I was on a bus this morn-
ing? This idiot gets on the
bus and says, 'I'm hijack-
ing this bus to Cuba!' ...and
I'm thinking...[scratches
his head]...[beat]...any-
way, I'm in Cuba..." Two
people at a front table are
studying the cocktail menu
by the candlelight. The room
is painted glossy black with
portraits of W.C. Fields,
Laurel and Hardy, Gracie
Alien, and Joe E. Brown
breaking up the gloom. A
couple seated in the rear
are making out, oblivious
to the stage or anything else.
The guy's hand is under her
skirt; she's making fishlike
motions with her mouth
while twirling a strand of
hair in her left hand.

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Back in the bar/lobby, fes-
tooned with 8-by-10 glossies
of famous and not-so-
famous comics from Arse-
nio Hall to Janice Hart,
Robin Williams to John
Kreng, performer Stan Sim-
mons leans against the bar
and studies Ozzie across
the lobby, who is still talk-
ing with Burns. "Yeah, he can
be funny...offstage. Hah.

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He keeps at it. Keeps goin'.
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He trails off and shrugs.

Schwandt leans over the bar, "I'll add this: Of all the comedians that come in here, Ozzie is the best, and I mean the very best, psychologist at the Comedy Store. Okay?" He laughs. "Here he comes. Hey, we're talking about you, Ozzie."

Ozzie is going through his notes, which are key words written on scraps of paper he keeps in his jacket pocket. Separate envelopes are marked "jokes," "hecklers," and "savers." "Maybe I should go to the bathroom." He smiles, looks down at the papers in his hand. "Most of these are old jokes," he says. The pieces of material are numbered from five to ten. When asked about that, he says, "I tape the routine, and then I go home and listen to it, and I rate every joke from zero to ten. The response, the laughter." But none of them seems to be rated below five. "No," he smiles proudly.

Any examples of 3s or 4s that he threw out?

"Well, there's one. I say, 'Do you know in Algeria we have MTV? Yes! Muslim Television.' " He barks. "But that didn't get a good response. I got rid of it." Ozzie excuses himself and goes into the club to hear Dante for a moment. "Tell me what they say." He laughs and rearranges his sport coat on his shoulders.

William Lewis, a bar-back assisting Schwandt behind the stick, says, "I kind of believe in Ozzie. You can't count anybody out in this business. I remember when he used to suck. People would laugh because it was so bad. He's unique, though."

Burns says, "I told him that thing with the water balloons doesn't work. But Ozzie's main problem is English. That's a major obstacle."

Did Burns consider Dean basically funny?

Long silence. Burns's jaw worked, but no sound was forthcoming for several beats. "Eeeyehhhh...not yet. Not yet. Some people are natural; some people got to work at it. He's got to work at it."

How does Dean feel when the stuff doesn't work? Does it bother him?

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again, Ozzie smiles at Schwandt and Lewis. “No, it doesn’t bother me, to tell you the truth, because I try to disassociate myself from my material. In other words, my material bombed, I didn’t. That’s a very healthy kind of thing.”

* * *

In the next room Dante paces the stage, says, “So I go into this McDonald’s in Cuba with all these Cubans from the bus. I get a hamburger, they get jobs....” The crowd likes it. Four women get up from their table and go to the ladies’

room together. They are dressed in heels and tight-fitting dresses. They leave an overflowing ashtray behind them. Half the room is smoking cigarettes.

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When Ozzie is asked what are “savers,” he replies, “You know, like...’Come on guys, that joke is a killer in Algeria!’ ”

Does he have much of a problem with hecklers?

“I tend to get friendly hecklers, people who heckle me, but it’s not because they hate my guts. It’s because

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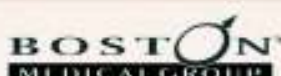
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Dr. Yaghouti, the founder and the medical director of Global Laser Vision, is a leading surgeon who completed his Cornea and Refractive Surgery sub-specialty training at the renowned Harvard Medical School. He has been performing refractive surgery since 1995 and educating eye surgeons from all over the world

about the most recent advances in this field. To date, he has performed well over 30,000 LASIK procedures and is considered to be the choice of many fellow physicians when seeking a specialist in the area of laser vision correction.

LASIK *The All Laser Lasik (INTRALASE™): Is it better than LASIK with Microkeratome?*

There is no question as to the current dominance of LASIK as the procedure for those seeking laser vision corrections to reduce or eliminate their dependency on contact lenses or glasses. While mechanical Microkeratomes have been used almost exclusively in over 5 Million cases performed since 1997, a second class of instrument, namely a Femtosecond Laser (IntraLase™ FS; IntraLase Corp, Irvine, CA) has allowed additional choices for both surgeons and patients. Before discussing the advantages or disadvantages of each of the procedures, it is important to have a basic understanding of how each of the devices is utilized in LASIK.

In LASIK, a hinged flap is first created into the clear front portion of the eye (cornea). The flap is then lifted, and the laser energy is applied to re-shape the cornea. This is how the path of the light rays entering the eye can be altered to achieve a sharp vision. The flap is then replaced on the eye's surface to promote comfort and faster healing.

Traditionally in LASIK, an instrument known as a Microkeratome which has a high speed oscillating blade is used to create the flap. With IntraLase™, a special type of laser energy (Femtosecond laser) is used to create the flap in the cornea.

At first glance, some patients may be swayed by the perceived advantages of using a more sophisticated laser technology such as the IntraLase™ laser instead of the more traditional Microkeratome to achieve the same goal of creating a LASIK flap. However, in choosing between the two technologies, it is imperative to understand the safety concerns

associated with each technology and to find out the answer to three fundamental questions:

- 1) Are there any true advantages to the new IntraLase™ as opposed to Microkeratome?**
- 2) Are there any complications or undesirable effects associated with the IntraLase™ FS laser versus Microkeratome?**
- 3) Are there any economic considerations of utilizing the newer technology?**

As cornea and refractive surgery specialists, the surgeons at our practice receive referrals for complications associated with both Microkeratome and IntraLase™ device from other doctors in the community. So, we are in a unique position where we can see first hand the differences between the outcomes and the complications associated with each technology.

While the IntraLase™ is widely marketed as a better way to create flaps, currently there is no substantive scientific or clinical data that this technology offers advantages over the traditional Microkeratome. In fact, IntraLase™ can at times lead to additional problems unique to this technology.

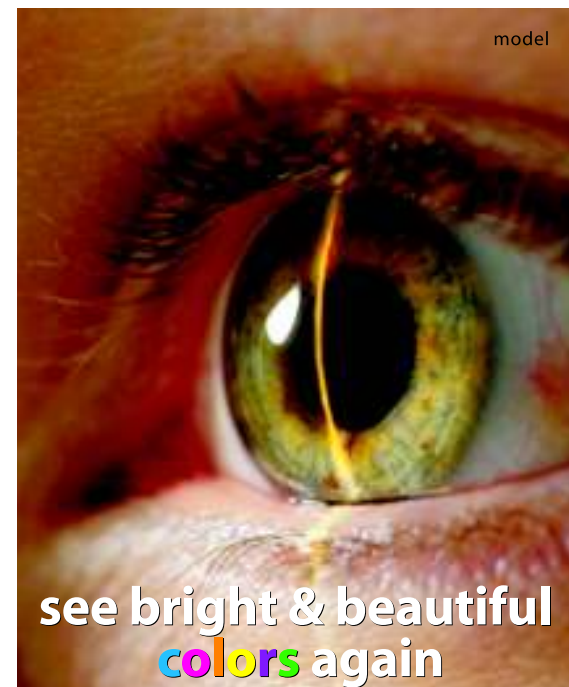
As IntraLase™ creates the plane of the flap by applying thousands of circular laser spots within a plane inside the cornea, this can lead to an uneven or surface within that plane with thousands of microscopic attachments points (microadhesion points) under the flap. In the presence of these microadhesions, the flap lifting becomes a more difficult task than with the Microkeratome and can lead to an



unsmooth flap. Surgeons utilizing this technology have noted the visual recovery after IntraLase™ can be slower than that observed with Microkeratome. In our opinion this may be due to the additional stress placed on the flap during its lift in addition to the uneven surface created by the microadhesions inherent to this technology.

Another important difference in the two techniques is the timing required to accomplish the flap creation. With the Microkeratome, the time required is in the range of second as opposed to minutes with the IntraLase™. This variance translates to a longer procedure with the IntraLase™ and an increased risk of flap problems as a result.

There are other unique complications associated with the use of IntraLase™ reported by many



surgeons utilizing this technology, such as track-related iridocyclitis and scleritis (TRISC), a condition which can lead to severe light sensitivity in patients after IntraLase™. This condition can necessitate a longer use of anti-inflammatory medications, which by themselves can lead to other potential problems.

As for the financial consideration of the use of this technology, the initial cost of purchasing and maintaining the laser machine and the added cost of disposable instruments needed to complete the procedure on each eye can translate into additional out of pocket expense to the patient of between \$300 to \$500 more per eye.

In conclusion, at this stage, my colleague and I see no distinct advantage in using the All Laser Lasik (IntraLase™) over the traditional LASIK with Microkeratome and we even see some disadvantages associated with the IntraLase™. Hence, we will not recommend this technique over the standard Microkeratome to our patients at this time; however, we will continue to keep appraise of the technology as the current concerns are being addressed.

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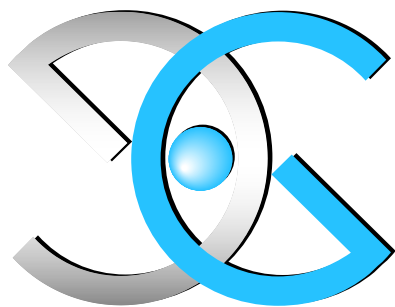


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Actual Patients



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After



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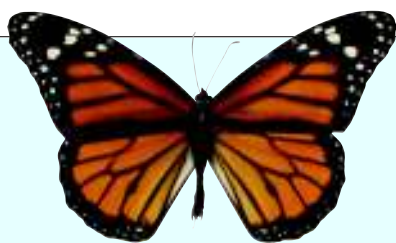
What does the process feel like? First, there is a cool feeling from the contact of the laser-source tip and then there is a slight tingling



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they want some input. There's a comedian in every one of us. I encourage them. Like one time I said, 'Does anyone know anything about Algeria?' This woman in the audience said, 'It starts with an a,' and I said —"Ozzie starts laughing here — "The mind is a terrible thing to waste!" He claps his hands together.

Dante is having a little trouble of his own at the mic. After delivering a line to only the clearing of throats and a few groans, he whips his fists out of his

pockets, rocks back on his heels, and gives the audience the finger with both hands, like a gunslinger. "Hey, piss off!" he shouts. "That's hilarious and I know it!" He paces the stage, moans. "All right, all right...anyway, she gets undressed and lays on the bed. She says, 'Do to me what you do best,' so he ties her up and steals her television." He gets some "expulsion of breath and characteristic bodily movements" from the audience with this.

From the back table, Fred Burns shines a flashlight toward the stage, the signal to wind it up and introduce the next comic. Dante introduces Frank Manzana, a heavysset, long-haired Chicano with a disarming whine for a delivery. Manzana is a regular at the Comedy Store. "I can't stay very long," he apologizes tiredly. "I gotta get to Balboa Park...before those real good places to sleep are gone."

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Ozzie is still reminiscing about hecklers. "One time I used that 'saver' about a joke being funny in Algeria, and this woman says, 'Well, it bombed here.' So I brought out this Tampax I had in my pocket and said, 'Here, use this!' That

"Algerians tend to be 'being' oriented, Americans tend to be 'doing' oriented. Algerians just 'are' funny, Americans go out and 'do' funny."

got a lot of laughs. A lot of laughs. But yes," he gestured at the envelope marked "hecklers," "I seldom use these. Sometimes people are so drunk, they don't get the jokes, though I make them very simple. I have one joke that always gets laughs, and it's all in French. I'll tell you." He runs down a few phrases in French (Dean also speaks Arabic



and Berber) accompanied by hand gestures indicating the numbers of a woman's measurements from her hips, waist, and bust. When he points to his head — her head — he says "zero" and laughs. "Measurements and no brains, see?" He chuckles

and adds, "I have a lot of stuff, a lot of stuff."

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Frank Manzana is talking to the audience about coming to this country with his friends and family. "My grandmother very much wanted to come with us," he deadpans, "but she wasn't able to — her blouse got caught on the fence..."

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Ozzie is getting a little nervous, shuffling his notes. He talks about his theory of comedy, which involves the differences between people, specifically people in Algeria and the United States. "For example, I will say, 'In my country, women

walk behind men. In this country, women walk all over men.' Or, 'In my country, you can marry up to four wives at a time. That is called polygamy. In this country, you can only marry one wife at a time. That is called monotony.' " He laughs uproariously. "I have

tons of those, tons of stuff!" Would he be content to remain teaching if the comedy thing didn't work out? "Well, if I have to choose between comedy and teaching, I would go for comedy. That's where the money is, and I love doing it."

Has anyone seen him at the Comedy Store and offered him work elsewhere? "No. I didn't seek anything like that. I don't like traveling." No agent? "No. Not really...except Fred. Fred is thinking of putting me on Sundays in

the Comedy Store in L.A. He mentioned that once. But I know a lot of comedians do the circuit. You know, they go around, but I don't know if I'd do that. I'm not very comfortable spending nights in hotels. But I guess I'm gonna have to do it, because it's one

step you go through to get exposure." If he were offered a job in a major city, would he take it? "Oh yeah." He nods. What made him decide to try stand-up comedy? Where did he get the idea he was funny?

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place you go on a stage and tell jokes. I went there and I thought, this is great; people actually doing this for a living. That's just amazing! So I came a couple of times, I started gathering material. And that's how I began."

Is there any money involved for performing on Monday nights at the Comedy Store?

"No, no. They don't pay Monday nights or Tuesday nights unless they integrate some of the professionals from Hollywood.

They pay *them*."

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A round of applause signals the end of Frank Manzana's set, and Dante again takes the stage. He talks with the audience a little. There are the usual

jokes about bald men or men who wear toupees who seem to be seated in the front rows as a matter of course. It's about 8:30 and the room is full. The audience is in a good mood: that tremor of well-being between the second and

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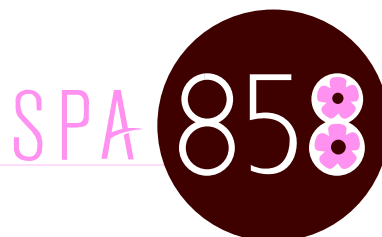
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Dante introduces the next comedian, Lorian Elbert. She takes the stage to a rollicking piano progression that promises much mirth. She is a young blonde woman with the stage presence of a demure, slightly nervous Joan Rivers. She stands as if riveted to the stage. "How're-you-all-doin'?-good," she asks and does not wait for an answer, which gets laughs. She clutches the microphone stand as if for support and looks waif-like as she launches into a series of flatly delivered one-liners reminiscent of Henny Youngman.

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Ozzie squints past the curtain up toward the stage but does not seem to be focusing on Lorian Elbert. "There are some audiences that are easier to make laugh than others. You can tell from the first ten seconds. It's hard to verbalize, but that's the way it is. I know when it's a quote-unquote good audience right from

the beginning. Algerians tend to be 'being' oriented, Americans tend to be 'doing' oriented. Algerians just 'are' funny, Americans go out and 'do' funny. Americans go onstage and do their routine, and they forget about the audience. I like to relate to the audience. Break down the wall. Sometimes I don't even do my material. Sometimes I just go into the audience and talk to people. Interact with them instead of focusing on myself, you know, *me* shining onstage. I don't do that."

He falls silent and after a moment is urged to go on. "To me, it seems like what you have in America is what I call professionalization mentality, which means you want to make everything into a profession. That's why you have stand-up comedians and we don't have stand-up comedians in Algeria. You want to laugh, you come to the Comedy Store and laugh. It's a service industry. I heard that in Chicago they have a service that pro-

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Still clutching the mic stand and staring at a point over the heads of the audience (perhaps looking for Fred's flashlight cue to vacate the stage), Elbert is rolling on a series of laughs from quick lines. "Payless Shoes...you could pay more but why?...[beat]...because they're plastic and they're ugly comes to mind." Big laugh. The women mostly. The men shift in their chairs, some smile, some drum their fingers on the table or against the sides of glasses. *Come on, c'mon...*

"Have you heard of the latest birth control for older women? It's called nudity." Middle-sized laugh. Ozzie might give it a five.

"Went to a psychic fair

last week.... They knew I was coming." Someone snorts a loud, aborted 'Hah!'

"Recently I tried to join Liars Anonymous. I swore up and down I was a liar, but they wouldn't believe me.... I couldn't find the meetings because they never print the right address." A smattering of chuckles and guffaws.

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Ozzie is talking about Algerian humor. "It's everywhere. That's why Algerians cannot understand how you go to a bar and pay somebody to make you laugh. If this was Algeria, everybody would be relating, touching, hugging, and laughing more than they are here. Italians, Mexicans, and Jews are the closest I can compare it to. In Algeria you meet somebody for the first time, you could become friends in 15 minutes. Like yesterday I met somebody in the computer lab. He was from Indonesia. Just because we had something in common, we became instant friends. He asked me to come over

to his house and all that stuff. That's the closest I can come to what Algerians are like. We have no fear of strangers."

An example of Algerian humor? What's funny, Ozzie, in Algeria? Dean is eyeing the stage and Fred's flashlight. He is on next. "Let me think...okay. Remember that commercial that said, 'Put a tiger in your tank'? Well, this joke is in French, but it would translate to 'What's the use of putting a tiger in the engine if you have an ass at the wheel?'"

* * *

The crowd is applauding Lorian Elbert, and Dante is again onstage. Ozzie has moved up toward the stage now. Dante makes a joke about McRib sandwiches as he tugs at both sides of his neck. He then raises his arms and says, "Ladies and gentlemen, the greatest Algerian comic alive, direct from the Dunes, Dr. Ozzie Dean!"

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Does Clark think Dean is funny? For the second time, this question elicits a long silence. Finally, "Yes. Yes, I do. I laugh when he's onstage. Not so much at his jokes, it's just his persona. He's a comic's comic."

* * *

The piano player does a few bars of phony desert music, and Ozzie takes the stage carrying a gym bag and a Chinese coolie's large hat. "Good evening, First-World amigos," he says, setting the gym bag and hat on a barstool near the mic. "How are you guys doing tonight? My name's Ozzie, sorry Harriet couldn't make it. As you can tell from my accent, I'm from Cleveland, Ohio." The audience is

laughing in a steady, rolling energy that moves around the room in waves. There is no doubt they find him funny immediately.

"Okay, I can see you're not easily fooled. I'm from the country of Algeria. In fact, I just flew in from Algeria, and boy, are my hostages thirsty!" Very big laugh. The energy clicks up another notch.

"In Algeria, we do stand-up comedy a little differently. You see, in Alge-

ria you cannot talk about the potty, women, religion, the state. Of course, there are still a lot of things to talk about, like, uh... [long beat]... come to think of it, what else is there?" This dies. The energy is hanging somewhere in the room like the clouds of smoke weaving across the spotlights.

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moment. It cuts the tension. "I'd like someone to help me with my routine. The way we do it in Algeria is that every time you tell a sick joke or you talk about women, I'd like somebody in the audience to throw..." he reaches into his gym bag, "...water balloons at me. How about you, ma'am? Every time I make a sick joke, you make my day. Okay?" He lightly tosses two water balloons to the woman and knocks over her drink. She gives him a way-to-go-schmuck look, but the drink was mostly empty anyway. She's gonna be a sport about it.

He shrugs, "A little incentive." Big laugh.

Holding up the coolie hat, he asks, "Do you know what this is?" There are some garbled responses from around the room. "Shamu's diaphragm." Much laughter. The woman throws the water balloon and it glances off Ozzie's suit without bursting. "Right on the money," he says. "She's good."

Holding up the coolie's hat once again he says, "It

is also a one-tit bra for Dolly Parton." Pause. "It is also a water balloon protector." On cue the woman throws the second water balloon and strikes the hat as Ozzie lifts it. "God, it's getting dangerous in here." The audience is already in a rhythm, a habit of laughter. Ozzie sets down the hat and walks to the curtain at the rear of the stage. He takes the mic with him and disappears. He keeps speaking, "I have so many jokes in my head, I don't know where to start...let's see." The crowd loves this. "Okay, I found one." Still speaking from behind the curtain, he asks, "Have you guys ever wondered why every time a plane is hijacked, the hijackers *insist on taking it to Algeria?*" They are already laughing at this. Long pause. "Well, actually, I am still working on a punch line for this one." They love it. It works. They'll buy death from this bookish camel-jockey in a suit because he dies funny.

He reappears hesitantly looking around. "Where

are the water balloons?" Steps forward, ducking. "The water balloons. *Donde está* the water balloons?" He picks one up that is lying on the stage. "You see, I never give these to guys, you know why? Because guys don't know their own strength. I always give them to women because women are compassionate. Here, ma'am." He tosses it to the same woman again, knocks over her drink again. "Oh, I'm sorry."

The audience thinks this is great. The woman at the soaked table doesn't seem to mind terribly either. She is smiling happily, a little high. "What can I do?" Ozzie touches his heart with sincerity.

He now delivers the line about Algerian women walking behind men and American women walking all over men, and he dances back from the woman with the balloon. "Oooh," he says. "I'm worried about you." He looks at her, decides she needs yet more provocation.

"Women are not very good at throwing these.

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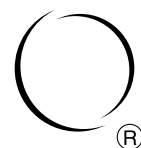
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Women throw like this..." He makes a dainty, spastic gesture. That does it. She throws the balloon, and it bursts over his jacket and the mic stand. Everyone applauds. "Thank you," Ozzie says.

"You know, English is a very confusing language. If a small book is a booklet...shouldn't a small toy be a toylet?"

Nervous, indulgent chortles.

"You know, the concept of female beauty is also very different in Algeria. It's like, in my country, a beautiful woman is one who is..." He gestures to his hips, "44," his waist, "44," his chest, "44—you know, built like a bus. I don't know about you, but that is one bus I don't want to ride." He paces and gauges the response. Not too bad, but he's lost momentum at a crucial point. Laughter continues to drift in the longer he waits. Just standing there, Dean is funny. Funnier, somehow, than anything he might say. "But in America she is 36-26-36—zero!" Groans. He hands the woman the remaining water

balloon, but she doesn't throw it. She seems to know it wouldn't be funny a third time.

"You know, in my country, weddings sometimes last two weeks...I hear that in this country, marriages sometimes last that long." Almost no laughter here. There's the sense that he has stepped in something. The room seems to darken. He hasn't taken them out of themselves.

Ozzie gets the flash-

light signal from the back. "All right, all right. I'd like to leave you with this: Knock knock!"

The audience obliges with "Who's there?"

"Ozzie."

"Ozzie who?"

"Ozzie you later!"

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— John Brizzolara

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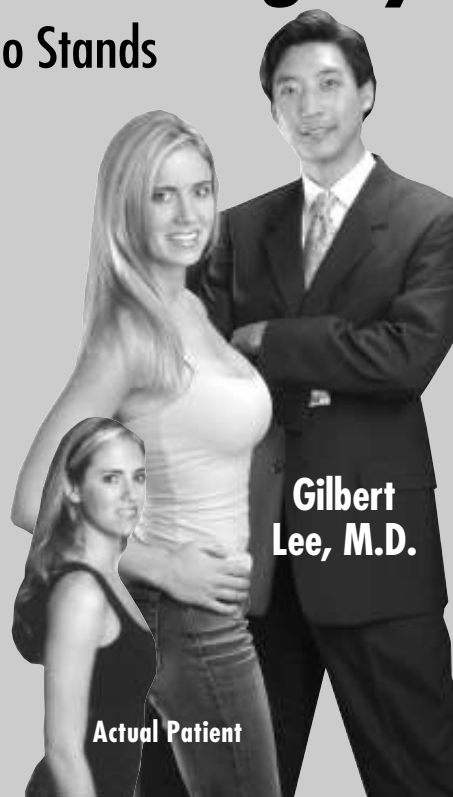
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and, therefore, don't want wild ones in my house. The spring traps mentioned are quicker and more humane (merciful?) than d-CON or sticky traps.

Personally, I believe humans, having eyes on the front of our heads, are meant to be predators/meat-eaters. Deer are gorgeous and graceful, but they can overbreed if not hunted. (Yes, I belong to the NRA.) I used to hunt rabbits so that my large family would have food, and their father hunted deer. If Ms. Stanger is a complete vegan, I apologize, as she backs up her convictions. If not, I pity the hens, fish, etc. that provide her sustenance.

If you eat meat or fish, or must kill "vermin," you should always respect their lives and their deaths. We are all connected.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont Mesa

According to Mark Webb, senior vector ecologist with the County of San Diego, plague has not been found in rats in California since the early 1900s. Hantavirus is carried by deer mice and harvest mice, not by rats. For more information, go to www.sd-fightthebite.com or www.sandiegobugs.org.

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Imbecile Brizzolara

I am absolutely outraged by the T.G.I.F. article last week (September 22) about us by that imbecile John Brizzolara.

In his little column, he makes so many outrageous comments about us that it is impossible to believe that he can be employed by a paper that supposedly reports accurate news.

To begin with, after receiving press comps for the show, he left before the intermission. He then doesn't understand the talent of the performers, so he makes a claim that we must be "cheating," since the show is clearly beyond his comprehension.

Although he alternately makes comments about the show being funny, he makes remarks about his mind wandering throughout and then badly paraphrases a game deliberately to make it seem less entertaining.

He sneers at the audience for finding the show hilarious, criticizes the size of the audience that we had that particular night (it was a slow summer evening), and sarcastically writes that he couldn't leave, so he had to resort to meditation.

Lastly, he calls the show "unfunny — but only to me, clearly."

This is a disgusting piece of "journalism," especially considering the fact that he is not the theater critic (who found us "Worth a try").

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Gary Kramer
Artistic Director
National Comedy Theatre

Real Skinny on Bostonia

In the September 22 issue of "Blurt," there is a small article dealing with the Bostonia Ballroom, in El Cajon. Unfortunately, most of what is written as to the venue is completely in error.

To begin with, the Bostonia Ballroom was not the first dance venue on the West Coast to have a cork floor. The Avalon Ballroom on Catalina Island had such a floor and was built in 1928/29. Secondly, Smokey Rogers never owned the Bostonia Ballroom. During the period in question, he, Andrew "Cactus" Soldi, and Larry "Pedro" DePaul leased the property and building from Mickey Whelen, who is still alive today. Rogers, Soldi, and DePaul were all members of Sol "Tex" Williams's Western Caravan, which was the house band at the Riverside Rancho, in Los Angeles. At the time, big bands were fading out, and the three left Los Angeles for San Diego about 1947.

Elvis and the Rolling Stones never played at the Bostonia Ballroom, but Johnny Cash did so on more than one occasion. I have enclosed a copy of the contract for one of the performances which did take place. Apparently Cash and sideman Luther Perkins were both so drunk they had to lean on each other for support on the bandstand!

Later, the partners divided up their business empire. Rogers retained the ballroom and also opened a record store on Magnolia Avenue in El Cajon. Soldi kept Valley Music (which his son and daughter still operate today at 530 E. Main Street) and DePaul's percentage was bought out. All three are now deceased.

Now if someone could just find some original concert posters for the Bostonia!

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Sexual Politics In Uniform

Booksigning: Love My Rifle

I try very hard to not let bigotry eat its way into my mind," says Kayla Williams, author of *Love My Rifle More Than You: Young and Female in the U.S. Army*. "I was talking to a friend of mine, a liberal New Yorker, when I got back from Iraq. I said something about 1200 people getting killed in Iraq, and he said, 'You mean U.S. soldiers, not people.' And I was like, 'Oh my God, you're right!' It kind of shocked me when he pointed that out and I realized my loyalty to the soldiers was so ingrained in my mind. How many thousands of Iraqis have been killed, I

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don't know — the number doesn't flash by on CNN every day." On Friday, October 14, Williams will be discussing and signing her war memoir at D.G. Wills Books in La Jolla.

Williams was a military intelligence sergeant and Arabic linguist with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Unlike Airborne soldiers, who jump out of planes with parachutes, Air Assault soldiers arrive on helicopters. "We could be deployed anywhere in the world within 36 hours," says Williams, who left the Army in June after serving for five years.

The title of Williams's book was inspired by a military marching cadence: "Used to do the beauty queen, now I love my M16! Cindy Lou, Cindy Lou, love my rifle more than you!" Williams feels grateful that she has never had to use her own rifle. "I carried it with me and became very attached to it, but I'm glad I did not have the opportunity to shoot anybody. I've talked to people who have, and it's something you have to

live with for the rest of your life."

Many soldiers feel the need to dehumanize their enemy. "Most soldiers in the Army call the Iraqi people things like 'rag-head' or 'towel-head'; they constantly refer to them by anything but their actual names. Which you almost have to do in order to shoot people," says Williams. "I think it's tragic, it's terrible, but it's complicated — because we're not just fighting a war, we're also supposed to be helping people. If you hate them and think they all should be killed, it's hard to keep that in mind." Williams would argue with fellow soldiers to no avail. When she would state that children are innocent victims, she was often met with a response such as, "No, they're not — they're baby terrorists."

"Deep down inside, I don't think that the soldiers really, truly believe that. They were just angry and fed up and being tired, and it's really hard to remain sympathetic to people who are shooting at you. It's a difficult situation to be in, to be constantly on guard with these people who are your enemy while trying to help them rebuild their society."

As with other male-dominated organizations, sexism is pervasive in the military. "I can't give you enough examples!" says Williams. "I've been told regularly that women don't belong in the Army, that they can't handle deployment." She recalls one incident in particular. "A male soldier pulled out his penis and grabbed my hand and tried to put my hand on it. I pulled away and he finally let me go. I mean, I was carrying a gun. It was nerve-racking, but I wasn't afraid for my life." Williams struggled with what to do. She did not want to ruin the soldier's career, but she also did not want to condone his behavior.

Williams reported the soldier to his com-

manding officer but did not put anything in writing, choosing to allow the matter to be handled internally. The soldier was moved to another location. Even now, Williams seems to empathize with him. "On one hand, anybody knows better than that. He wasn't an 18-year-old kid; he was a grown man. But on the other hand, I watched another man punching himself in the face and crying. We were under a lot of pressure. I tried to be understanding, but at the same time I think we do have to take responsibility for our own actions."

According to Williams, sexism in the military has an upside. "It goes back and forth between refreshing and disturbing. I was tired of being stared at. I am not a zoo animal. There were other times it gave me a little spring in my step, to feel attractive all the time, to be a rare commodity." Soldiers refer to this as "Queen for a Year." In her book, Williams writes, "That's what we've called American women at war since nurses traveled to Vietnam in the '60s."

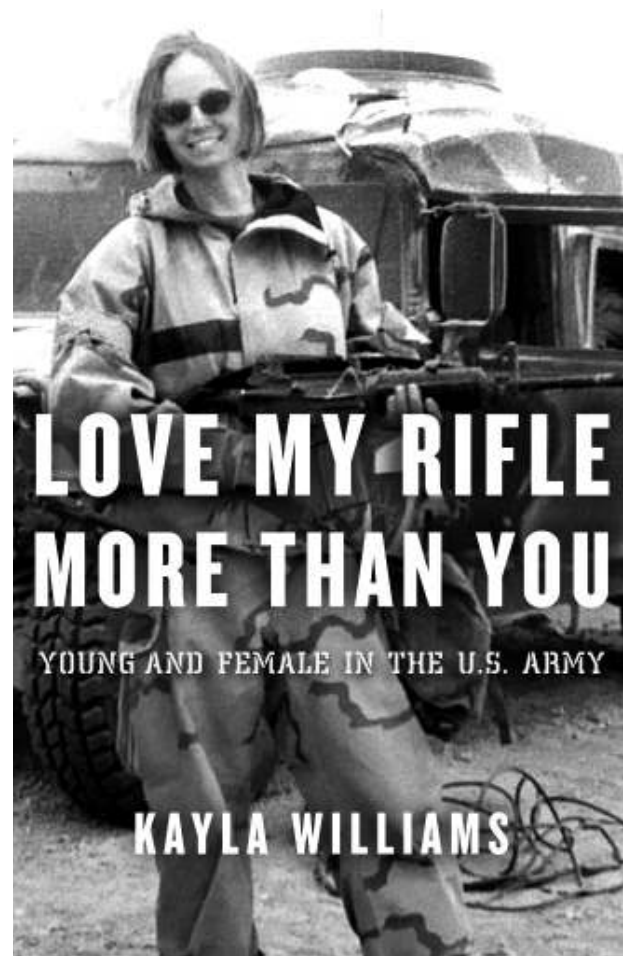
"As an intelligent woman, I didn't want to let this go to my head," says Williams. "I can see the temptation in it, to want to abuse the power that can come with [being Queen for a Year]. If you ever talked to a

stripper, you'd know that [being a woman] can be powerful and disempowering at the same time."

— Barbarella

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on Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Parque Miguel Hidalgo. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA, TECATE)

OUTDOORS

As the Beach Season Winds Down, San Diego County's coastline is padded by what is likely the deepest and widest accumulations of sand we'll see this year. Many stretches of the coastline are vulnerable to powerful waves associated with winter storms. This wave action can pull sand off the beaches and deposit it offshore, leaving behind (especially in North County) nothing but cobble beds. During the spring and summer gentle wave action usually returns much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of the summer tourists.

The Tawny Hues of the Black Oak Tree are just beginning to highlight the slopes of San Diego County's higher mountains. Named for the dark coloring of its bark, especially when wet, the black oak is the only deciduous oak native to the county. Associating with pines, firs, cedars, various evergreen oaks, and occasionally chaparral, the black oak lends a true autumn coloring to mountain ranges such as the Laguna and Palomar mountains.

Moonlight Serenade, naturalist Larry Allen-Tonar leads fairly easy three-mile evening walk in Daley Ranch on Friday, October 14. Adventure starts at 7 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. Bring a flashlight. (ESCONDIDO)

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The sea cliffs at Dana Point are revered by historians as the site where Spanish vaqueros threw hides over the cliffs and down to waiting ships as described in Richard Henry Dana's *Two Years Before the Mast*. Today, the sheer cliffs remain, but much of coastline below is occupied by the 2500-slip Dana Point Marina. Just west of that marina, though, you'll find a fine, wild stretch of rocky beach and dramatic headland — a little piece of Old California that can be fully explored on foot during low tides. Tides reach their most favorable nadirs (near minus one-foot or lower) this fall season during the afternoon on the following dates: October 17–19; November 2–4; November 14–17; November 30–December 5; and December 12–17.



Sea cave at Dana Point

To reach the starting point (Dana Point Harbor), exit Interstate 5 at Pacific Coast Highway and proceed west for two miles. Just past Dana Point's "downtown," turn left on Street of the Green Lantern. Go two blocks south and turn left on Cove Road. Cove Road descends to Dana Point Harbor Drive and a parking lot for Dana Cove Park. There you'll find a replica of the *Pilgrim*, the sailing ship

DANA POINT

Discover sea stacks and small sea cave at the historic Dana Point headlands in Orange County.

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that author Dana sailed on during the early 1800s, and the Ocean Institute museum.

On foot now, walk past the museum, descend a stairway to the beach, and pick your way westward along the beach toward the rocky headland of Dana Point itself. Soon you'll be forced into picking your way across storm-tossed boulders underneath the looming cliffs. The wonderful variety of mostly metamorphic rocks underfoot have weathered out of the con-

glomerate cliffs above.

There's a sea cave at the end of the walkable section (0.7 mile from Dana Cove Park), and plenty of small sea stacks just offshore that catch the incoming waves and breakers and turn them into white froth. The coastal tidepools here are of fair quality. Travel beyond the sea cave is more difficult, but with a low-enough tide you may be able to negotiate a route across the rocks to the smooth sand of Strand Beach to the north.

Explore "The Fascinating World of Desert Spiders and Their Arachnid Relatives" during Anza-Borrego Institute program with Marshal Hedin, Saturday, October 15, 1 to 7 p.m., at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. \$45. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Hike to West Side of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve and into a new parcel (added in May) with docent, Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m. Bring water, snacks. Find preserve at 19324 Santee Lane; 760-749-5320. Free. (VALLEY CENTER)

Look for Migrating Birds when visiting Point Loma with Audubon

Society birders, Saturday, October 15, 8 a.m. to noon. Birders visit Point Loma Nazarene University, then nearby neighborhood, possibly Cabrillo National Monument. Meet at far west end of Dupont Street at steel barricade. 619-280-7710. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. (POINT LOMA)

Hike to Santa Ysabel Creek Gorge on newly acquired land at eastern end of San Dieguito River Park with Phil Pryde, Saturday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pryde is author of *San Diego — An Introduction to the Region*. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch. Free.

Reservations, directions: 858-674-2275 x5. (SANTA YSABEL)

Explore Tijuana Estuary with Canyoneers, Saturday, October 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Look for clapper rails, Belding's savannah sparrow, California least tern. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Watch for Migrating Shorebirds during bird walk hosted by Friends of Famosa Slough, Saturday, October 15. Easy walk with variety of birds and views of salt marsh habitat starts at 1 p.m. at first bench on Famosa Boulevard, south of intersection with West Point Loma Boulevard. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Learn About Plants, Animals, Ecology, Geology, history of our natural environment during hikes on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, October 15, 16, 19, in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junipero Serra Trail). Walks: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

A Guided Nature Walk led by trail guide Don Wetzel begins at 9:30 a.m. on October 15, at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. Hikes offered third Saturday of each month. (CLAIREMONT)

Tree Time, Offshoot Tours offers hour-long guided tour highlighting various Balboa Park trees Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m., starting at park's Visitors Center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

Wildlife Assist Recruiting Sessions offered on Saturday, October 15, at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street); and on Sunday, October 16, at Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center (301 Caspian Way). Programs begin at 2 p.m. Free. 619-921-6044. (ESCONDIDO, IMPERIAL BEACH)

The Moon Reaches Full Phase Sunday–Monday, October 16–17. Watch as its yellow-tinted, fully illuminated disk clears the east horizon near the time of sunset on both October 16 and 17. At the exact moment of full moon, 5:14 a.m. on October 17, a slight partial eclipse of the moon will be underway. The moon will be sinking in the western sky at that time. At precisely 5:03 a.m. the magnitude of the partial eclipse is greatest, with only about two percent of the moon's surface nicked by the shadow of the Earth.

Canyon Favorites Hike, Sunday, October 16, 3 p.m. Hikers take moderately paced jaunt to Walden Pond, see waterfall, possibly wildlife. Meet at end of Park Village Drive with hiking boots, insect repellent, water. 858-484-3219. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

This Month's Lowest Tides, coinciding with the afternoon hours, usher in excellent tidepooling opportunities during the remainder of the year. These golden opportunities will recur at approximately one-month intervals during the next several months. This month's two lowest tide levels (not as low as the lowest tides of November through February) fall to -0.7 feet at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, October 17, and at 4:48 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18. The re-

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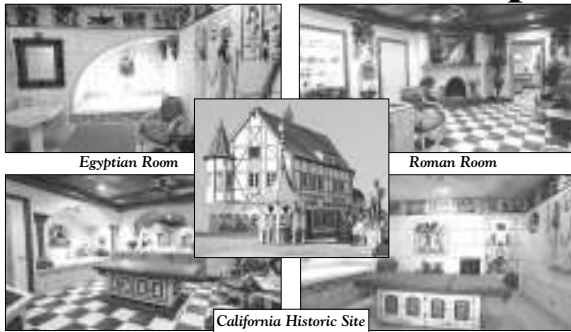
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DANCE

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Dancejam! Open, free-form, family-friendly shindig offered every Friday, 9 p.m. to midnight, at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). \$7. 619-298-2687. (NORTH PARK)

"Fernando the Bull — A Flamenco Dance Fantasy," piece choreographed by Juanita Franco and performed by Ole Flamenco students presented October 15 and 16 at Salvation Army Kroc Community Center Performing Arts Theatre (6845 University Avenue). Guitar performances by Juan Moro, Agustin El Mor, singing by Marysol Fuentes.

Dancing starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$15, \$20, \$25, with discounts on Sunday for seniors, students, children. 619-275-4618 or 619-471-6308. (ROLANDO)

Israeli Dances taught by Dalya Dallal on Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). Followed by international folk dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight (\$3). 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Exotic Dancing for Everyday Women, dress comfortably (in leggings or tights, oversized button-down shirt, high heels) for workshop to "reconnect to your creative self through movement," Saturday, October 15, 11:30 to 2:30 p.m., at Pattie Wells Dance-time Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Chair dancing follows

OUT & ABOUT

DREW CAREY and the Improv All-Stars, Pala Casino Resort, Sunday, October 16.

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at 3 p.m. \$79 per class. 866-HIP-ROLL. (BAY PARK)

Contradance to calling by Graham Hempel, music by Lime in the Harp, Saturday, October 15, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Dance is preceded by pre-dance music jam, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, October 15, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). Latin and ballroom plus request dancing for singles and couples of all ages, 7:30

to 10 p.m. Dance lesson: 8 p.m. \$7. 619-275-3533. (BAY PARK)

Swing and Ballroom Dance Party hosted by North County Swing and Ballroom Dance Club, Saturday, October 15, 7 to 11 p.m., at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Introductory dance lesson by Mary Manzella. \$12. (ENCINITAS)

Busy on Saturday? Manzella hosts a dance party on Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Introductory dance lesson by Mary Manzella included in admission fee: \$8. 619-229-0141. (PACIFIC BEACH)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instruction by Steve Maranto on October 16. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

Dance featuring Sylvia and Salvador, Sunday, October 16, 7 p.m., at Congregation Beth Israel (in David and Dorothea Social Hall, 9001 Towne Centre Drive). \$10. RSVP: 858-578-6941. (LA JOLLA)

FILM

"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)

"How to Steal a Million," William Wyler's 1966 flick starring Audrey Hepburn and Peter O'Toole, featured for Cinema Under the Stars, Thursday through Saturday, October 13-15, 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the 1948 flick at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

The Peruvian Film Dias de Santiago is screening for Latino Film Festival, Friday-Thursday, October 14-20, at UltraStar Cinemas (7510 Hazard Center Drive). Organizers say "think *Taxi Driver* in

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A “Western-Japanese Fusion Production” of Aeschylus’s *Agamemnon*, adapted, directed, choreographed by Zvika Serper screens Friday, October 14, 7 p.m., in UCSD Visual Arts Performance Space room 306. Production features costumes, props, stage movements, acting techniques “informed by, but not copied from...*noh*, *kabuki*, and *kyogen*.” Followed by discussion by Serper and scholar Marianne McDonald. Free. 858-534-2862. (LA JOLLA)

The Sly, Apocalyptic Tale *The Stone Raft* screens — in Spanish with English subtitles — for Sunday Matinee on October 16, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

“Mountainfilm Festival 2004,” celebrating its 27th anniversary, plays at San Diego Natural History Museum on Sunday and Monday, October 16 and 17, 7–10 p.m. Program includes *Daughters of Everest*, *Mini Cine Tupy*, *I Sona Su la Torris*, *Hockey Night in Ladakh*, *The Great Hopkins Rescue*, *Ancient Marks*, many others. Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 at door. 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

How About a “Nervy Meditation on Sexual Politics”? See Eytan Fox’s Israeli film *Walk on Water*

when it’s shown for Film Forum on Monday, October 17, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). In English and Hebrew with Hebrew subtitles. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

A Buster Keaton Celebration is planned for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). See *Our Hospitality* on Wednesday, October 19, 6 p.m. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

“Going With the Flow — Classic California Soul Surfing” — Arsen Brzostek’s film screens Thursday, October 20, 8:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). \$10. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

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

OUT & ABOUT

WHO DUNNIT?

Seminar in the Forensic Sciences, Saturday, October 15, San Diego Museum of Man.

(SEE LECTURES)



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 showtimes: 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

“What Were Rembrandt’s Religious Views, Anyway?” Robert Hoehn answers question on Thursday, October 13, 12:30 p.m., for

“Art in the Afternoon” series at Timken Museum of Art. Free. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

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

Sensuous Topography and sculptural site-specific concepts are hallmarks of work by Kathryn Gustafson, who speaks for series cosponsored by American Society of Landscape Architects and Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Thursday, October 13, 7 p.m. Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. \$15. Reservations: 619-283-8818. (LA JOLLA)

“Liberty and Justice for All: Immigration Policy Reform” is

subject for talk, Thursday, October 13, 7 p.m., at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Lecture opens four-day conference with panels, speakers, dialogues “from across the spectrum.” Free. Registration: 619-260-4684. (LINDA VISTA)

“Mars Retrograde” is topic for Natori Moore when San Diego Astrological Society meets, Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). \$12. 760-310-4152. (HILLCREST)

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)

“The Battle of Fallujah: The Essence of War as Seen Through the Eyes of Photojournalist Sergeant Joel Chaverri” is on view

through October at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum (Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway). Chaverri, now on reserve status, plans presentation on Friday, October 14, 2 p.m. Free. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

History and Traditions of Día de los Muertos illuminated during workshop, Friday, October 14, 6 p.m., at Sherman Heights Community Center (2258 Island Avenue). Donation. 619-232-5181 x11. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

“Reflections on Fighting Hunger: Roads Not Taken, Goals Not Met, The Journey Ahead” — 22nd annual International World Food Day Teleconference is Friday, October 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Farm and Home Advisors Office (5555 Overland Avenue, building four).

Teleconference with Frances Moore Lappé (author of *Diet for a Small Planet*) at 9 a.m.; followed by local discussion of food systems in county, more. Free. Registration: 619-427-6527. (KEARNY MESA)

“How to Choose a Painting and Learn How to Paint: My Love of Provence” presented by Maïc Palmieri for Alliance Française, Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m., in Solomon Hall of Maher Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Lecture in French. \$10. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

Reflections on “Southern Exposure” promised when artist Rubén Ortiz-Torres leads gallery tour, Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Music follows. Included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

“My Heart’s 28-Year Odyssey Inside Afghanistan” — Bonnie Chamberlin presents illustrated lecture on income-generating project with local people she’s involved with when Bead Society of San Diego County gathers, Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m., at Mingei Museum. Nonmember fee: \$8.50 (includes museum admission). 858-566-7778. (BALBOA PARK)

“Charts, Charts, and More Charts!” Demonstration of different charts available when Computer Genealogy Society of San Diego meets on Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m., in Robinson Auditorium at UCSD (off Pangea Drive). Free. 858-278-4519. (LA JOLLA)

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“Using Intuitive Tools to Boost Intuition and Enhance Your Male and Female Energies” is subject for workshop led by psychic Vessa Rinehart when Romance Writers of America meet, Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Best Western Seven Seas (411 Hotel Circle South). Morning speaker: Judy Duarte on revising manuscripts. \$25. Reservations: 619-741-9114. (MISSION VALLEY)

“Mr. Midway Magic,” a.k.a. Rear Admiral Mac McLaughlin, USN, Retired, speaks for Sons of the American Revolution, Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m., at Ramada Inn (5550 Kearny Mesa Road). Learn history of *Midway*, how ship became museum. \$13 tickets include breakfast. Required reservations: 760-743-0034. (KEARNY MESA)

“Animal Agriculture and the Environment: Making Big Changes, One Meal at a Time” is topic when former cattle farmer Harold Brown speaks for San

OUT & ABOUT

DAWN UPSHAW sings Ayre for La Jolla Music Society, Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, October 20.

(SEE CLASSICAL MUSIC)



Diego Animal Advocates, Saturday, October 15, 4:30 p.m., at San Diego County Health Services Complex (3851 Rosecrans Street). Free. 619-794-0248. (SAN DIEGO)

“The Architectural Transformation of Downtown” examined during slide-illustrated lecture by architect and CCDC manager Gary Papers, Saturday, October 15, 9:30 a.m., at New

School of Architecture (1249 F Street). 619-287-0050 or 619-235-4100. Donation: \$3. (DOWNTOWN)

Rot Happens, master composters lead composting workshop Saturday, October 15, 8 a.m., at Escondido Community Garden. Instruction and demonstrations in building and maintenance of backyard compost piles, worm bins. Free. Garden is just north of Highway 78 on Centre City Parkway; park in park and ride lot. Free. 760-839-4818. (ESCONDIDO)

Who Dunit? Seminar in the forensic sciences offered by San Diego Museum of Man on Saturday, October 15, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Crime experts and physical anthropologists discuss many methods, techniques, and procedures used to help solve crimes, identify human remains, determine causes of death. \$60. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

“The Latest News in Space Exploration” imparted when NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Jay Lavine speaks Saturday, October 15, 1 p.m., at Reuben H.

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Prepare for Día de los Muertos during papier-mâché skeleton-making workshop on Saturday, October 15, noon, at Back from Tomboctou (3564 Adams Avenue); \$20. Sugar skull workshop at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. on Sunday; \$15. Reservations: 619-282-8708. Classes on various dates through October 29. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"How to Control Weeds the Healthy Way," workshop is Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m., at Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center (1580 Cannon Road). Speaker: Carolyn Kinnon. Free. 858-694-2184. (CARLSBAD)

"Surfing: A Celebration" — surfers Michael and Milton Willis discuss "humanistic values of San Diego's signature sport" for Humanist Fellowship, Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-670-4159, 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

Poetry Writing Workshop hosted by Magee Park Poets on Sunday, October 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. Reservations required: 760-602-2012. (CARLSBAD)

Ayn Rand's View of Sex is subject when Objectivist Reading Group meets Sunday, October 16, 6 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Free; newcomers welcome. 619-291-5754. (NORTH PARK)

Heritage Scrapbooking Class led by historian/artist Helen Hal-may of the Congress of History, Sunday, October 16, 1 to 5 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). Archival techniques, rescue of old photographs, digital photography, more. Fee: \$10 at door. 619-469-7283. (LEMON GROVE)

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THE BIRTH OF ANGELS

The heavy-lidded enterprise of the dead
begins with forgetting, ends with forgotten.
Like smoke, so thick at first but higher
just a wisp, until it is indistinguishable

from air. The move from youth to old age,
doesn't it resemble falling, a leaf descending
from white birch to front lawn? You think
It drifts slowly? It plummets. And this well-

dressed elderly man crossing against the light.
At the curb he puts a hand to his chest. He feels
a fluttering which suggests the birth of angels:
a sudden consciousness, the thrashing of wings.

SAYING NO

He stretches out his right hand,
then pulls it back with the left.
His lips part to fashion a kiss,
irony shoves itself into the space.
At one moment he dismantles a wall,
the next he builds it up again.
What does he fear? He imagines being
shrunk down to a pool of salt water.

The child he once might have been
sits on the bank with his fishing pole.
Blind fish nose violently past his hook.
They could take it, let the barb sink deep
into lip or cheek. They choose not.

Even discontent is better than nothing.
Even a denial can be an affirmation.

— Stephen Dobyns, from *Mystery, So Long*; Penguin Books, 2005



Stephen Dobyns

of creative process led by Nina Couturiaux and Cindy Bennett, Sunday, October 16, noon, at Ginseng Yoga and Bodywork (2985 Beech Street). \$20. 760-458-4285. (SOUTH PARK)

"Belly Plants of the California Deserts" illuminated during slide-illustrated lecture by Ilene Anderson for California Native Plant Society, Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., in Casa del Prado room 104. Belly plants are plants you have to get out of your car to see. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

Fix a Flat, learn brake and derailleur adjustment, more, when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinics on Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020); and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Digital Cameras: Lee's Rules of 3s" divulged by "Digital Photo Guy" for San Diego PC User Group, Tuesday, October 18, 6:45 p.m., at San Diego Office of Education (room 301, 6401 Linda Vista Road). Free. 858-268-0626. (LINDA VISTA)

"Mi Casa, Su Casa," illustrated lecture by Paul Ramirez Jones in conjunction with inSite_05, Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). "Talk followed by an exercise in trust and openness." Free. 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Pascal's Wager and the Existence of God" explored Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Monkey Trails and Forest Tales" offered when San Diego Zoological Society architectural project coordinator Robyn Badger speaks for Special Speakers series, Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m. in zoo's Otto Center Auditorium. \$14. Required reservations: 619-557-3962. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ethical Challenges in Difficult Times" examined by James Webb, former secretary of the Navy, Wednesday, October 19, in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Reception at 5 p.m., lecture, book signing at 6 p.m. Free. 619-260-4681. (LINDA VISTA)

"Healing with Crystals" is subject when Elivia Melodey leads

class, Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Rainy's Mystics (801 Grand Avenue #3). \$20. 760-744-9818. (SAN MARCOS)

Soil and Irrigation examined by landscape architect Dan Carney, Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Making Friends" seminar hosted by Centex Homes, Wednesday, October 19, 6 p.m., at 930 Market Street. Free. RSVP: 619-237-7359. (DOWNTOWN)

"Popular Culture and Urban School Reform" presented by K. Wayne Yang, UCLA President's Postdoctoral Fellow, Wednesday, October 19, 3 p.m., in conference room 107 of Social Science building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

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

A Rare Bacterial Infection claimed legs and fingers of Carlsbad resident Patty Kolb in 1994. Kolb presents "Changing the Way You See Your Life" on Thursday, October 20, in room 201 of MiraCosta College's San Elijo campus (3333 Manchester Avenue). Talk also presented in room 3601 of MiraCosta College at One Barnard Drive on Monday, October 24 and Thursday, November 3. Programs begin at noon. Free. 760-757-2121 x6580. (CARDIFF, OCEANSIDE)

"Paper, Palm, and Pigment: Materials and Techniques of Indian Painting" explored during conservation symposium, Thursday, October 20, 2 to 5:30 p.m., in conjunction with "Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks of Indian Painting" at San Diego Museum of Art. Talks by Janet Rugles, Rachel Freeman, Nella Pogi, Neeta Premchand. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Peacebuilding Among the Traumatized in the Long War in Northern Uganda" is subject when Pauline Acayo of Uganda speaks for "Women Peacemakers" event, Thursday, October 20, 12:30 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San

Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

"The Sense of Wonder: Some Explorations by the Indian Painter" offered by Indian art scholar B.N. Goswamy on Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Goswamy is cocurator of current "Domains of Wonder" exhibition. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Pros and Cons, League of Women Voters host forum describing eight initiatives pending consideration by voters, Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., in community rooms at Oceanside Public Library (330 North Coast Highway). Free. 760-643-0177. (OCEANSIDE)

"Annual Haunted Refrigerator Writing Workshop" led by author, creativity coach Jill Badonsky, Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Book Works (Flower Hill Mall, 2670 Via de la Valle). Tools for creative writing, tips. All levels, no critique. \$12. 760-434-3436. (DEL MAR)

IN PERSON

Thoroughly Modern Folk-Pop! Ellis Paul performs for Acoustic-MusicSanDiego, Thursday, October 13, 7:30 p.m., at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Evening Dialogue with Karl Renz, author of *The Myth of Enlightenment*, Thursday, October 13, 6:15 p.m., at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Inner Directions event will be filmed for Adelphia TV. \$15. 760-599-4075. (LA COSTA)

"It Ain't Pretty Bein' Easy" — story told "through songs about a lifelong friendship" with music and lyrics by Christopher Jackson, featuring Vernon Goodman, presented Thursday-Saturday, October 13-16, at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). \$15. 619-584-3593. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Entre Nous Showcase," hidden talents of librarians and other library staff members showcased in series beginning with "Let the Music Play!" Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., at Weingart/City Heights Library Performance An-

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"Love My Rifle More Than You: Young and Female in the U.S. Army" signed and discussed by former military intelligence sergeant/Arabic linguist Kayla Williams, Friday, October 14, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Music Faculty at MiraCosta College performs music "spanning several stylistic periods and genres" on Friday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). \$10 general; proceeds will establish scholarship fund. 760-757-2121 x6446. (OCEANSIDE)

Science Fiction Author John Ringo signs *Ghost*, Friday, October 14, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Tom and Dick bring Smothers Brothers Show, along with Yo Yo Man, to stage of Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre (5469 Casino Way) on Friday, October 14, 8 p.m. \$40. 619-659-3380. DEHESA)

"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.

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Award-Winning Author Ben Bova visits Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) to sign, discuss *Mercury*, Saturday, October 15, 1 p.m. 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Crystal Vibrations Ensemble Concert with Elivia Melodey (singing bowls), Native American flutes, didjeridu, vocals, percussion, Saturday, October 15, 7 p.m., at Love and Light Healing Center (8632 La Mesa Boulevard). \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. 619-644-1895. (LA MESA)

The 13-Piece Latin Orchestra Grupo Fantasma performs Saturday, October 15, 8 p.m., at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Donation: \$5. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Marches, Overtures, Broadway Hits on tap when Kearny Mesa Concert Band presents fall concert, Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). \$8 general. 858-455-3418, 858-552-9335. (POINT LOMA)

"Songs Without Words" provide theme for concerts by MiraCosta College's Chamber Chorale, Camerata Singers, North Coast Concert Chorale on October 15 and 16 in MiraCosta College Theatre (One Barnard Drive). Expect a variety of selections in which "words are either secondary, nonsense, or nonexistent." Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)



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LOCAL EVENTS

North County Funnies, monthly "PG-rated" comedy show combining sketch comedy and stand-up comedy convenes Saturday, October 15, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Program boasts Chris Clobber (ZooMan), Joe Charles, Pearl Street Players, and host Kurt Swann. \$18 at door. 760-960-0105. (CARLSBAD)

Author Jeff Rutstein discusses, signs *The Steriod Deceit: A Body Worth Dying For?* on Saturday, October 15, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center Mall (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

"Chuckle for Children — An Evening of Hilarious, Clean, Stand-Up Comedy," Saturday, October 15, 8 p.m., at Mendoza Elementary (2050 Coronado Avenue). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. 619-575-8863. (NESTOR)

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)

Hip Graffiti plays jazz "of every flavor" for Summer/Fall Concert Series, Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Donation: \$5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

Author Sienna Lea "launches" her erotic thriller starring Queen Nefertiti, *Stealing the Moon*, with party on Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m., at 101 Artists' Colony (90

North Coast Highway 101). Free. 760-634-6735. (ENCINITAS)

Prose and Screen Media Author David Wolstencroft signs and discusses *Contact Zero* on Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747). Free. (CLAIREMONT)

Concert on the Green, Sunday, October 16, 3 to 7 p.m., at Grauer School (1500 South El Camino Real). Music from '50s and '60s by Corvettes, kids fun, food for sale. Concert: \$10, activities: \$2. 760-944-6777, 619-299-0085. (ENCINITAS)

"Haunted San Diego" signed, discussed by local author Gail White, Sunday, October 16, 1 p.m., at Captain Fitch's Mercantile (2627 San Diego Avenue). Free. 619-291-5464. (OLD TOWN)

La Paloma Invitational Poetry Slam, Monday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., at La Paloma Theatre (471 South Coast Highway 101). Proceeds from slam benefit preservation of historic La Paloma Theatre. 760-436-7469. (ENCINITAS)

Fertile Ground, poets, lyricists, spoken word artists, musicians welcome to open mic events every Monday, 9 p.m., at Hot Monkey Love Cafe (5960 El Cajon Boulevard). \$3-\$5. 619-819-7553. (SAN DIEGO)

UCSD History Professor Daniel Vickers signs and discusses his new book, *Young Men and the Sea*, Monday, October 17, 4 p.m., in Seuss Room of Geisel Library at UCSD. 858-534-2533. (LA JOLLA)

Self-Described Wide-Eyed Wanderers Amanda and Rich Ligato quit corporate jobs and traveled the world in their 1978 Volkswagen bus. Ligatoses sign books, discuss their trek on Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m., at Le Travel Store (745 Fourth Avenue; 619-544-

OUT & ABOUT

DAREDEVIL ACROBATICS! Thundering explosions! Miramar Air Show, October 14-16, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

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Busy on Tuesday? The duo will appear on Thursday, October 20, 6 p.m., at San Diego Automotive Museum (2080 Pan American Plaza #12). Free. 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

Author Sally Gary signs *Best Deals and Steals in San Diego: The Ultimate Consumer Guidebook to San Diego*, Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., at San Carlos Library (7265 Jackson Drive). Free. 619-527-3430. (SAN CARLOS)

"The Breast Cancer Book" is signed and discussed by Ruth H. Grobstein, M.D., Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Book offers "clear and reassuring guide to the disease, its prevention, and its treatment" by local doctor. 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Author Matthew Bokovoy discusses and signs his new book, *The San Diego World's Fairs and Southwestern Memory*, Thursday, October 20, 6:30 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-0070. (CORONADO)

Bokovoy also appears Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m., at San Diego

Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5821. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Accounts of Famous and Infamous People, places, and events in San Diego's past conveyed by Jack Innis in *San Diego Legends*, which he'll sign and discuss, Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Mission Hills Library (925 West Washington; 619-692-4910). Free. (MISSION HILLS)

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)

Two of the "Lost Boys of Sudan" appear on Thursday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., on library terrace at CSU, San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Alephonsion Deng, who has written a memoir with his brother and cousin, will share his story of survival in Africa and adapting to life in U.S.; Ajieng Chol will perform with his band Thongjieng. Free. 760-750-4990. (SAN MARCOS)

Local Author Victor Villaseñor speaks about his work — books including *Rain of Gold*, *Burro Genius: A Memoir* — Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. 760-602-2012. (LA COSTA)

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)

National Book Award Recipient Jonathan Kozol speaks Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Kozol's newest book is *The Shame of the Nation: The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America*, for which he visited 60 schools in 11 states over a 5-year period. \$5. Requested reservations: 619-687-3580. (DOWNTOWN)

Grammy-Winner Dave Alvin plans solo show for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Thursday, November 3, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). He's been a Blaster; he worked with X, Tom Waits, Los Lobos, Little Milton. His new CD is *Ashgrove*. Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Halley's Comet," described as "story of an 87-year-old man who shares the memories of a lifetime with the famous comet," performed by John Amos, Saturday, November 12, 8 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). General admission: \$35, \$37; \$5 for those 18 and younger. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

"The Ten Tenors" sing pieces "from arias to Abba" in concerts November 15-20, at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). See the Australian group at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; at

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SPORTS

City of Encinitas 5K (7:30 a.m.) and 1k run/walk (8:30 a.m.) is Saturday, October 15, starting and finishing at Moonlight Beach (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). 619-298-7400. (ENCINITAS)

Extreme Fighting promised Saturday, October 15, at Golden Acorn Casino (1800 Golden Acorn Way). Card includes "ten-plus extreme fights"; match-ups between Jeremy Jackson and Christian Var-

gas, Eddie Sanchez and Julian Rush, Raul Arvizu and Toby Imada, others. Doors open at 5 p.m.; fighting starts at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35 general, \$50 ringside, \$75 VIP. 619-392-4660. (CAMPO)

Up for a Century? Make a 100-mile bike ride to San Clemente through Camp Pendleton with Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists, Sunday, October 16. Ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in Doyle Park (8175 Regents Road). Bring money for lunch. 619-426-8192. (UNIVERSITY CITY, SAN CLEMENTE)

San Diego Chargers meet up with Raiders in Oakland, Sunday, October 16, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on CBS. Tickets for home games available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

Escondido Encounter, meander around with Knickerbikers bicyclists, Sunday, October 16. The 30-miler for "tourists" starts at 9 a.m. in north end of Kit Carson Park (across from Boy Scouts of America building). Free. 858-451-3173. (ESCONDIDO)

Row for the Cure hosted by UCSD rowing team and Komen San Diego, Sunday, October 30, 7 to 11 a.m., at north Ski Beach. Rowers and kayakers of all ages and skill levels participate in timed races. Fees: \$25-\$90. Registration: 760-692-2900. (MISSION BAY)

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Show hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday; twilight show 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday. General admission is free; preferred and grandstand seats available through 888-435-9746. Information: 858-577-1016. (MIRAMAR)

San Diego International Orchid Fair, sponsored by Quail Botanical Gardens, October 14–16, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Lectures, demonstrations, displays, signing by Pat Welsh (Friday, 2 p.m.), vendors.

Hours: 1 to 8 p.m. on Friday; show opens at 9 a.m. on weekend, closing at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. \$5. 760-436-3036. (DEL MAR)

Originals Art and Craft Show (formerly Harvest Festival), runs October 14–16, at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). Clothing, crafts, specialty foods, entertainment, and *objets d'art* offered by artisans and craftspeople.

Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 9 p.m. on Friday, 7 p.m. on Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8.50 general, \$7.50 seniors, \$4 for those 13–17, free for kids 12 and younger. 800-321-1213. (DOWNTOWN)

Quilts at the Windmill, El Camino Quilters plan quilt show, boutique, demonstrations, vendors, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, at Windmill Conference Center (890 Palomar Airport Road). \$7. 760-598-8289. (CARLSBAD)

Ever Milked a Goat? Try your hand during Vaquero Days, Friday through Sunday, October 14–16, at Merigan Barns. Horsemanship presentations, mountain man camp, vendors, music, more. Adults: \$10, kids free. Directions: 619-445-3946. (DESCANSO)

OUT & ABOUT

THE BANNER BANDIT, or *Double Trouble Was Her Plight* for Old-Time Comedy Melodrama and Olio, weekends through October 30, Julian Town Hall.

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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); partici-

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

Virginia Woolf's *To the Lighthouse* is up for discussion when Great Books Reading and Discus-

sion Group gathers, Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m., in third floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN)

Celebrate 75th Anniversary of The Maltese Falcon, Dashiell Hammett's classic noir crime novel, in exhibit on view through Sunday, October 16, at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Items in exhibit trace sources from Hammett's life, rare items.

Julie Rivett, Hammett's granddaughter, will discuss *Falcon* and its place in American culture; film starring Humphrey Bogart will screen following talk. Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

In Rust We Trust, this year's threshing bee and antique engine and tractor show at Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum is October 15 and 16 (and October 22, 23). Harvest fair includes black-

smith and wheelwright demonstrations, grist and sawmill operations, vintage skills, along with food, gifts, music, train rides, displays of antique cars and steam engines.

Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$8 general, \$7 seniors, \$5 for those 6–12, and kids under 6 free. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

California Wolf Center hosts public programs focusing on North American gray wolves every Saturday at 2 p.m. Programs include slide show, visit and tour with resident wolf pack. Tickets: \$8 general, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ten and younger. Required reservations: 619-234-WOLF. (JULIAN)

Need a Costume? San Diego Junior Theatre hosts 17th annual Halloween costume sale, Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of Casa del Prado Theatre. Costumes and accessories range from \$1 to \$100. 619-239-1311. (BALBOA PARK)

Cruise the Greek Isles, East County's 2005 Greek Festival is October 15 and 16 at 695 Ballantyne Street. Greek food, dancing, cooking demonstrations, kid's zone. Hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. \$1 general, free for those under 12. 619-593-0707. (EL CAJON)

Fall Plant Sale hosted by California Native Plant Society, Saturday, October 15, in Casa del Prado courtyard. Over 150 species, varieties of native California plants for sale; experts answer questions. Sale starts at 10 a.m., continues until plants are gone. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

Make a Difference in Old Town State Historic Park by becoming a volunteer. Annual volunteer training starts on Saturday, October 15. Registration: 619-220-5373 or 619-220-5422. (OLD TOWN STATE HISTORIC PARK)

International Reptile Breeders' Show and sale — showcasing captive-bred reptiles and amphibians — October 15 and 16, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Workshops, vendors. Show opens at 10 a.m., closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$3 children. 619-838-4724. (DEL MAR)

Sogetsu School of Ikebana show, Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Free. 619-239-0512. (BALBOA PARK)

Celebrate Día de los Muertos by viewing the *ofrenda* (altar) commemorating “the dearly departed,” opening with reception on Saturday, October 15, 5:30 p.m., at SoLo (309 South Cedros Avenue). See *ofrenda* through Tuesday, November 1. 858-794-9016. (SOLANA BEACH)

Tea Tasting with Michael Figins, exploring characteristics and elements of teas, on Saturday, October 15, 2 to 4 p.m., at Caffé Calabria (3933 30th Street). Free. 619-291-1759. (NORTH PARK)

Clowns, Daring Feats, Aerialists — Circus Vargas features performers from Mexico, Russia, South America, and U.S. Shows begin at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, at Cox Arena (5500 Canyon Crest Drive). Tickets: \$28.50 for adults, \$11 for those 12 and younger, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SAN DIEGO)

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The Plant Collection Is Fully Categorized — see slides of plant photos and eat some popcorn when Buena Vista Native Plant Club meets, Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

“Nature’s Magic Extravaganza,” fundraiser for Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation, Sunday, October 16, 1 to 5 p.m., at Windmill Conference Center (890 Palomar Airport Road). Khevin Barnes — a.k.a. Dr. Wilderness — presents magic shows at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.; face painting, wildlife demos, art displays, silent auction. Tickets: \$30 at door. 760-931-0800. (CARLSBAD)

Stamp Collecting Show, stamp and cover dealers offer wares, Sunday, October 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Free. 619-469-0337. (KEARNY MESA)

Visit “Norma’s Gallery” while watercolorist Norma Herrera has work on view at Benjamin Library (5188 Zion Avenue). Reception: Monday, October 17, 6 p.m. Free. 619-533-3970. (ALLIED GARDENS)

“Rose Canyon: A Walk through History,” San Diego Archaeological Center has researched and installed interpretive exhibit for viewing through October at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass Street). Free. 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

Fall Plant Sale and Picnic hosted by San Diego Horticultural Society on Saturday, November 5,

at Bernardo Winery (13330 Paseo del Verano Norte). Plant sale with offerings from 20 local specialty growers, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (free admission). Catered barbecue, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (\$5). Eight lectures by local experts on variety of garden topics.

Demonstration of hand-tied bouquets by René van Rems at 10:30 a.m. (\$20 general, includes lunch). Booksigning follows. Reservations required by October 20.

Details, reservations: 760-730-3268. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The “Miniature Book Society’s Traveling Exhibition” is on view through November in Wangenheim Room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-291-8800. (DOWNTOWN)

“Urban Trees 2,” 30 colorful and imaginative tree sculptures are on exhibit through March 2006, along one-mile stretch of pedestrian promenade from Hawthorn Street to Broadway Pier. Free. 619-686-6388. (DOWNTOWN)

FOR KIDS

“3 Jungle Adventures” promised when Disney on Ice presents *Disney’s The Jungle Book, Tarzan, The Lion King* through October 16, at iPayOne Center at San Diego Sports Arena.

Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday; noon and 7:30 p.m. on Friday; 11 a.m., 3:30, 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; 1:30 (in Spanish) and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$14.50–\$51.50, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Bob Baker Marionettes present *Strings! Magical Strings!* through Sunday, October 16, in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater (admission for these special performances is \$5 general). Meet *The Polka Dot Ghost* when Big Joe Productions take stage for performances October 19–23.

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)

“Alexander Who’s Not Not Not Not Going to Move” —with book and lyrics by Judith Viorst, music by Shelly Markham, hits stage on Saturday, October 15, 7 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Musical presented by Kennedy Center’s Imagination Celebration on Tour. Adults: \$35, \$37; kids \$5. 858-748-0505. (POWAY)

Meet Peter Rabbit when the mischievous rabbit visits storytime on Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m., at Barnes and Noble Bookstore (810 West Valley Parkway). Free. 760-480-2760. (ESCONDIDO)

“Seussical” the musical is performed by singers, dancers, and actors aged 8–18 perform in Christian Youth Theater productions, October 15–20 at Truax Theater, El Camino High School (400 Rancho del Oro Drive). Tickets: \$10 for kids, \$12 for adults. Reservations: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (OCEANSIDE)

Create a Book Arts Project using a variety of media after touring “Jean Lowe: Library” during family open studio events, Saturday,

October 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in courtyard at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Free. Materials provided. 760-434-2904 or 760-602-2021. All ages. (LA COSTA)

Explore Motion when Reuben H. Fleet Science Center hosts family science day, Saturday, October 15, noon to 3 p.m. Participants “make a free science experiment” to take home. Regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

“Insect Secrets” divulged during program for kids eight–eleven years old, Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Science, sound, games, art. \$22 per nonmember adult/child pair. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

“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, October 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; pancake breakfast in morning. Fee: \$85 for adults, \$65 for children. Reservations: 619-660-4350. (EL CAJON)

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Reading

Lunar Park



Bret Easton Ellis

By Bret Easton Ellis
Knopf, 2005; \$24.95; 308 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:

Imagine becoming a bestselling novelist, and almost immediately famous and wealthy, while still in college, and before long seeing your insufferable father reduced to a bag of ashes in a safe-deposit box, while after *American Psycho* your celebrity drowns in a sea of vilification, booze, and drugs.

Then imagine having a second chance ten years later, as the Bret Easton Ellis of this remarkable novel is given, with a wife, children, and suburban sobriety — only to watch this new life shatter beyond recognition in a matter of days. At a fateful Halloween party he glimpses a disturbing (fictional) character driving a car identical to his late father's, his stepdaughter's doll violently "malfunctions," and their house undergoes bizarre transformations both within and without. Connecting these aberrations to graver events — a series of grotesque murders that no longer seem random and the epidemic disappearance of boys his son's age — Ellis struggles to defend his family against this escalating menace even as his wife, their therapists, and the police insist that his apprehensions are rooted instead in substance abuse and egomania.

Lunar Park confounds one expectation after another, passing through

comedy and mounting horror, both psychological and supernatural, toward an astonishing resolution — about love and loss, fathers and sons — in what is surely the most powerfully original and deeply moving novel of an extraordinary career.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From *Publishers Weekly*: Having ridden to fame as the laureate of Reagan-era excesses, Ellis serves up a self-eviscerating apologia for all the awful things (wanton drug use, reckless promiscuity, serial murder) he worked so hard to glamorize.... As a novel by anyone else, *Lunar Park* would be hokum, but in context, it is a fascinating look at a once controversial celebrity as a middle-aged man.

From *The Village Voice*: *Lunar Park* is a ghost story and a Charlie Kaufman showdown between the writer and his everyday self, written under Philip Roth's influence and as homage to child-

hood hero Stephen King.... Sentence for sentence, *Lunar Park* has some of Ellis's best writing, especially the tour de force elegy closing out the novel.

From *The Washington Post's Book World*: *Lunar Park* is often very funny, particularly when detailing Bret's latest self-referential, misogynist writing project, the title of which I can't quote in a family newspaper.... Ellis also evokes with nightmarish clarity a certain kind of upper-middle-class life, where all the children are Ritalin-dependent and even the family golden retriever is on Prozac.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Bret Easton Ellis, born in 1964 and raised in Los Angeles, was a student at Bennington College in Vermont. There he wrote his first published novel, *Less Than Zero*, as an assignment for a creative writing class. The novel was published in 1985 and Bret Easton Ellis became a "name," and that name joined a list of bad boy and girl

authors, a "literary brat pick," among whom were Jay McInerney and Tama Janowitz. Simon and Schuster wrote out a check for \$300,000 as advance for Ellis's third novel, *American Psycho*. So violent was the book considered and so anti-female that female editors at S&S protested its publication. The book was delisted. Vintage, an arm of Knopf, bought out the contract and published the novel.

Ellis is the author of five novels and a collection of stories, which have been translated into 27 languages. He divides his time between Los Angeles and New York City.

A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR:

Mr. Ellis was at home in California, as was I, on the day that we talked. I had asked what he was reading. He answered, saying, "It's harder for me to find things that I like than it used to be. I'm pickier. I know people who will read

books even if they're not into them — I can't do it. I've got to like a book to finish it. So, I do toss books aside after 40 or 50 pages. 'I get where you're going — I'm not going to be on this train. I'm getting off on this ride.'"

Ellis said that interviews could be difficult for him. "The questions that I'm terrible about answering are questions that have to do with explaining my book. I'm fine with other questions, but in terms of, like, 'Why is this here? Why did you do this? I'm lame. You can give it a shot.'"

"Let me give it a shot. It seemed that part of what the book was about is being an author, what it is to be a writer."

"That's exactly what it's about. It is about the creative process, and it is about what it means to be a writer, and what it means to be sitting in a room all day creating fictions. And what does that do to a person? What kind of person is that?"

"When I first had the idea for

"I'm a satirist. I write these novels in order to criticize the culture and all that I loathe about it."

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.)

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, the museum locates, collects, documents, and preserves historical gas-, steam-, and horse-powered equipment related to agriculture and the general development of America. The collection is made up of equipment used in lumbering, mining, oil drilling, and construction industries. Blacksmith and wheelwright shop, country kitchen and parlor, steam-operated saw mill, and 1/3-scale train. Find the museum at 2040 North Santa Fe Avenue. 760-941-1791. (VISTA)

Bonita Museum and Cultural Center, the museum highlights the history of the Sweetwater Val-

ley from the mid-1800s, with historical photographs; artifacts, tools, and farming implements; the district's 1953 fire engine; and bound copies back to the 1930s of the *Chula Vista Star News*. Find the museum at 4035 Bonita Road. 619-267-5141. (BONITA)

California Surf Museum, "The Surfer-Shapers," on exhibit through 2005, showcases several surfers whose conceptual abilities and crafting talent radically altered surfboard design. The search has always been for lighter, faster, more maneuverable boards, from Duke Kahanamoku in early 1900s to Tom Blake in 1920s to Simon Anderson in early 1980s.

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John "L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and

development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

Interpretive 1.5-hour train rides offered each weekend (11 a.m., 2:30 p.m.) over portion of the San Diego and Arizona Railway. Find the depot on Highway 94 at Forrest Gate Road. 619-465-7776. (CAMPO)

Chinese Historical Society and Museum, over 50 cloisonné pieces dating from late Qing Dynasty to early Republic of China featured in "Cloisonné: Perfect Fusion," continuing through Wednesday, November 15.

View artifacts from San Diego's Chinese and Chinese-American history, culture, and art. Current museum artifacts include a 1920s warlord's bed, exhibits on Chinese footbinding and Chinese-American veterans. The museum is in a building originally built in 1927 for the Chinese Mission. Adjacent to the building is an Asian garden with koi pond and waterfall.

Find the museum at 404 Third Avenue (at J Street). 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Chula Vista Heritage Museum the museum features glimpses of Chula Vista's past; exhibits feature lemon packing crate labels, photographs of downtown Chula Vista, doors and adobe blocks from the original *Star* newspaper building, and relics from the Otay Watch Company. Find the museum at 360 Third Avenue. For further information, call 619-420-6916. (CHULA VISTA)

Creation Museum, a museum contrasting the evolution and creation world views is found at 10946 Woodside Avenue North. For more information, call 619-448-0900 x231. (SANTEE)

Gemological Institute of America Museum, permanent exhibits include displays depicting science and art of gemstones and history, lore and cultural significance of jewelry. Find the GIA at 5345 Armada Drive. Required reservations: 800-421-7250 x4116. (CARLSBAD)

George White and Anna Gunn Marston House, historic home sits on five acres of landscaped grounds with a formal English Romantic garden. Built for civic leader and department store founder George Marston and his family by San Diego architects William Hebbard and Irving Gill, the Marston house design is in keeping with the early 20th-Century American Arts and Crafts period, emphasizing simplicity, function, and natural materials. The museum is located at 3525 Seventh Avenue; 619-298-3142. (HILLCREST)

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month, *Children Around the World* videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured

at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

Find the museum at 4233 Park Boulevard. 619-296-3112. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park, old adobe buildings were once vacation retreat and working rancho of actor Leo Carrillo. Tours on Saturdays (11 a.m., 1 p.m.) and Sundays (noon, 2 p.m.). Find Rancho de los Quiotes at 6200 Flying LC Lane. Free. 760-476-1042. (CARLSBAD)

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, "The Battle of Fallujah: The Essence of War as Seen Through the Eyes of Photojournalist Sergeant Joel Chaverri" is on view through October.

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this book in 1989, I wanted to write a ghost story. I don't even think the narrator was a writer at that point. He was working in politics as a speechwriter. When I finally sat down to *Lunar Park* in the summer of 2000, he'd become a writer. But that happened about midway through."

As to how Mr. Ellis happened to lend his own name to his narrator: "This material ultimately was so personal that I thought, 'Why don't you just go off — make him you. There are so many similarities already — just make this character you. Just name him you in fact, and use the books from your past.'

"But pretty much the structure of the book and what the book was about was about 80 percent there in '89. Things that changed were obviously the death of my father, which happened in '92, and so the ghost of the father started to announce itself more often in this outline that I was creating, and also *American Psycho*, which was something that came out of the blue in terms of the controversy and the scandal and its success. Ultimately I resented its success, I resented the fact that it's my most popular novel, I resented the fact that Patrick Bateman [in *American Psycho*] became

this iconic figure and that began to play a part in *Lunar Park*. I started to think, 'Well, God, what happens when you create something that becomes a Frankenstein monster?' And how does a writer deal with that?"

"I'm a satirist. What does that mean? I'm angry with the world. That's what satirists are, and so I write these novels in order to criticize the culture and all that I loathe about it. I did that for many years. By the time this book came around, there wasn't anything to satirize. Basically, it was a ghost story, and there were things in it that were personal. There's always a part of me that's going to satirize the suburbs and modern parenting. But overall, I didn't feel that sense of self-righteous anger that spurred me to write *American Psycho* and *Glamorama*."

I found interesting, I said, the way in which the narrator was always trying to understand how reality is constructed. "He becomes," I suggested, "an epistemological wonder boy, but a lost wonder boy. He seems too to be filled with more feeling than he knows what to do with."

"Well, isn't everybody? If you're a writer, if you're an artist of any kind, you have to be open

and vulnerable and feel everything. Even when I was into writing deadpan, minimalist prose, or when I was channeling the voice of Patrick Bateman, behind that was a lot of emotion. Obviously, I was upset with something and that was my way of expressing it. But it changes as you get older. You want to be more open. This is probably the most honestly written, in terms of prose style, of all my books. All the other books are experimental by comparison. I don't know."

"Critics and readers, through one book after another, demonized you, and yet they bought the books. It was as if book buyers said, 'Ellis is a pig. I long to read what the pig's written now.' There's something insulting about that."

"I think it happened with the first book. I know I was demonized with the third book. But even with the first book, I didn't recognize the Bret Ellis that was portrayed in the media. That didn't seem like me. I think people thought I was from, like, Beverly Hills or Bel Air, which I wasn't. I was from Sherman Oaks. Much more of an upper-middle-class kid than a rich kid like most of my classmates who I was writing about in *Less Than Zero*."

"I think what happens is

when you become famous you die and the famous persona takes over. No one knows you. I mean, you're not going to meet every single person who's read your books and tell them, 'Look, this is what I'm about. This is what I'm like.'"

"Don't you think it's interesting that in the last decade or so that so-called reviewers, so-called critics more often review the author's 'real life' rather than the text itself?"

"I've noticed that a lot in the reviews that I've received over the past 10 to 15 years. I am never bothered by reviews. I'm not bothered by bad reviews; good reviews don't necessarily throw me — they're nice. What does bother me is exactly what you're talking about — when that starts to sneak into a review and starts to announce itself, you do get upset."

"Because it's not about the product but, rather, the producer."

"Yes, exactly, and it should be only about that. Believe me, we're probably seeing the best of the bunch when we see people actually writing book reviews. At least these people are trying to grapple with stuff. Most of the time they have read the book. But, maybe not. I don't know."

"My whole career I've been

"It is about the creative process, and it is about what it means to be a writer, and what it means to be sitting in a room all day creating fictions."

a victim of being criticized for my subject matter. But I gotta tell you, also, quite honestly, it doesn't play any part in the creative process. So, I don't know how much weight I should give any of it. That's what I've always felt about reviews. That's what I've always felt about reactions. And even readers. I read all the reviews I get, I'm always interested in what reviewers have to say, regardless of whether I agree with them or not, and I love meeting readers at book signings. But overall, none of that has anything to do with why you're writing a book.

"Since it's not part of the creative process it is difficult to have to think about why people are writing certain things about you or why people have this idea about

you that's not true. It's like, 'Well, okay, I've got so many other things in life that are important and urgent, and things could be much worse.' So, I don't know. I'm not the kind of writer that sits around and thinks about it."

"I think you can tell that from *Lunar Park*. I don't seem particularly concerned about any of that stuff. But what you bring up is interesting. I just don't know if I have an answer for it."

"When Simon & Schuster decided not to publish *American Psycho*, did they tell you or did they tell your agent?"

"My agent. My editor was in close contact with me during this process. He kept reassuring me that it was not going to hap-

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Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Founding Parents of Lemon Grove" details first 30 years of Lemon Grove's existence as a product of "second gold rush" (rise of citrus industry). Photos of original homes (many still standing), artifacts, documents, and furnishings show late-Victorian world of transplanted Midwestern farmers and orchardists.

"From the Kumeyaay to the Treganzas: Art Across Time" juxtaposes large wall murals of Kumeyaay life in late Stone Age in Lemon Grove with art of local Treganza family, whose creations in brass, copper, iron, and wood between 1896 and 1936 show their mixed Cornish, Spanish, and Mex-

ican Indian heritage.

Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus mirabilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas. Through December.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception" (closing Sunday, June 4, 2006) "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "TryScience!," and "Skyscapes." "Comet Impact" is theme for motion simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the

current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "Moments in Time: An Exhibition of San Diego History" examines significant events in American history as lived by San Diegans and recorded by artifacts they left behind. Continues through January 2006. The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find

the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum — dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers

are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will Chandler. Continues through May, 2006.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history

of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferries, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India*, the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley*, and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea*. The H.M.S. *Surprise*, used in film *Master and Commander*, is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrok class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model

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Reading

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pen. There was no way it was going to happen. My agent called and said, 'I think it is going to happen.' Then it did happen. It was a rough, weird week that I remember very well."

"You were still just a kid."

"I was. I was 25. I was 26 when the book was published. I was a kid. I didn't think I was a kid then, but I look back now — that's a kid."

"The publishing house itself did not make the decision; it was the corporation that owned the publishing house. That was the problem. And Dick Snider, who was editor-in-chief at Simon & Schuster at that time, would never have cancelled that book. It was done from higher up. It was a defining moment in my career...the defining moment in other people's idea of my career."

"I don't think it is the defining moment for you."

"No, not at all. But again,

I hate using the word 'career' even, because if I had a career, I think I would be writing a lot more. I don't look at writing as a career. I look at it as a hobby, as something that I enjoy doing, and I don't have a ton of ideas for books; I don't have 30 ideas sitting around. The books that I've published, that's pretty much it. Five books in 20 years. It doesn't seem like a lot to me. A lot of my contemporaries publish a book a year.

"I do tend to read my contemporaries, and I often scratch my head and wonder, 'Why the hell are you wasting your and my time with this book?' I mean, this must be so miserable to be forced to write this book within a period of nine months, so you can get it to your publisher, so you can get the hard cover out, so you can go out on tour."

"Did you think always that you wanted to be a writer?"

"Yes, I always thought that, ever since I was a little boy. I wrote many storybooks when I was a little boy. And, yes, it was always something that I was thinking about. Because I liked reading. And there were a lot of books in the house; my mom was a voracious reader. I loved the library. I read at a very early age. The pleasure that I got from reading was addictive enough in order for me to want to do it myself. I wanted to write."

"So that's where it came from. People often say, 'Oh, so, what teacher made you want to write?' 'What teacher was the one?' It wasn't any teacher. It was books. Books made me want to write. I did not take workshops in

college because I wanted to learn how to write. I took workshops in college because I was already writing and I wanted to be in a writing workshop. That's basically it. And then *Less Than Zero* got published. But, yes, from a very early age on I always was writing.

"The other fact that would come into play, I was living in a household that had a very strained marriage in it, a lot of alcoholism, a lot of scariness, and it was a way for me to vent to myself, to talk to myself. Reading and writing were a means of escape. They were their own way of transporting myself out of the reality of what the situation was into another world. But the irony there was that I was writing very dark things. So it wasn't like I was writing science fiction stories or fantasy stories."

"But you didn't know anything else other than darkness."

"No, that's true. I didn't know anything else. That was my only point of reference was the darkness in the house."

"As in this new book, the narrator touches the gravestone and the stone drips blood."

"Right, right."

"The reader knows for sure then, 'I am in for something so strange.' But also, moments like that in *Lunar Park* are painful. In part, what unhappy children do when they write is that they try to make another world that they can live in. This book is full of that house."

"Yes. That's true and interesting. I don't like to look at books as therapy for the writer, though ultimately they are. Something gets resolved with every book you

write. I did not expect the stuff that got lifted off me when I was finished with this book. I'd been in therapy a lot about my dad — he died unexpectedly — we were not speaking at the time, and it was a harder thing to take than I first thought. I was in shock that he had died so young. And so the shock of his death was what I related to for about a year or two. And then I began to realize the loss.

"He had gotten impossible in his last years. You could not talk to him. He was an impossible guy. But on the other hand, I do hear from friends who had strained relationships with their fathers in their 20s, that their families mellow out. Many of my male friends are surprised by this thing that's happening with them now as they're entering their 40s, that this strained relationship that they had with their fathers mellows with age. My father did have some good qualities. He was a very funny guy, and he did speak to the hypocrisy of stuff. He was very smart. But he also was extremely unhappy, and he drank too much. And he was an abusive guy."

"When I was writing the book, my dad was the point of reference that I kept thinking about all the time. I was talking to him while I was writing the book. And by the time I ended the book, I should have realized that therapy wasn't going to do it, what was going to do it was this. I'm a writer, I write novels, and this was what was going to resolve a lot of issues I had."

"Do you ever think that there are many people going

"I don't look at writing as a career. I look at it as a hobby, as something that I enjoy doing."

through the world with whole pieces of your books in their head, and they no longer can separate them from their own memories or their own pasts?"

"Well, I am one of those people with other people's work. I have writers in my head that I'm always thinking about every day. And I guess books work that way. That's what's wonderful about them."

"Also, I was very surprised all over again, about how passionate people can become about a writer. I'm always so surprised because it's such a solitary thing. You're so alone. The whole process is lonely. And so when you're out, say, on a book tour, the juxtaposition between the creation of the book where you're alone in a room for five years, and then you're out in front of 800 people at a Barnes and Noble, and they're all telling you their feelings about this book that was just released. I don't know. It's kind of hard to take seriously almost. This is so strange."

Back in the 1990s Daniel Halpern edited a book titled, *Who's Writing This?* Halpern asked various writers to muse on the difference between the public author, or, authorial person, and the private, non-writing person. What did Mr. Ellis think

that difference was?

"I've never talked about that before, but I'm pretty good at doing that regardless if I'm with someone or if I'm not with someone. You have this other mundane life that you have to deal with on a daily basis. And then if you're working on a novel, it's probably a very dramatic life that you return to, for three or four hours in the afternoon or in the morning, and then again it's, like, 'I've got to meet the guys for drinks or the movies.' It is a very curious way to live, but it's pretty true for me. Writing isn't method acting. Even if I'm writing a sequence that's extremely emotional or is a very seductive scene, if I have stuff to do I can turn it off and realize, 'Okay, look, it's 5 o'clock....' That does not mean that you're not inspired by the material, it just means that you've got to be very careful with it."

"Writing is fun. And it should be fun. I don't understand writers who bitterly complain about writing novels. I don't get it. Do something else. The process should be fun and it should be inspiring; you should be excited to spend every day, able to do it. I don't understand the writers who drone on and on about 'Oh, it's so hard; it's so difficult....'"

— Judith Moore

building, ships in bottles, wood-carvers, and a complete research library.

"The Spirit of Sailing," an exhibit of photographs capturing "the romance of tall ship sailing" by Michael Kahn, closes Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of

North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, in celebration of its 90th anniversary, "Passage to Panama: Past to Present" and "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" continue through April 2006. "Being Kuna" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life,

narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molos*, colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. "Passage" documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold,

how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian bas-

kets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Sexual Counterrevolution

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

BY MATTHEW LUCIANA
A local high school again was called by a local teachers' coalition, "Coronado parents Kelly Davis... They were receiving the health curriculum, specifically the abstinence family life curriculum. Parents had expressed concerns about Planned Parenthood's role in their presentation 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



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Painterly, Not Personal

"You won't find novelty in the subject matter but in the way you express it."

Pioneering Modern Painting: Cézanne and Pissarro: 1865–1885, an exhibition I saw in August at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and now running at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, could have been titled *Temperament's Touch*. It documents the years the two painters worked together, sometimes side by side, sharing technical discoveries and finding their separate ways through and beyond Impressionism. The exhibition marches more or less two by two, a Pissarro next to a Cézanne, and except for a few pairings where from ten feet away one's picture might be mistaken for the other's, each expressed the quality of his inner life in the way his hand moved on canvas or paper.

The exhibition tracks their visual conversation about what makes for modern painting, and the self-portraits that open the show prove how they walked similar roads but swaggered differently. Stiff-backed Pissarro is guarded, shy, his soft gaze floating above a foamy gray-brown beard. The picture is a cautious greeting, with a lightly granular surface shirred and plumped with color. You sense a careful, concentrated, almost etherealized joy at work. Cézanne's physical presence, on the other hand, is a mighty immanence: he's like a chunk of rockface or a village wall. The personality is churlish and confrontational — this, you think, is one stubborn goat — and the picture surface is viscous, sharp-edged, the color pushed and prodded into shingled platelets. We sense right away that to approach Cézanne's inner life is to pitch ourselves into the laborious, unforgiving dynamics of painting.

Both grounded their careers in a principle Émile Zola articulated in an 1866 essay that "a work of art is a corner of creation seen through a temperament." Forty years later, Cézanne would still be insisting on the importance of "expressing [one-self] according to personal temperament." Both painters shared the idea Pissarro, ten years Cézanne's senior, expressed in an 1884 letter: "Don't bother trying to look for something new; you won't find novelty in the subject matter but in the way you express it." The two set absolute value on painterly ardor and discipline; each was quick to criticize himself for roughness and what they both called "monstrousness," though this is less apparent in the actual surfaces of Pissarro's pictures. And they harped on the difference between art and mere skill, between the individuation of sensation inflected by temperament and the technical expertise first acquired (as Cézanne put it) by studying pictures in the Louvre.

But temperament ruled. Each created different kinds and levels of arousal: Pissarro's pictures tend to flutter and puff into life; Cézanne's are more chesty, less porous, and consolidate physical reality even as they're breaking it down.

Pissarro's *Bouquet of Pink Peonies* has a transparent excitability, the blushing blooms primped and exclamatory, lifted by some kind of ineffable affability. Cézanne's an-

swering picture, *Two Vases of Flowers*, churns up beauty, its surface tossed with feelings pushing to get out. Pissarro's objects are more at rest (and at peace) in the world. In Cézanne, one is always aware of the restless constructed-ness of things and of the making over of mineral or floral nature into *this or that* painterly touch.

Born in 1830 on the island of St. Thomas in the West Indies, Pissarro went to Paris at the age of 25. Three years later, Cézanne arrived from Provence, himself a sort of foreigner because of his thick southern accent and clunky manners. They worked together separately, so to speak, looking over one another's shoulders for roughly 20 years — literally so during the two years they painted together in Auvers and Pontoise — feeding off one another's discoveries. (Cézanne once borrowed a Pissarro landscape so that he could study and copy it.) By 1885 they'd drifted apart personally and artistically. That year, Cézanne moved to Aix-en-Provence to work in legendary isolation until his death in 1906. He left, typically, without bidding goodbye to friends, and his temperament became, if anything, more leathery and self-contained. (In old age he writes to his son: "All my compatriots are assholes to me.") Except for a brief encounter in 1895, Cézanne had no further contact with his old painting partner, though he referred to himself, not long before he died, as "Pissarro's pupil."

In the 1860s, while Pissarro, working *en plein air*, attacked his "study" of nature, Cézanne was still making lurid, quasi-narrative pictures of orgies, rapes, and murders, along with portraits of family members that he slashed and shoved into form using mostly the palette knife. His contact with Pissarro helped him navigate from this explosive style to a more deliberate way of constructing a picture. By the mid-1870s, both were preoccupied with the action of light and were testing the innovations of Impressionism, especially the laying of parallel bars of color to build a scene and register changing perceptions. The force of temperament, though, wedged more and more into their shared experience. In Pissarro's 1877 *Kitchen Garden, Trees in Flower*,



Bouquet of Pink Peonies, 1873, Pissarro



Two Vases of Flowers, c. 1877, Cézanne

Pioneering Modern Painting: Cézanne and Pissarro: 1865–1885 is on view at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art from October 20, 2005, to January 16, 2006

Spring, Pontoise and Cézanne's *The Garden of Maubuisson, Pontoise*, painted that same year, their shared passion for landscape gets very different treatments. Pissarro fills the picture with busy, tightly nested greens, whites, and reds; the houses behind the overexcited trees are just provisional resolutions, a momentary geometric squaring-off, of all those bristly short strokes. Cézanne's picture creates a more pressurized, clenched space, and the stolid architecture of the houses governs the twisted foliage below. Close up, Cézanne's touch is spongier, more clogged with pigment than Pissarro's; we see the broad tracks left by the strokes of brush and knife and sense how the painting process for Cézanne could be methodical and self-conscious without being weighty or studious. It's as unstable as Pissarro's landscape but less frenetic and titillated. Cézanne's compositions are generally less stable, more intentionally off, as if his response to nature, what he called his "little sensation," grew out of a foundational existential discontent and was bound to be rougher and more unsettled than Pissarro's buoyancy.

The catalog essay by Joachim Pissarro, the artist's great-grandson, argues that the estrangement of these two strong personalities during the 1880s was painterly, not personal. Both had practiced what Cézanne called "modulation," placing short brushstrokes of contrasting colors side by side to create depth. Both also practiced painting "in reserve," using the thinnest slice of exposed canvas (rather than color) to outline trees, hills, and other objects. The blank canvas acted as a seal that fused colors. Pissarro's color in the 1880s broke

down increasingly into dashes of fractured color, which, when combined and organized on the retina, produced a solid sense of depicted reality. Cézanne meanwhile was pushing painting in reserve so far that he experimented with using blank patches of canvas as actual compositional components. He had also broken more dramatically from Impressionism with his idea of "harmonizing" color; he believed that color legislated its own rules of organization, ad hoc, picture by picture, so that painting finally wasn't subservient to how nature looks: a picture is *another* nature superior to the one that provides the motif. His triumphant 1897 *Pines and Rocks (Fontainbleau)*, the most gorgeous picture in the exhibition, isn't so much an image of trees and rocks against a blue sky as it's an autobiography of serial feelings pressured into existence by nature's appearances. The trees and rocks shiver loosely with mossy whites, yellows, greens, and that whisked ventilated blue Cézanne pursued for years. The treetops that so forcefully compress the top edge of the picture enact the titanic concentration and reserve of the man. The picture looks like nothing actual in nature and yet its feeling tones sum up nature's expansive, quiet, beautiful changes.

By the late 1880s there's no confusing one with the other. Pissarro's touch has a cultivated tenderness and decency — it caresses the motif. He worked as hard as Cézanne, certainly, and his work carries a resilient seriousness. He reflects on the scene without palpable anxiety and coaxes feeling gently from the paint. Cézanne's pictures are moodier and have a denser weightiness. One senses the thrill of *risking* touch. Stand close to his 1882 *Houses at Pontoise, near Valhermeil* and

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you see the hand moving from a heavy-muscled to a thin, tightly tissue touch. From the beginning, Cézanne had greater attack and arrogance: he didn't coax, he compelled. Work was inseparable from ardent desire and methodical daring. Like many others, I feel elated before his sumptuous still lifes and landscapes, yet somehow the elation is tethered to a heavier grieving that's going on, a grieving not for the life-to-death cycling of nature but for the ongoing impossibility to completely and (for this supreme artist) satisfyingly express what he was feeling (or "sensation-ing") in the presence of the world outside his own gnarled, outsized, oversensitized temperament. ■

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GALLERIES

New and Old Paintings by Weston Riffe go on exhibit with reception on Thursday, October 13, 6 p.m., at Condo Gallery (750 11th Avenue, suite 101). Show closes Saturday, October 15. 619-955-5007. (EAST VILLAGE)

Original Paintings, sculpture, serigraphs showcased when Israeli



Kitchen Garden, Trees in Flower, Spring, Pontoise, 1877, Pissarro

artist David Schluss appears at Wentworth Gallery (1025 Prospect Street) for receptions on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. RSVP: 858-551-7071. (LA JOLLA)

"Frida y el Mictlan," Las Cuatro de San Diego exhibition of painting, sculpture by Claudia Fernety, Mirto Golino, Yolanda Romero, and Lupita Shabazi opens with reception on Saturday, October 15, 4 p.m., at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 Cesar Chávez Parkway). Through Friday, November 25. 619-232-1699. (BARRIO LOGAN)

"Wings," featuring landscape paintings by Andrea Gaye and Catherine Grawin, opens with reception on Saturday, October 15, 4 p.m., at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery (30352 Highway 78, at junction of Highway 79; 760-765-1676). Majority of paintings are plein air pieces. Through Sunday, November 27. (SANTA YSABEL)

"More Like Real Wood," featuring works by Michael Hein and Jeff Williams, opens with reception for artists on Saturday, October 15, 7 p.m., at Limbo (1432 University Avenue). 619-295-5393. Through Sunday, November 6. (HILLCREST)

"The Southern California Regional Awards Exhibition" juried by Osvaldo Sánchez opens with reception on Saturday, October 15, 6 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). \$20. Exhibit closes Sunday, November 20. 619-236-0011. (BALBOA PARK)

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 Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19, 2006.

"Horses — Circling the Globe"



The Garden of Maubuisson, Pontoise, 1877, Cézanne

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 Payman 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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Croatian Guitarist Robert Belinic plans two concerts for Discovery Series concert hosted by La Jolla Music Society. The Zagreb native plays selections by J.S. Bach, Sor, Barrios, Ante Cagalj, Leo Brouwer, on Friday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Tickets: \$20 general, \$5 children. (LA COSTA)

Busy on Friday? Bellinic repeats recital on Sunday, October 16 at 3 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$5 for students, \$30 general. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

The Gilbert and Sullivan Classic *The Mikado* launches new season at new venue for Lyric Opera San Diego. *Mikado* offers blend of English satire and Japanese exotica, opening originally in 1885.

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Piano Works for Four Hands promised when pianist Gustavo Romero and Argentinean pianist and composer Darío 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)

Soirée for Music Lovers, UCSD violinist János Négysy and friends perform selections by Purcell, Mozart, and Fauré, Friday, October 14, 8 p.m., Recital Hall at UCSD’s Mandeville Center. 858-534-4830. \$8 general. (LA JOLLA)

Winners Concert for four finalists and three award winners of San Diego District Metropolitan Opera auditions is Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-479-8184. (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 Italian Baroque Orchestra Europa Galante performs music by Vivaldi, Telemann, and Mozart for San Diego Early Music Society, Sunday, October 16, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). \$30 general. Reservations: 619-291-8246. (LA JOLLA)

Concert Pianist Marilyn Lozano showcases pieces by Chopin, Haydn, Liszt, Debussy, and Ravel in concert on Sunday, October 16, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Free. 619-276-1041. (SAN DIEGO)

Pomerado Saxophone Quartet performs works by composers including Bach, Beethoven, Gershwin, and Joplin for Pleasure of Your Company chamber music series, Sunday, October 16, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Donation. 858-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Civic Organist Carol Williams presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, October 16, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Music from Medieval Period to present on tap when Melismata performs for mini-concert at noon on Monday, October 17, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Repertoire blends poetry, Shakespeare selection with dialogue and music, Renaissance faire numbers. 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Eighth Blackbird, considered “one of the premier new music groups in the world” plans recital, Monday, October 17, 5 p.m., in Arts 111 at CSU, San Marcos (333

South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)


Clarinet Marmalade Quartet plays popular and classical music, Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

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 11 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)

Selections by Bach, Schumann, and Debussy promised when violinist Päivikki Nykter and pianist Cynthia Darby perform for Concert Hour series on Thursday, October 20, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

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"You can't be in the play and see it too."

Dramaturge is hard to define. I've heard "custodian of the text," and "the playwright's representative at rehearsals." Both are accurate and vague. In most cases the dramaturge is responsible for the play's themes, meanings of words, and historical background, but gets called upon for pronunciations, passages to cut, knowledge of genres and acting styles. In effect, dramaturges are go-betweens. They join the script to the production. They also link the play with the audience through program notes.

Dakin Matthews has dramaturged at the Old Globe for years. His work on Shakespeare's *Henry IV, Parts I and II* won a Drama Desk Award. His *The Prince of L.A.*, about signs of corruption in today's Roman Catholic Church, embeds a dramaturge into the play itself. Matthew Cardinal John's a go-between who would rather lecture us about theatrical truth than reveal a story of financial and sexual abuse.

"I'm a fiction," he reminds us too many times, because lay people don't see real clergy let their hair down. He promises — and the play delivers, during the scenes Cardinal John doesn't mediate — an insider's look at power and in-house policing of corruption. At the same time, however, he hectors his audience like schoolchildren who've never been to a theater (plays have points of view, kiddies; they must show the ideal). *The Prince of L.A.* runs two hours and 45 minutes. Trim the self-conscious metadrama (especially at the end of Act One and beginning of Act Two, which de-

flate tension) and it's a tight, two-hour script.

And a good one. Cardinal John, we learn, is as much a CEO as a shepherd of his flock. Waving a dog-eared copy of Machiavelli's *The Prince*, he tells us his tricks: how to get other people to have it his way and how to silence them when they don't. *Prince of L.A.* isn't about a scandal so much as how to suppress one. Cardinal John fights to keep the church's image polished, while behind closed doors he practices what Machiavelli called the *verita effettuale*, the "practical truth."

The scandal comes from today's headlines. Years ago, a priest abused Kieran O'Reilly. Now O'Reilly's an ordained priest blackmailing 10 percent from his parish's collections. Intrepid Sister Dominic, who dreams of openness and an equitable Church, wants to blow the whistle, which would also indict Cardinal John's lifelong friend, Bishop Aloysius Thornton, of pedophilia.

Dramaturges explain. Matthews's built-in dramaturge, a control freak, both explains and misinforms (the latter being the only interesting use of the narration device, though it, and the meddlesome narrator, often make the play's facts hard to follow). *Prince* opens up when characters speak for themselves in long monologues: Andrew Matthews cuts loose as Father O'Reilly, brim-stoning the church with pent-up rage; Michael Winters (reclined on a couch, in the clichéd pose of therapy) presents an intricate, almost Aquinist, case for unfettered passion; Julia Fletcher exudes moral fervor — and an underly-



Dakin Matthews in *The Prince of L.A.*

The Prince of L.A., by Dakin Matthews

Cassius Carter Centre Stage, Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, Balboa Park
Directed by Anne McNaughton; cast: Dakin Matthews, Michael Winters, Henri Lubatti, Julia Fletcher, Andrew Matthews; scenic design, Robin Sanford Roberts; lighting, Leigh Allen; costumes, Charlotte Devaux; sound, Paul Peterson

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Dog Act, by Liz Duffy Adams

Moxie Theatre at Diversionsary, 4545 Park Boulevard, University Heights
Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg and Jennifer Eve Kraus; cast: Liv Kellgren, Matthew Scott, Brandon Walker, Jo Anne Glover, Jason Connors, Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson; scenic design, Beeb Salzer; costumes, Michelle Hunt; lighting, Jennifer Setlow; sound, Claudio Raygoza; fight director, Timothy Griffin; choreographer, Jennifer Sowden

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ing dread that the end, not honesty, will justify the means.

The Cassius Carter's an apt space for a play both intimate and distant. Robin Sanford Roberts's set — polished clay floor (from the mission period?); sturdy ancient desk, wide as an oak — puts a sense of the past into the present. Leigh Allen's lighting includes rose window, gobo effects. And Charlotte Devaux's costumes range from priestly garb to casual mufti.

As Cardinal John, Dakin Matthews wears the most red, a sign of his character's authority — and the author's, it turns out, since Matthews wrote the play for himself. He's done solid acting at the Globe (especially in its unforgettable *Coriolanus*). And he's an engaging presence who knows how to lean into a moment. But Walter Lippman once wrote: "You can't be in the play and see it too." Matthews would benefit from watching someone else in the role, to see how annoyingly intrusive his character can be (sure, he's trying to cover up the truth before our eyes, but *come on already!*). Then he might take the dramatic out of *Prince* and let it breathe on its own.

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Liz Duffy Adams's post-apocalyptic vaudeville, *Dog Act*, plunks us into a *Mad Max* future where DNA could mean, among other things, "damn near all." Words are dim, half-recalled embers from another era: Jesus Christ has become

"Jesse Crisco"; a popular hymn, "Sing yo, street Harriet." Tribes, like the Lone Star Libertarian Party and the Casino Nations, battle for turf. And the weather's as fickle as the language. Seasons non sequitur in and out. Only entertainers, in medieval-like troupes called "Vaudsters," have freedom of passage. But they can't take their "off limit," taboo status for granted.

Zetta (short for Rozetta) Stone's company's down to a one-trick dog act. And the dog's actually a young man who underwent "voluntary species demotion" as penance for an unspoken crime (memories for animals resemble those for language: many assume, because he says so, that "Dog" must be one). They're headed to "China," a utopia that may exist more in their minds than, on the decimated planet, in actuality. Around them lurk warrior-drones who curse and slay with equal relish. Zetta and Dog must outwit their enemies, of only they can remember how.

Moxie Theatre opens its long-awaited, first full season with a play at once heady and verbal — echoes of Burgess's *A Clockwork Orange* and James Joyce — and highly theatrical. The show often stops for a song or inconclusive story (the narrator, Jo-Jo The Bald Face Liar, has wide memory gaps), as if the audience has taken time-out from its own post-apocalyptic horrors for some entertainment.

I caught a preview perfor-

mance of *Dog Act*, and, although the cast had yet to layer in some of the physicality (the show's as expressive without words as with them), the production looked in fine shape. Liv Kellgren and Jason Connors, as Zetta and Dog, are an apt tandem: at once Laurel and Hardy and Vladimir and Estragon. JoAnne Glover's a hoot as memory-challenged Jo-Jo. Sylvia Combs M'Lafi Thompson anchors the piece as Vera Similitude, a truth-telling polyglot who may have been a college prof. (She cradles an old book in her hands like the world's most sacred relic). Matt Scott and Brandon Walker give

the thugs, Coke and Bud, enough loose-cannon testosterone to repopulate the planet — or destroy what little remains. ■

THEATER LISTINGS

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Adams Avenue Studio: Festival of Performance Artists: It Ain't Pretty Bein' Easy

The Adams Avenue Studio continues its performance festival with Christopher Jackson's story, told entirely through songs, about a lifelong friendship "which outlasts bouts of superficial, casual sex." ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, THROUGH OCTOBER 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AND MONDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.

Alexander Who is Not, Not, Not, Not, Not Going to Leave

Six "nots": got to be the record! The Poway Center for the Performing Arts presents the Kennedy Cen-

ter's production of Judith Viorst's tale: Alexander refuses to move when his family must.

POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, 15498 ESPOLA ROAD, POWAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 7:00 P.M. 858-748-0505.

Bad Dates

The San Diego Repertory Theatre stages Theresa Rebeck's "touching comedy" about a woman with a "shoe shopping addiction and man problems." Rosina Reynolds directed.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, THROUGH NOVEMBER 13; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life

As she looks back on six decades in theater, Chita Rivera evokes the spir-its 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 in-spirations. The book juggles all three so much that each slights the others.

We get, at most, passing references to her choreographers, and occa-sional 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 narra-tive you wish McNally'd dropped the life in favor of *Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Work* and presented a mas-ter 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 pro-cess. [Note: due to popular demand, the Old Globe has extended the show's run twice].

Worth a try.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, SIMON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 6; TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY

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The Curse of the Starving Class

Cygnnet Theatre and New Village Arts present Sam Shepard's com-edy-drama about the Tates: "they have more than enough to eat, but not enough to satisfy their hunger for the American Dream." Francis Gercke directed.

CYGNET THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, COLLEGE AREA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 6; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-337-1525 X3.

da KINK in my HAIR

Novelette, an immigrant from the Caribbean, runs a hair salon in Toronto: "My granny always said, 'if

you want to know a black, woman, you touch her hair. That is where we carry everything — all our hopes, our dreams, our pain.'" in trey anthony's collection of monologues with music, Novelette can read customers' hair, which tell tales of betrayal, abuse, even murder. Novelette's touch also brings each woman closer to realign-ment and self-acceptance. Some bet-ter than others, however. anthony has found an effective vehicle. But *KINK* also feels derivative (i.e., Ntozake Shange's *For Colored Girls* with a dash of *Steel Magnolias*), and most of the monologues have an identical shape: introduce the charac-ter, turn to the issue at hand. The shift to the bad news becomes so pre-dictable that the monologues upstage themselves (also, although they touch on some of the most important con-cerns of our time, the subjects have a generic feel). More individual mo-ments than a whole, the piece runs long and plays loose. But some are terrific: Marion J. Caffey's choreogra-phy, which weaves dancers like vari-ous styles of hair; Lisa H. Payton's belted songs; and Karen Robinson's portrayal of sister Patsy, the "church woman" whose son was shot for wearing the wrong colored jacket, is unforgettable.

Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTOBER 16; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY (AND SAT-URDAY, SEPTEMBER 24) AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

Dancing With Demons

Common Ground Theatre presents Donald T Evans's 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 AV-ENUE, 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 collec-tions. Sure, she benefited from out-standing composers (George Gersh-win among them), and sung for some of the best bands on earth (in-cluding Mr. Ellington's). But no one, before or since, can match her. She's so empyrean it takes three women to sing her opus at the Caesar's Cafe dinner-theater show: Kimberly J. Lit-tleton ("Fascinating Rhythm," "It's Wonderful"), a buoyant Charmen Jackson ("My Reverie," "Gotta Be This or That"), and Ayanna Hobson (who joins classical guitarist Na-manja 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 not to be a singer, but rather the "best little dancer in Yonkers") also

contribute. The sound system on opening night muffled the perfor-mances. But it's been fixed, and the tribute to Ella makes for a lively, memory-lane evening.

Worth a try.

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 SUN-
DAY, DINNER AT 2:00 P.M., CURTAIN AT 3:00 P.M. 619-283-4574.

Dog Act

Reviewed this issue.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK AVENUE, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-
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A Heartbeat from Bagdad

6th@Penn Theatre stages Glyn O'Malley's drama based on accounts of returning soldiers (and their "wives, widows, and families") from Operation Iraqi Freedom. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, THROUGH NOVEMBER 13; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

In Arabia We'd All Be Kings

Some dream the American Dream. Others just hope to reach tomorrow. The denizens of Jake's, an alcoholics' bar in Manhattan, are so absorbed by immediate needs — food, the next drink, a crack fix — they're in endgame and don't know it. The bar's a dump, but its antique oak makes it suitable for redevelopment; plus, a serial killer may lurk nearby. Stephen Adly Guirgis's first full play's a 95-minute, Darwinian scene piece. Because we see through the eyes of fragmented characters, and hear through their four-letter language, we don't grasp the Big Picture until the curtain comes down. Hookers, ex-cons, and blackout drunks note the changes around them (the gentrification of NYC), but either don't see their own coming, or are in denial. Lynx Performance and director Al Germani give *Arabia* a visceral, sharp-edged, though often shrill, un-nuanced production (the play's dark and grim, but also a lot funnier than this staging). Performances range from one-note, indicated angst to felt human ache (Linda Libby, Monique Gaffney, Steven J. Warner), to icy control (Claudio Raygoza). The acting is strongest when most immediate, most in the moment, which, it turns out, is the only instant where these characters — each, like a Rip Van Winkle, plunked in the midst of something strange — exist.

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 Maripat Donovan’s one-person show, by contrast, takes two seconds, max. Sister, a nun substitute-teaching St. Bruno’s adult catechism class, walks in, beams a pleasant smile, then orders latecomers to take their seats NOW. She’s here because it’s Father Murphy’s poker night. And she’s from the pre-Vatican II, don’t-spare-the-rod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And, whether threatening a

gum chewer with eternal damnation or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot), she’s as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. *Late-Nite Catechism*, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It’s the *Rocky Horror Show* for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education. And everyone else. **Worth a try.** NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH OCTOBER 25; MONDAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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Merchant of Venice

The Coronado Playhouse’s Ninth Annual Free Shakespeare Festival presents the Bard’s drama of love, revenge, and justice. Keith A. Anderson directed. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE PAVILLION, 1335 FIRST STREET (AT THE CORONADO FERRY LANDING NEXT TO IL FORNAIO), THROUGH OCTOBER 23; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-435-4856.

The Mikado

The newly restored Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre plays hosts a production of the G&S classic by Lyric Opera San Diego.

STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, NORTH PARK, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, THROUGH OCTOBER 30; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-8836.

The Miser

The La Jolla Playhouse presents the Theatre de la Jeune Lune’s production of Moliere’s comedy. Dominique Serrand directed. MANDELL WEISS THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, LA JOLLA, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, THROUGH NOVEMBER 13; TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

North Park Playwright’s Festival.

For its first annual festival, the North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe hosts 23 new short plays by local authors — six each weekend. NORTH PARK VAUDEVILLE & CANDY SHOPPE, 2031 EL CAJON BOULEVARD, NORTH PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 29; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. (NOTE: NO PERFORMANCES ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22). 619-647-4958.

The Prince of L.A.

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MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 30; 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 Scottish Play

Somewhere between the inspiration and the actuality, Lee Blessing’s pseudo-comedy went awry. The idea could be fun: a backstage farce about a company producing the world’s most cursed play, *Macbeth*. But instead of a snappy send-up, replete with actor’s nightmares, *Scottish Play*’s just endless, gabby scenes (with most of the farce, surprisingly, off-stage), cipher characters, and forced humor. Deep down, it wants to make parallels between itself and *Macbeth* and score serious points (Jack has ambitions, like Macbeth; he usurps the artistic directorship; his three ex-wives play the witches, but the lead, Hollywood star Path Sanderson’s the real witch; in the end Jack either sells out or stops caring — or who cares?). Along the way the script gets lost in a netherworld between farce and tragedy. It doesn’t just shoot itself in the foot, the thing implodes. It’s difficult, perhaps even unfair, to assess the acting, since the cast does what it can trying to blend a character from a Shakespearean tragedy with one from today that’s supposed to be funny. Even a pyrotechnical finale — an

earthquake levels the home of the Northernmost Shakespeare Festival — can’t salvage one of the worst scripts the La Jolla Playhouse ever produced. @dates:La Jolla Playhouse, Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre, Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts, La Jolla, through October 23; Tuesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. 858-550-1010.

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The Smell of the Kill

North Coast Repertory Theatre stages Michelle Lowe’s comedy about three couples’ monthly dinner party, which doesn’t go as planned. Brendon Fox directed. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987 LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, THROUGH NOVEMBER 15; 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. 858-481-1055.

Strangers

Robert M. Biter’s one-act, about a young doctor, his wife, and his patient’s “struggle to define their humanity,” is performed as a benefit for Her Heart’s Wish. CARLSBAD CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, 3557 MONROE STREET, CARLSBAD, THROUGH OCTOBER 15; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 760-633-6633.

Tiger at the Gates

The Actors Alliance of San Diego presents a reading of Jean Girardoux’s serio-comedy that declares, on the eve of battle (and the eve of WWII) “the Trojan War will not take place.” Brendon Fox directed. Admission is free (donation suggested).

The Winslow Boy

Lamb’s Players presents Terence Rattigan’s pre-WWI drama about young Ronnie: did he steal a five-pound note from a classmate? Deborah Gilmour Smyth directed. LAMB’S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, THROUGH NOVEMBER 20; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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Devil Went Down to Georgia While in rural northern Georgia during the first weekend of October, I learned that Hammerfest

secret until Thursday, only telling attendees (via the stormfront.org website) to book rooms near Douglasville and Lithia Springs. A number of tattooed skinheads and bikers arrived and filled area hotels. When directions were posted, they indicated that the show would take place Saturday

who wore red shirts and black armbands. I could hear a band playing (badly) and



METZGER GOES COUNTRY CROONIN'

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saw several dozen people walking in and out of a fenced-in area. I don't think there were more than 400 people in attendance, though I was unwilling to pay \$35 to enter and see. I asked a guard when Metzger's karaoke session was scheduled.

"He's your hero, too, huh?" said the guard. I nodded. "He's going on [stage] tomorrow, but he's here today; I heard he's walking around, talking to people and checking out the bands."

I returned Sunday to catch Metzger's act, but, at 1 a.m., another band was abusing their equipment and nobody knew when he'd go on.

— Jay Allen Sanford

The Dawn Patrolman speaks... On the eve of the release of the Castanets' sophomore album, *First Light's Freeze*, Raymond Raposa seemed indifferent to the media whirlwind surrounding like-minded "neo-folk" stars Devendra Banhart, Iron and Wine, and Sufjan Stevens.

"It's not my job to worry about that," Raposa said from a record store in New York City. "A lot of those folks are my friends — the people who are making the 'big' records in that field. It's not really a concern of any of ours, which bin in the store [our music] ends up in."

Sufjan Stevens released *First Light's Freeze* October 11 on his Asthmatic Kitty Records. Chances are good that the album will earn critical acclaim...or at least a share of college-radio play. Raposa, a former professional surfer, has experienced fame before.

"There was a point where there was enough outside involvement via sponsorships and photo shoots and contests and things like that, that I suppose the purity of the thing I was trying to do — not to get too sentimental about it — was very much compromised," Raposa said. "It prompted a move to the



RAPOSA HAS A SECRET

PHOTOGRAPH BY CHRIS WOO

Virgin Islands. I split and came back, dumped all of my sponsors, and didn't do another contest ever again. I think [with the Castanets] there's a point where things would probably start to get uncomfortable."

Though he resides in New York City, Raposa has found some time to surf: "I guess it's a little-known fact about New York. It might even be

more secret than I should be letting on."

Raposa will return to San Diego this winter after two brief fall tours and before a spring tour opening for Cat Power.

— Jeremiah Griffey

Napster Mines Super-Indies "We get to record a track at their studios," says Seth Torma of Evergreen. The cost of recording a song in L.A. this week will be covered by Napster, the singer/guitarist says.

"It's all part of their 'Napster residency' program," which Torma says is the online music service's attempt to connect with emerging bands. "I think they are doing it in response to *myspace.com*." In its short history, *myspace.com* has become known for connecting lesser-known bands with fans and other artists.

"[Napster] told us they will give us an electronic press kit, give us a photo shoot, and give us \$2000 to cover our expenses," continues Torma. "[And] they told us we get to keep the rights [to the song]. We were told they were trying to connect with the online

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the inside track

2005 would take place nearby. The event would include Fallbrook resident Tom Metzger performing karaoke between sets by Whitelaw, Kremator, and Definite Hate. Metzger, onetime Grand Dragon of the California Ku Klux Klan, was one of the first people to recognize the recruiting potential of white-power music. He has released compilations to raise money for his causes.

Hammerfest 2005 organizers kept the locale

and Sunday at the Georgia Peach Restaurant and Museum, which is run by a convicted sex offender. The museum's relics include black lawn jockeys eating watermelon, "Whites Only" signs, and photos of lynchings.

I hid my long hair under a beanie and drove to the concert site (at which the NAACP later protested). Police were milling around. A security checkpoint had been set up by "Hammerskin Nation Security Personnel,"

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community. This was a way [for Napster] to get content."

Evergreen recently released its first CD and has opened for the Presidents of the U.S.A., Something Corporate, and Pharcyde. The Napster hookup came from a meeting at an August recording merchandisers convention in Carlsbad.

Evergreen appears October 20 at Brick by Brick with Voyager One and Black Letter Days.

— Ken Leighton

Hey, Rastaman... "If I had sold music alone, I wouldn't have been able to survive," says Elliot Leib, who cofounded Trade Roots with Renee Romano 20 years ago.

Leib had a master's degree in African studies when he earned a Fulbright



BOB SAID REGGAE WILL FIND ITS AUDIENCE

Scholarship to study in Jamaica for a year. While there, Leib and Romano (a '68 SD High grad) produced a film on Rastafarian culture. The pair came up with the idea of Trade Roots, and when they arrived in San

Diego in the early '80s, they set up shop in a South Park garage. Their merchandising concept (selling Jamaican clothes, art, jewelry, and records) enabled Trade Roots to outlive two stores that sold reggae records only (Ratner's Records, Strictly Records).

Leib and Romano presented all-ages reggae shows in the '80s and early '90s. They founded the Zion High label, which has released two albums by Yami Bolo (of Jamaica) and Ras Attitude (of St. Croix).

"We always wanted to educate people about the Rastafarian movement," says Leib. What does he have to say about the current Spanish-language dance music — reggaeton — that has none of the spirituality of pure reggae?

"Bob Marley said this music will keep growing and growing until it finds its right and proper audience. Even though [reggaeton fans] may not have the awareness of [reggae's] Jamaican roots, original rhythms are driving this music."

"Tribute to the Roots," a show commemorating the 20th anniversary of Trade Roots, is this Saturday at Soma; Horace Andy, Cornell Campbell, Martin Campbell, Kush, and Fiyah Angels play.

— Ken Leighton

For Public Consumption?

"I tried for four years to get people to play with me, and I finally found them," says Andre Beller, a bassist and SDSU education major. Beller says two other musicians round out Nostalgia, an instrumental

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metal band that does renditions of Nintendo music.

Beller says his Chula Vista band sounds like "Iron

Nostalgia, Julia Sleezer, and the Power Chords appear October 14 at the Coffee House on Broadway in Golden Hill.

— Ken Leighton



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NOSTALGIA LIFTS FROM NINTENDO

Maiden with no vocals." The melodies are lifted from Nintendo games such as *Castlevania*.

"I play bass. The other guys play guitar. When I need a drum track, I lift them off the game and play it [on stage] on CD. 'Mega Man 2' is ten minutes long. 'Legend of Zelda' is two minutes."

Beller says he got the idea from an Arizona band named the Minibosses.

"There are four other bands around the world like us that I know of." Nostalgia has played four times in public. "We're trying to get a crowd that's not made up of just friends."

Bloody Business "He arrived at the UCSD Medical Center having lost one-third of his blood from 15 knife wounds to his head, neck, face, arms, and torso," says Lourdes Ayon Jimenez. Her brother, musician Fernando Ayon, was attacked on July 30 as he walked from his car to the door of his Chula Vista home.

"His left arm was severely wounded, with deep lacerations that cut through eight tendons in his forearm," says Jimenez. "Luckily, he was able to call 911 on his cell phone."

Ayon recently gave up his career as a building contractor in the family business to become a music producer; he's founded the H2K Productions record label and produced the song "Pretty Girl" by NB Ridaz. His attacker hasn't been caught, though Ayon says he believes it was an ex-client who stole music produced by Ayon and sold it to rappers in other cities.

Ayon has lost all feeling in the left side of his face and use of his left arm remains limited. Physical therapy is ongoing.

"He wasn't financially prepared to deal with this tragedy," says Ayon's sister. The father of three children (aged two, six, and eight) lost his home due to \$70,000 in medical expenses. The family is sleeping on couches at a relative's.

A benefit concert to raise money for the Ayons is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, at the Southwestern College Gym beginning at 2 p.m. Performers include NB Ridaz, Yukmouth, Los Alacranes, Pearl, and Boogie the Big Man. A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Crime Victims Fund and the Southwestern College Puente Club.

— Jay Allen Sanford

When Dinosaurs Ruled

Thirty-one years ago today (10/13/74), T Rex and Blue Oyster Cult were scheduled to play Golden Hall. T Rex had just undergone personnel changes and singer Marc Bolan was in the midst of splitting with his wife and living in L.A. to avoid British

taxes. T Rex's new album, *Teenage Dream*, hadn't done well in the U.S., and Bolan was struggling with health problems. (His weight gain caused tabloids to dub him



BOLAN: PORKY PIXIE

England's Porky Pixie.)

After an October 2 show in New Jersey, Bolan (reportedly drinking heavily and using cocaine) became ill and the next few tour dates were cancelled, including San Diego. With Blue Oyster Cult still willing to play, Little Feat were added to the bill and the concert went on.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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*"I sweat a hell of a lot. Then my eyes burn.
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Tim Curns, one half of the Dateless Losers (with Gabriel Lander), was recently flown out to New York to audition for a slot in the Blue Man franchise. "I sent in my résumé," says Tim, "and the next day they called me up to L.A. for an audition. Since they didn't want me to have to go all the way back up again, I also had my call-back the same day."

The next phase was a more intensive audition in front of directors, producers, and original Blue Man members in New York. "They flew me out, put me in a hotel, paid me \$100 a day. There were five other guys." The audition consisted of drumming and acting. As an actor in the San Diego theater scene, Tim had an edge on the other musicians.

He was sent back home to Pacific Beach. "I still have the photos of me in the whole Blue Man makeup and costume, but I don't look at them because they make me mad," he says. "One day, the Dateless Losers will challenge the Blue Men to a rock out, and we're gonna rock them out of the house."

San Diegans can catch the Dateless Losers doing regular gigs at 'Canes and the Sandbar. "But we'll play anywhere."

TRICKIEST PROBLEM PLAYING LIVE?

Tim: "Having to mop the floors after everyone goes home."

Gabe: "I sweat a hell of a lot, and with all the head-banging, it gets into my eyes. Then my eyes

burn. Burn like the dickens."

INSTRUMENTS USED?

Gabe: "I've got a Taylor acoustic. I don't know the specifics and I don't care. It's beautiful and sounds totally kick-ass. I paid a lot for it, so it damn well better."

Tim: "I use Gabe's acoustic/electric Washburn. I've dropped it many times."

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BEST GIG?

Tim: "Best gig ever was the one where there was a girl watching. Also, at Dream Street, this heavy metal band had seen us play and wanted us to play short sets in between various heavy metal bands playing there."

Gabe: "The one that we played with Sepultura and Decide at a place down south called The Gates of Peril. There was fire and brimstone and heavy metal everywhere. And lots of hot chicks. Hot demon chicks. It was the best show ever...until I woke up."

WORST GIG?

Gabe: "When we were first starting out we played at an open mic where Tim and I both had to share one microphone. We had to sit so close, we both forgot all the words to our songs. By the end of the most awful set ever, Tim was covered in my spit and our sense of dignity was utterly flattened. Luckily there were only, like, three people in the audience. And they weren't paying attention."



Tim and Gabe

Tim: "The worst gig was when some dude mooned us, spat at us, and then wanted to fight us because we dedicated 'The Vagina Song' to him. Wait, that should be our best gig."

BRUSH WITH THE FAMOUS?

Tim: "We met Mike Patton (from Faith No More) once. It was awkward. We also met Kyle from Tenacious D. I wish we had eaten lots of food with him."

Gabe: "Tim and I met Carson Daly at Woodstock '99. Tim was gushing like a little teenie-bopper schoolgirl, got his autograph, and talked about boy bands. Sometimes I wonder about him."

TOP FIVE END-OF-THE-WORLD CDs?

Tim:

1. Faith No More's *Greatest Hits*. "Best band ever made."
2. Megadeth's *Rust in Peace*. "Have you heard 'Holy Wars?'"

3. Radiohead's *Hail to the Thief*. "For when the aliens come..."

4. Billy Joel's *Greatest Hits, Volume 1 and II*. "Double CD, maximum benefit...oh, and 'Uptown Girl.'"

5. Manowar's *Warriors of the World*. "Comedic gold."

Gabe:

1. Jimmy Buffett's *Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes*. "I can't stand him, but at least this way I could just pretend that I was on vacation in the Bahamas somewhere."

2. Geggy Tah's *Into the Oh*. "Quirky, weird, and awesomely jazzy melodies to keep my mind off of eating my own leg."

3. Lovage's *Music To Make Love To Your Old Lady By*. "For those lonely nights in the lean-to."

4. Si*Sé (self-titled). "I think the singer's into chicks, but she could still be my imaginary girlfriend."

5. Metallica's "Black Album." "Rock out." ■

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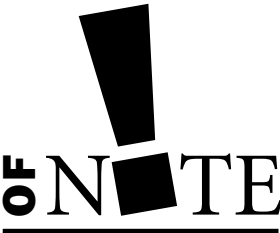
Fat Joe: House of Blues, Sunday, October 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.
Mariza: Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, Sunday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 619-523-1010 or 619-220-8497.

TUESDAY

Dwight Yoakam /774/: House of Blues, Tuesday, October 18, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

WEDNESDAY

311 /268/: Soma, Wednesday, October 19, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.



BY DAVE GOOD

The economy of scale in a Dwight Yoakam song is like that of a master short-story writer. Nothing is wasted. The language approaches poetry. Yoakam's is a theater of man-grit from the low end of life, of barstool pain and heart-felt longing as seen through the filter of the tiny, peculiar world of honky-tonk. There's a phrase: honky-tonk. Nashville wanted nothing to do with those small-time roots in the late '70s. That was the beginning of country's own big-hair phase, when form began to matter more than substance. The direction of the modern country song was shearing itself from all previous associations and taking a hard U-turn back to the Top-40 bubblegum land that much of the rest of popular music had outgrown. Nashville had little use for Yoakam

and his bare-bones style. Instead, he headed west to Los Angeles where he gained acceptance and found an audience in, of all places, the emerging punk revival scene.
Los Angeles lent something of a tabloid aspect to the fabric of the Ohio native's life. There, Yoakam married a young actress named Sharon Stone. After their divorce, she outed him for being a control freak and a plain hick with a hankering for down-home comforts like squirrel stew. Stone once said that kissing Yoakam was like "eating a dirt sandwich."
Dirt sandwich or not, his act has always been nothing short of platinum. The West Coast loved Yoakam's pared-down Bakersfield renderings cast in the attitude of Hank Williams. Why? Because the core of LA '80's punk (X, Butthole Surfers, the Blasters, and more) was somewhat based on '50's truck-driving rockabilly. Yoakam fit right in. His tight



DWIGHT YOAKAM

two or three-minute bursts of the most authentic no-gimmicks country since Merle Haggard got out of prison were a welcome contrast to the grand, over-processed layer cake coming out of Nashville's studios.

DWIGHT YOAKAM, House of Blues, Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497. \$52.

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

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Country Joe McDonald: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, October 21, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.
Linda Perry /116/: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, October 21, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.
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Brooks & Dunn /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.

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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.
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Gwen Stefani: Cox Arena, Sunday,
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Bob Schneider [168]: Belly Up
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The Blasting Idiots: Leucadian Bar

The Blazers: Tio Leo's Lounge

Blizzard: Bub's Whiskey Dive

Boneyard: Coyote Bar and Grill

Joey Bowen: Winstons

Buyout: Hard Rock Café (La Jolla)

Calexico: House of Blues

The Capes: Brick By Brick

The Carey Brothers: The Casbah

Cash'd Out: Blind Melons

Cell Block 5: Brick By Brick

The Co-Dependants: Dreamstreet

The Continental Kit: O'Connell's
Pub and Nightclub

Crossroads: Woody's Sports Bar

Cubensis: Winstons

Deadline FridayExpendables:
Winstons

Dust N Bones: Brick By Brick

The Electric Waste Band:
Winstons

Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar
and Grill

The Flat Out Liars: The Kraken

420 Blackbirdz: Tiki House

G-Tom Mac: 'Canes

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

Get Back Loretta: Ground Zero,
Soma

The Go! Team: The Casbah

Goldblade: Hard Rock Café (La
Jolla)

The Grates: The Casbah

Hard Echo /510/: O'Connell's Pub
and Nightclub

The Taylor Harvey Band: Surf
N'Saddle

Hera's Olive /461/: Dick's Last
Resort

Kane Hodder: Epicentre

In Case of Fire: Brick By Brick

Inciting Riots /516/: Brick By Brick

Iron & Wine: House of Blues

J.D. & Straightshot: Belly Up
Tavern

The Joey Show: Tio Leo's Lounge

Jumpstart: Patrick's II

Laguna: Carvers

Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill,
Patrick's II

The Julie Mack Band: The Calypso
Café

Aimee Mann /446/: Belly Up
Tavern

Married by Elvis: Blind Melons

Metal Brigade: Fannie's Nightclub,
Blind Melons

The Mexico City Rollers: The
Kensington Club

The Mice /440/: Brick By Brick

The Mickey Band: McP's Irish Pub
and Grill

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and
Grill

Mick Overman & the Maniacs:
Lestat's Coffee House

The Percs: Tiki House

Private Domain /489/: Dick's Last
Resort

Replay: Fannie's Nightclub

The Rhythm Method: Coyote Bar
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The Rocketz: Hard Rock Café (La
Jolla)

Libbie Schrader /413/: Lestat's
Coffee House

Eve Selis /410/: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Eve Selis Band: Humphrey's,
Belly Up Tavern

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San
Carlos)

Shighlo: Brick By Brick

6one9: Second Wind (Santee)

The Skynnrds Innyrds: O'Connell's
Pub and Nightclub

Slack String: 'Canes

Stonz Thro: Fannie's Nightclub,
Blind Melons

Tall Dudes: Don's Cocktail Lounge

34 Below /437/: 'Canes

Tishamingo: Winstons

TNT: Dirk's Niteclub

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and
Grill

The Vibrators: Brick By Brick

West of 5 /505/: Dick's Last Resort

EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Crush: Jimmy Love's

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and
Spirits

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Pop Rocks: Jimmy Love's

Rising Star: Humphrey's, Harrah's

Stayin' Alive: Viejas Casino

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Burnett Anderson: Café LaMaze

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet
Restaurant

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The
German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

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

The Jorge Camberos Quintet:
Croce's Jazz Bar

Sammy Canonizado: Café LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos /667/: Onyx

Sandy Chappel: Café LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American
Societies

Fattburger /648/: Humphrey's

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima
Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Café LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

Bill Green's Society Beat: Viejas
Casino

Halina: Vesuvio Gourmet Restaurant

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio
Leo's Lounge

Hip Graffiti /688/: Carlsbad City
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Tuesday, November 1

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DIANA KRALL *Christmas Songs*
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The Bradley Leighton Band: Game Time Tavern

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

The Coral MacFarland-Thuet & Bob Boss Duo: Terra

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Jose Molina Serrano: Humphrey's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

Sue Palmer [641]: Dizzy's

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar

Primo: Ramada Inn

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

Dave Scott: Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's, Humphrey's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Peter Sprague [643]: Coyote Bar and Grill

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado, Hotel del Coronado

The Rob Thorsen Ensemble [673]: All Souls Episcopal Church

The Rob Thorsen-Jaime Valle Jazz Duo: Fresh Seafood Restaurant & Bar

The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]: Tutto Mare

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar & American Grill

Jason Weber: Bertrand at Mister A's

Lynn Willard: Turquoise Café

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Horace Andy: Soma

Buck-O-Nine [739]: Blind Melons

Cornell Campbell: Soma

Martin Campbell: Soma

Santa Davis: Soma

The Devastators [731]: Onyx

The Fully Fullwood Band: Soma

Kush & Jah Blood Fiyah Angels: Soma

NZ Rough: Hennessy's Tavern (PB)

The Restless Natives: Coyote Bar and Grill

Vegetation [753]: Winstons

NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Gang of Four is one of the most name-checked bands of recent years. Their classic debut album, *Entertainment!*, pretty much wrote the book on wedding heavy funk to post-punk, and Franz Ferdinand, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, the Futureheads, and many others owe them a great debt.

So it makes sense that Gang of Four would pick now as a good time to reunite with all four original members. And it makes sense that the band, formed in Leeds, England, in 1977, would sidestep the problem of trying out new material by rerecording some of their old chestnuts with a more modern, aggressive production. And it makes a lot of

sense that the band would flesh out the project by inviting some of their most notable acolytes to remix some of their songs. It also makes sense that Gang of Four would call the resulting album, *Return the Gift*, after an old song title that takes on new meaning. The whole thing makes so much sense that it seems kind of tacky. Gang of Four was always steeped in Marxist theory, and that just makes the commercial nature of the affair seem all the more cynical.

But that's just theory, and *Return the Gift* is powerful enough to knock the theory out of your head. The rhythm section of **Hugo Burnham** and **Dave Allen**, which was the most important element in the original band, has never sounded tighter. **Andy Gill's** guitars have never sounded so sharp. And all these years



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COUNTRY

The Band in Black: The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Coyote Moon: Renegade Inn

The High Grass Rollers: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The High Rollin' Loners: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Shoestring Strap: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Dwight Yoakam [774]: House of Blues

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Alexis: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Tony B.: Twigg's Tea and Coffee Company

Banda Braza: Turquoise Café

Jim Bianco: The Casbah

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Kai Brown: Belly Up Tavern

Dan Connor [877]: Coyote Bar and Grill

John Cruz: 'Canes

Ren Daversa: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

Doug: The Calypso Café

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Allison Gill: Blarney Stone Pub
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Seth Horan: Lestat's Coffee House
David Houser: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
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The Justin Brothers: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
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Greg Laswell: Lestat's Coffee House
Thomas Lee: Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)
Jimmy Lewis: Tiki House
Julie Lloyd: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company
Allison Lonsdale: Lestat's Coffee House
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Mariza: Humphrey's
Mike McGill: Cornerstone Café
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Willy Porter: Lestat's Coffee House
Andrea Reschke: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, E Street Café
Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado
Amber Rubarth: University of San Diego

Danny Sandock: Island Sports & Spirits
Guys Swimer: Lestat's Coffee House
Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Café
Pete Thurston: University of San Diego
Anna Troy: Cornerstone Café
Butch Walker: The Casbah
Dar Williams [813]: House of Blues
Winterhawk: Borders Books and Music (Gaslamp)

EXTENSION 4009

BLUES / SOUL

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II
The Blue Aces: Redfields Lounge & Bistro
The Blues Brokers: The Kraken
Tommy Budd & Windy City [957]: JP's Pub, Island Sports & Spirits
The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken
The Corvelles: Humphrey's
Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Hancock Café, Chateau Orleans, Turquoise Café
The Fremonts [923]: Patrick's II
Fred Heath & the Slidewinders: Turquoise Café
The Hoodoo Blues Band: Blind Melons
Chris James & Blue Four: Patrick's II
The KV Blues Band: Blind Melons
Lady Dottie & the Diamonds: House of Blues
The Latonya Lockett Band: Belly Up Tavern
Michele Lundeen [952]: Dizzy's
The Bill Magee Blues Band [947]: Harrah's, Patrick's II
Jeff Moore: The Calypso Café

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken
Plato Soul: The Kraken
Runnin' Blue: The Calypso Café
Dean Smith: The Calypso Café
The Soul Persuaders [945]: Harrah's
Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects: Patrick's II
Billy Watson: Tio Leo's Lounge

The Capriccio String Quartet: Tutto Mare
Jesse Cook: Humphrey's
Ray Correa: The Butcher Shop
D Style: Belly Up Tavern
The Echo Revelation: The Kensington Club
Vicki Eriqat: Edelweiss Restaurant
Fat Joe: House of Blues
The Fluffgirl Burlesque Society: Winstons
Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado
Girlyman: House of Blues
Kjell Holmes [994]: Edelweiss Restaurant
Gordon Kohl [983]: Edelweiss Restaurant
Looks Like Rain: Six Degrees
Jeremiah Lorenz: Westin Horton Plaza Ballroom
Los Ingratoz: Over the Border
Middle Earth: The Calypso Café
Miri Ben-Ari: 'Canes
New Direction: Red Fox Steakhouse
Orquesta Guarare: Sevilla
Faith Page [989]: The Westgate Hotel

EXTENSION 4010

EVERYTHING ELSE

The All Mighty Senators: 'Canes
Heine Anderson: Dizzy's
Armenta de San Diego: La Valencia Hotel
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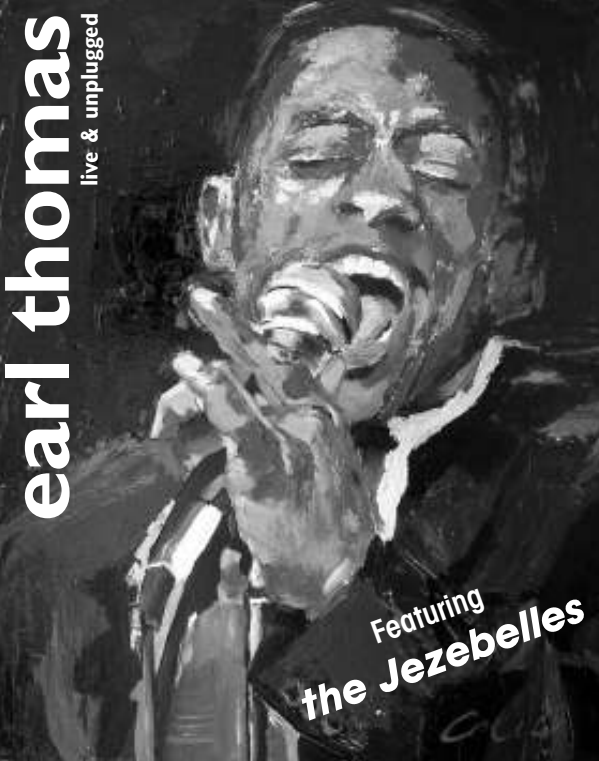
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Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave, electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Notorious: Sundays, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-2032.

Club NV: Wednesdays, reggae/dancehall, reggaeton, and hip-hop/R&B with DJs Winston-T and Regg-J. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue, College Area. 619-582-6730.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street

(corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-517-2030.

Flying Bridge: Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and booty bass in the main room; guest DJs spin reggae and reggaeton on the patio. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Fridays, funk, down-tempo, and drum 'n' bass; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

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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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Tuesdays, groove Tuesdays, groovy house with Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Hump Wednesdays, house music with Frankie. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

Spatuland: First and third Saturday of the month, electro DJs, tribal dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro, and gothic. 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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NORTH COUNTY

150 Lounge, 150 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-738-6868. Friday, the Disco Vigilantes, funk/soul/acid/disco, DJ event.

The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the Love Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., the Bacon Brothers, rock. Friday, 9 p.m., Yovee, Holiday & the Adventure Pop Collective, and Kai Brown, alternative. Saturday, 9 p.m., Aimee Mann. Sunday, 9 p.m., the Easy All Stars and John Brown's Body, alternative. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Deep Rooted, the PG's, D Style, and Larain & His Trusty Goat. Wednesday, 8 p.m., the Eve Selis Band, J.D. & Straightshot, and the Latonya Lockett Band, rock/blues.

Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, DJ event.

The Book Works/Pannikin Café, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., Calima, jazz duo.

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Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Blizzard*, rock.

The Calypso Café, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Runnin' Blue*, blues. Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith*, blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Sunday, *Middle Earth*. Monday, *Doug*. Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin*, folk. Wednesday, *the Julie Mack Band*, rock.

Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad. 760-602-2026. Sunday, 2 p.m., *Hip Graffiti*, jazz.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Laguna*, classic rock.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Sunday, 7 p.m., *the Band in Black*, rockabilly.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Boneyard*, rock, 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *the Restless Natives*, rock/reggae, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Dan Connor*, folk rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds*, rock, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Red Lane*, rock/blues, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Peter Sprague*, jazz. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *the Rhythm Method*, classic rock.

Danky's, 5806 Van Allan Way, Carlsbad. 760-602-0630. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live classic rock/blues/jazz.

E Street Café, 128 E Street, Encinitas. 760-230-2038. Saturday, 7 p.m., *Andrea Reschke*, folk.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *the Bradley Leighton Band*, R&B/jazz.

Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Bill Magee Blues Band*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Artic Cleveland*, Top 40. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Rising Star*, disco/dance. Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *the Soul Persuaders*.

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Friday and Saturday, live rock/pop/jazz.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety piano.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors*, blues. Friday, *Flat Out Liars*, classic rock. Saturday, *Plato Soul*. Sunday, *Blues Brokers*. Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band*. Wednesday, call club for information.

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *the Blasting Idiots*, classic rock.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *Elektrosorcery*, alternative.

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Street, Carlsbad. 760-434-3497. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Mike Gardner*, acoustic rock.

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers*, country.

The Metaphor Coffeehouse, 258 East Second Avenue, Escondido. 760-489-8890. Live music, call club for information.

Molly Malone's, 1270 Main Street, Ramona. 760-789-9050. Saturday,

9 p.m., *Left Hand Thread*, alternative rock.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Live music, call club for information.

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.*, *Jerry Melnick* and *Tom Bishop*, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway

101), Solana Beach. 858-755-9474. Friday, *the Taylor Harvey Band*, acoustic rock. Saturday, *Years Around the Sun*, *Photo Synthesizers*, and *Jade Shader*, rock. Wednesday, open mic.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, *Crossroads*, classic rock.

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Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, *the Cathryn Beeks Ordeal*, and *Saucy Monkey*, alternative. Friday,

9 p.m., *Cash'd Out* and *Married by Elvis*, rockabilly. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Buck-O-Nine*, ska. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Reaganomics*, rock/alternative. Monday, open mic. Tuesday, *the KV Blues Band* and *the Hoodoo Blues Band*. Wednesday, *Metal Brigade* and *Stonz Thro*, rock.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Most music is rock/alternative. Thursday, *the Misfits, D.I.*, and *the Strangers Six*. Friday, 9 p.m., *Busta Rhymes, Miri Ben-Ari*, and *the All Mighty Senators*. Tuesday, *John Cruz* and *Slack String*.

Wednesday, 8 p.m., *34 Below, G-Tom Mac, Prime Ministers*, and *Machine*.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

Che' Café, UCSD Campus, La Jolla. 858-534-2311. Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Jackie-O, 2 Up*, and *the Dead White*, alternative.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, *By All Means Necessary*. Friday, *Los Able Minded Poets, Deep*

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Music is acoustic/folk. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Alexis, Mod, Trevor Hall*, and *Julie Lloyd*. Friday, 8 p.m., *Ernie Halter, Kyle Phelan, Tony B., Lafe Dutton*, and *Mick Overman*. Saturday, 8 p.m., *Hargo, Ben Varela, Abby*, and

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University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. 619-260-4600, x8742. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Amber Rubarth*, rock. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., *Anya Marina* and *Pete Thurston*, acoustic.

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Blarney Stone Pub, 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, *Steve Brewer*, acoustic.

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Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-234-5670. Thursday, *DJ Pinky* and *DJ Laka*, house/dance. Wednesday, *Basis*, DJ event, progressive house/techno/techno/trance.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events and live music. Call club for information.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Thursday, 9 p.m. *Hooked on Onyx*, underground, hip-

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Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown. 619-233-3077. Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Jumpstart*, classic rock. Friday, *the Fremonts*, blues. Saturday, *Johnny V. & the Usual Suspects*. Sunday, *the Bayou Brothers*. Monday, *Red Lane*, rock. Tuesday, *Chris James & Blue Four*. Wednesday, *Bill Magee Blues*.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown. 619-702-3021. Saturday, *J.D. Boucharde*, piano.

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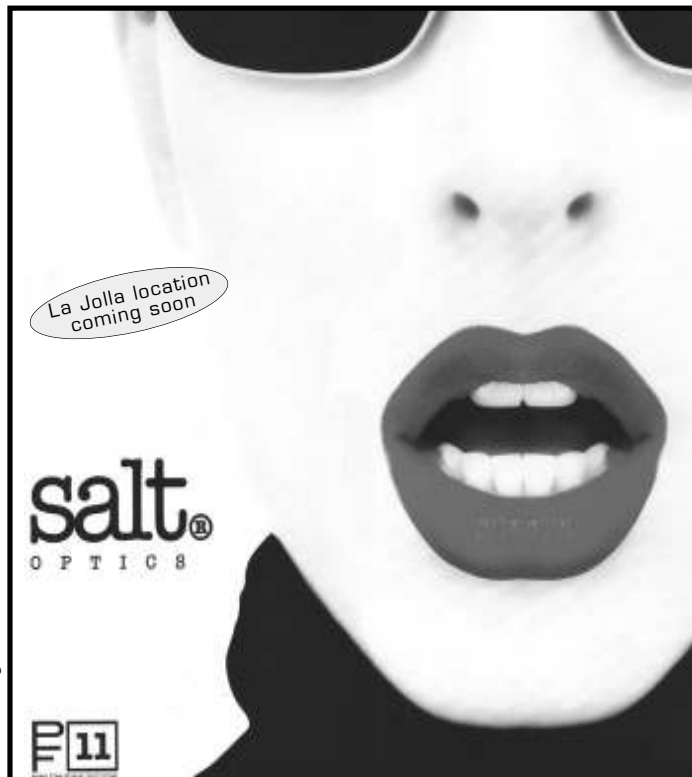
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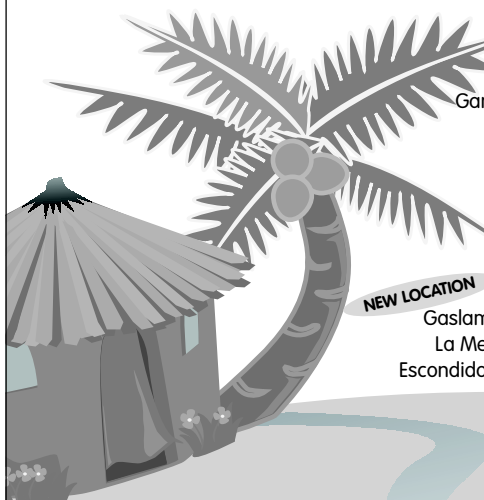
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Yankee Macaroni

Unlike Encinitas, the Gaslamp Quarter, and La Mesa, Escondido suffers from a shocking shortage of Italian dinner houses. Judging from the Yellow Pages, there's only tiny Joe's downtown, an Olive Garden way out in the Auto Park, and half the menu at the local Casa Reveles. Then there's Macaroni Grill, a standalone near the entrance of the city's largest mall. Little wonder that Macaroni is one of the town's most popular eateries. In fact, it was a local resident's praise that prompted my visit.

Macaroni turns out to be part of an international chain, stretching from New York to Hawaii to Taiwan to suburban England (only seven U.S. states are still missing a Macaroni). In the San Diego area, there are two locations, in Escondido and Oceanside.

As my partner and I came through the double doors into the foyer, we were greeted by four cheerleaders holding menus. One detached herself from the herd of milling waitstaff to show us to a table. (The group diminished sharply as occupancy rose.) The room is large, divided by low partitions, with Arizona flagstone walls and arched doorways, wall lanterns, and colored bottles on the windowsills for decoration. The open wood-beamed ceiling puts the air-conditioning mechanisms on view. We were seated next to the island bar, where two TVs were tuned to sports channels. In the back, a long open kitchen displays hot-and-cold-running cooks and a large wood-fired oven that's used for baking pizzas, melting cheese toppings, setting glazes, scorching steaks, etc.

There's also an absolute din, and that's the way the patrons like it. It's loudest near the bar, but peaceful nowhere. Italian music ranging from Rosemary Clooney to "Return to Sorrento" to the waltz from "La Traviata" blares through the speakers; the kitchen and the crowds do their noisy parts. The average patron age is about 28, but there were also families with toddlers, drawn by the cheap, 10-item kiddie menu. The feeling is of a community gathering place for daters and young families, with space for large parties, including a private room.

Our waitress was the perky blonde Ashlie. We know how it's spelled because she arrived at the table with Crayolas in lavender and magenta. Using both at once, she wrote her name (with flourishes) on the white butcher-paper tablecloth as she introduced herself. She ground fresh pepper



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into a saucer and poured Italian extra-virgin olive oil from the table bottle over it. I didn't recognize the brand of oil, but it was flavorful. Then she handed us oversized, multi-paged plastic menus. The wine list, adequate but not exciting, is on the back, and some of the cocktails are listed in the center pages. (The ingredients for the "Italian Margarita" read like any Mexican Margarita, but maybe you're supposed to hear them with a different accent.)

Each table gets a warm loaf of "Tuscan bread," a crusty round with a soft interior spiked with rosemary and caraway seeds. It proved one of the best dishes at the restaurant, an instant crowd pleaser.

We began with an appetizer sampler (\$10 for four items, \$8 for three). The fried calamari's batter was bland and a little greasy, but the squid was tender. The fried mozzarella in a breadcrumb coating wasn't fully melted and tasted like the same item at Bennigan's, an unrelated chain. I'm sure it's prepared in a central kitchen — or by a common supplier — and shipped frozen to all locations. A *bruschetta* featured bread topped with melted moz-

zarella and a bit of prosciutto. I wasn't impressed with the quality of the ham or the skim-milk cheese. But the stuffed mushrooms were quite wonderful — large caps with a layer of spinach covered with decent ricotta, the top half-inch melted and browned in the wood oven. At the center of the sampler plate was a ramekin of spicy, tomatoey marinara to dip or pour at will.

We'd barely made a dent in these appetizers before our entrées arrived. My partner ordered spaghetti and meatballs in meat sauce, a basic test of a place like Macaroni's. To our surprise, some of the spaghetti strands were stuck together from insufficient stirring at the start of cooking. Yes, it happens to all of us sometime, but it's unexpected at an Italian restaurant. The sauce was simple (ground beef and chopped onions in tomato sauce) but meaty, and not half bad — in fact, my partner liked it. The huge, soft meatballs, lacking flavor and texture, had no discernible herbs or Parmesan. The chain's motto is "All the Italian you need to know," but the meatballs tell me that this translates to, "Italian food for Americans

REVIEW

NAOMI WISE

Romano's Macaroni Grill

★ 1/2 (Fair to Good)

North County Fair, 202 East Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido, 760-741-6309. (Also 2665 Vista Way, Oceanside, 760-722-9905). www.macaronigrill.com.

HOURS: Open daily, 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m., until 11:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
PRICES: Appetizers \$6–\$10; Pasta \$8.50–\$12; Entrées \$12–\$20; Desserts average \$5. Lunches less (until 4:00 p.m.). Kiddie menu \$4.

CUISINE & BEVERAGES: Italian-American fare, including low-fat, low-carb options. Mainly mainstream wines at modest markups. Full bar.

PICK HITS: Stuffed mushrooms; lobster ravioli; shrimp Portofino.

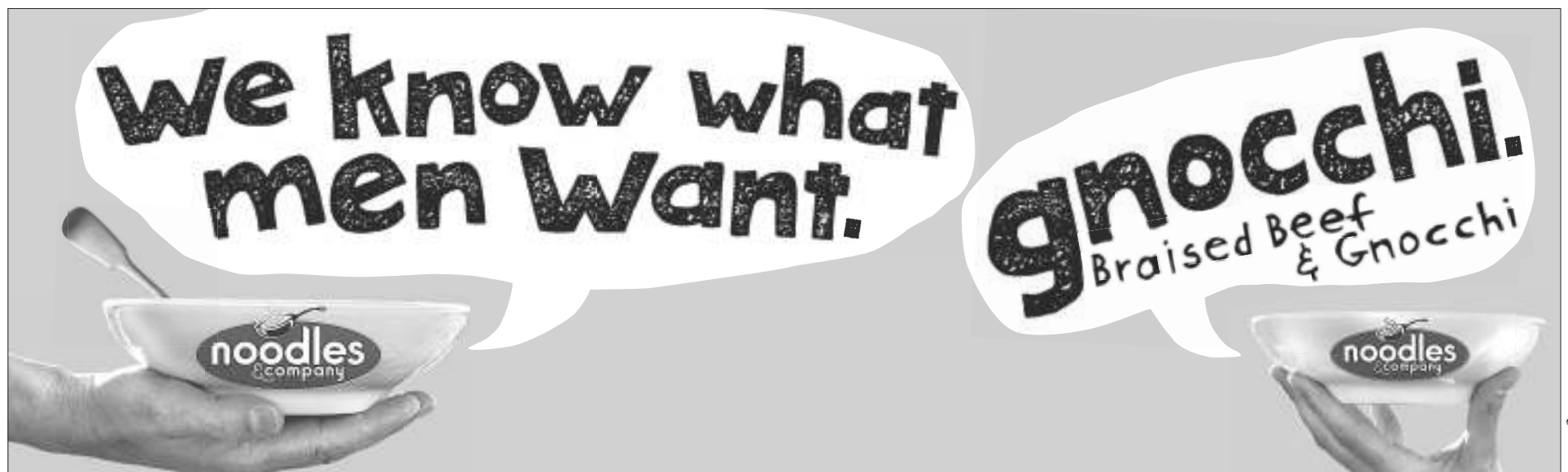
NEED TO KNOW: Casual, family-friendly. Crowded and very noisy at dinner. Separate rooms available for parties. Curbside pickup available for to-go (call a half hour ahead and they'll bring your order to your car).

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who've never eaten in an Italian neighborhood."

I hit the "from the grill" section of the menu and focused in on the Tuscan Rib-Eye, a bone-in Certified Black Angus — a full pound of meat, but cut wide and thin. (It was about half as thick as the average Turf Supper Club or Fat City rib-eye.) I ordered it "very rare," and it arrived with the fatty rim rare to medium-rare and the center cooked to cardboard medium, a result of the cooking technique: The bottom was tan, and lightly cross-hatched from the grill, while the top was darkly cross-hatched and then near-blackened in the wood oven. The steak came with a daub of melted butter and tomato, accompanied by excellent grilled asparagus. The horrible garlic mashed potatoes were puréed in a food processor or Mix-Master to the consistency of kindergarten paste.



Gnever had gnocchi? Then you're in for a gnice surprise. Gnocchi is how Italy does the potato dumpling. And as you can probably guess, the g is silent. But the flavor is anything but. Add tender burgundy braised beef, a splash of cream, a little onion, mushroom and sweet red pepper, and you've got a taste of Italian heaven. Don't wait to try it, our Gnocchi dish is only available for a limited time. After that, it's arrivederci.

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(When a machine breaks down the gluten in the potatoes, you get glue.)

At the table behind us, another perky blonde waitress serenaded a young couple with "Happy Birthday" sung in a Nordic language. She had a good, strong soprano. Meanwhile, Ashlie stopped by whenever our mouths were full (at least five times) to ask if we needed anything more.

Finally, we took her up on the offer and asked about desserts. She recited the list.

Ashlie's favorite was one of two desserts made in-house, "Chocolate Ravioli," filled with several types of chopped-up chocolate bars (she mentioned Snickers) and baked to melt into goo. The other house-made dessert is called "Strawberry Zabaglione." It's not a true zabaglione, whipped up with egg and Marsala, but merely fruit served with whipped cream — or something like it. We went for a "Caffe Latte Cheesecake," a slab of coffee-flavored cheesecake on a dark-chocolate crust plated atop a dark-chocolate sauce similar to Smucker's. A bit of aerosol whipped cream had a faint metallic taste. "I hate the flavor but like the texture," said my

partner. "I like the flavor, hate the texture," I told him, feeling oppressed by its glutinous weight.

Next day, we decided to check out a feature called "Curbside To Go." It works like do-it-yourself Waiter On Wheels. You call in your order 30 minutes ahead and go to pick it up, using one of the parking spots designated for the function. They bring the food out to you, with almost no waiting, then you pay and take it home (or gobble it in some other part of the parking lot if you're starving.) It's the food equivalent of Netflix DVD rentals, replacing the social experience of restaurant eating with a private meal, while replacing the experience

of a home-cooked meal with a mass-produced hot dinner. Like the cell phone, it's a development that allows people to absent themselves from the outer world. But in this case, it also allows you to have a meal without having to hear a reprise of "Return to Sorrento."

We noticed that the takeout menu had a number of items marked with a little red chef's toque, meaning, "Chef's Choice" — specialties of the house. Most of these looked more creative than the non-topped choices. We tried a couple of them. The lobster ravioli had deep-green tarragon-flavored pasta filled with lobster meat, topped with shrimp, chopped asparagus, diced fresh tomatoes,

and lemon butter. The pasta is on the thick side, but less so than the average San Diego raviolum. The overall effect is likable, with tender shrimp and coherent flavors. Another possibility in this vein is Shrimp Portofino, with shrimp, mushrooms, pine nuts, and spinach in lemon-butter sauce, served with pasta.

Our other choice was a sampler called "Mama's Trio," featuring chicken cannelloni, lasagna, and chicken Parmigiano. The chicken Parmigiano tasted like it came frozen and ready to heat from a central commissary. The "twice baked" lasagna wasn't bad. It also wasn't good, since it follows the same pattern as the meatballs, more Red State all-

American than Italian-American. The cannelloni, putatively filled with roast chicken, plus spinach and cheese, mainly contained melted cheese. I did like its tangy Asiago cream sauce.

Romano's isn't great, but it's serviceable for the demographic it's aimed toward. Ten years from now, today's 28-year-olds will still be eating there, saying "Remember our first date?" and "Remember Tammie's third birthday party?" Long-running, wide-reaching restaurant chains aren't born, they're created — by their devoted patrons, and by the people who've read those patrons' wants and needs. ■

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"What a woman! Her brother claimed she'd been poisoned."

What do you mean, you haven't heard of her?" says Carla. "Everybody's heard of La Doña!"

History, history, history. Carla has it coming out of her pores. Now it's Mexican movie history.

I'm calling her from Barrio Logan. Pay phone. Down here looking for that danged easy chair she wants — okay, *needs* — now that she's home from the hospital, learning to walk on her fractured leg again. I'm trying to match her desires with my *dinero*. Have just been to a warehouse here on Main. Furniture Classics. Saw three possibilities. You might say: Three chairs for Carla! So I went in search of the nearest pay phone so I could check it out with her.

I found one outside this eatery — La Doña — across from Perkins Elementary school. But first I had to pop into La Doña and catch its smells. Ended up ordering the Thursday lunch special, the Chili and Barrio Plate (\$4.75). The back wall, I noticed, was covered with black-and-white pictures of a sassy, slinky dame from the forties, for sure.

On the phone outside, I couldn't help mentioning her to Carla.

"La Doña? La Doña!" she says. "That's María Félix. The Marilyn Monroe of Mexican movies. Died a couple of years ago. On her 88th birthday. What a woman! Her brother claimed she'd been poisoned."

"Jealous lover?"

Who knows? She knew everyone, presidents, kings...

"Chili and Barrio Plate!" calls the girl from inside.

"Sweetheart," I say to Carla, "I gotta go."

"What'd you call for?"

"Chairs. I'll get back to you in a little bit."

I clunk the phone down and head for the door. The outside of the place has white walls, with brick highlights and a tile overhang, a couple of sidewalk tables and blue umbrellas. The sign in the window

says "*La Doña. Comida Corrida Casera. Antes New Mexico*" (Fast homestyle food, previously the "New Mexico"). Inside, past an artificial palm tree, another sign says, "Since 1942." Wow. Sixty-three years. Everything looks old, but spit-'n-polish clean. Reddy-brown floor tiles, white walls, windows with fancy curled white-iron grilles. Red-and-green papier-mâché parrots stand on trapezes hung around the ceiling fans. The booths have bright orange- and yellow-backed chairs and wrought-iron pedestal seats with orange pads.

Oh, and on the side wall, dozens of photos of the glory days of the Mexican Revolution. Villa. Zapata. Steam trains. Sombreros. Pistols. Handlebar mustachios.

I sit down. My plate's still steaming, thank goodness. Nice momsy flower china plate with frijoles (natch), rice (natch), and in the middle, a mess of eggs with chorizo mixed in. Then on another plate,

onions, cilantro, and lime wedges. Pot o' salsa's here too, and it's a jaw-slammer. Two corn tortillas, of course, good and hot. Oh, and a horchata (\$2.50, not cheap), the milky drink made from almonds, rice, cinnamon, sugar, and lime.

For napkins they have a paper towel roll on a stick on a stand on the table. Great. Swipe-'n-wipe.

One of the girls behind the counter says the place used to be half this size fifty years ago. That would be during the Second World War. I chow into my chorizo. It's straight, traditional, fresh-cooked Mexican food. Bet it hasn't changed since 1942.

I think of all the history that's passed through here. Barrio GIs, coming in, say, in 1942, for a last taste of home before shipping out to the Pacific. Or 30 years later, the Chicano movement's leaders sitting around arguing about Aztlan, and how to stop the police station the city wanted to build, smack-dab in Chicano Park's heartland. Early '70s, man. Read the old papers. That was a battle.

Through the window I see the palms of Chicano Park a couple of blocks away, rustling green over the rooftops. I can't help fearing for this barrio, so close to town. How long before it catches the price bug, the condo bug, the Starbucks bug. How long before it starts losing its barrio feel and pricing its longtime residents out of their own market? Gentrification: It's like moving treacle. Ya can't fight it.

I finish up and head for the furniture place again. On the way, I come across one of the finer

old wooden houses on César Chavez. It has a banner across its front wall. "Expressions of Mexico Gallery." Uh-oh. Art gallery. Gentrification, chapter one? But it's really nice inside, and this gal Merle says a Tijuana woman dentist started this venture to handle all the sculptures and folk art that's "surging out of the barrio, Mexico, and Latin America."

There's one more middle-class Anglo incursion: a chic coffee place next door to the gallery. Ryan Brothers. Hey hey! My opportunity to cap the lunch with a good coffee. Turns out there really are Ryan Brothers, three of them: Harry, Tom, and Carmine. Their roasting factory occupies the old Chuey's. These guys are coffee fanatics. They even get coffee beans from the Galapagos islands. History-minded too: Turns out the infamous Jesse James leaned on this same wooden counter they've brought in here. History? The barrio's bulging with it. But like Jesse, I'm gonna have to take a coffee and run. I get a Sumatra roast (\$1.95).

Then I borrow the counter phone. "Sweetheart. I'm on my way back to Furniture Classics. You want that double side-by-side chair...?"

"Bedford," she says. Her voice is different. Tired. "Why don't you forget the chair today? Just go back to La Doña's and get us some chorizo, *chicharrones*, some tacos, then find a video place in the barrio. See if you can track down María Félix, La Doña Barbara, 1943." Suddenly, Carla sounds her old self again. "You're gonna fall in love, man. We could, you know, make a night of it." ■

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O'Reilly Shoots For Full Flavors

"It tasted like it was dead. And it was two years younger than ours."

I'm not shy," says David O'Reilly, co-owner/winemaker/vineyard manager of Owen Roe Winery in Willamette Valley, Oregon. He's talking about price — Owen Roe wines have never been cheap. But, he says, "I think we're right there as far as price-quality ratio. I think three bottles of our \$60 Cabernet versus one of the \$180 Napa Valley wines..." O'Reilly trails off, but it's not out of shyness. Here he is on Owen Roe's Abbot's Table, a blended red which sells for around \$20: "It's the first wine that I make every year, and I make sure that it's just flat-out gorgeous. I make sure that it's better than all comers at twice the price."

"All comers" includes more than the rest of the Pacific Northwest, from which Owen Roe draws its fruit. It includes California; it includes Napa. "I kind of liken the difference between the Pacific Northwest and Napa Valley to the difference between Napa Valley and the Central Valley in California," says O'Reilly. "The Central Valley is much hotter, and you'll find that those wines are a lot more bland than the Napa Valley wines." The unspoken conclusion: Napa is hotter than the Pacific Northwest, so its wines suffer by comparison.

O'Reilly isn't making a blanket statement; he's

quick to point out that he is "working with grapes that love this cooler climate. In warmer growing areas, the delicate esters of, say, Cabernet Franc or Syrah — they're gone." (Esters are flavor compounds, often volatile.) "The grape is so busy making sugar that when it's time for harvest, I personally feel that you end up with less flavor. Here, those wines have big berry flavor, but they also have herbal notes. I heard from a guy in Napa who makes Cabernet Franc." The winemaker wanted to try some of the Owen Roe version; O'Reilly proposed a swap.

"Then he asked me some questions about what I was doing," O'Reilly went to the numbers. "I said, 'Well what I shoot for is full flavors — if I can get 25, 26 Brix and still get a pH of 3.3 and a titratable acidity of .7, that's ideal.' He e-mailed back and said, 'That's not possible.' It's like, 'Okay; you're that familiar with the Pacific Northwest to say to me that it's impossible?' I tasted his wine, and it tasted like it was dead. And it was two years younger than ours."

And he's got an explanation. "The purpose of the grapevine is to ripen the seed. When the seed is brown, the vine has done its job, and it's ready to shut down. And when the vine feels it starting to get cold, photosynthesis basically stops.

Crush

MATTHEW LICKONA

Your last ripening on the grapes is done without sugar increase. I think that's just crucial — all those delicate flavors stay in the grape. These 65-, 70-degree days and 35-degree nights" — temperatures well below those you typically see in Napa at harvest time — "are just ideal."

They also require an attention to vineyard location and management that borders on the fanatical, and O'Reilly is fine with that. "I don't do any grape manipulation. I don't add acid, I don't add sugar, I don't manipulate in any other way. What that does is it forces me to find vineyards that will give me balance. My Walla Walla Seven Hills Vineyard, for example, is 82 percent Cabernet. Cabernet ripens very late, and so in a hot growing area like Walla Walla, you want your wine to be Cabernet-dominant. But in the western Yakima Valley, the Cabernet almost ripens too late" — the ripening heat starts to give out. "As a result, you can get Cabernet with very high acidity. You could end up with a wine that is lean, not quite as generous as you'd like it to be. So in my Yakima Valley blend, I'll have more Merlot and Cabernet Franc, which come in earlier with better pH and acidity."

His success or failure at getting the balance just so helps him to set his price. "I have a Pinot Noir with a suggested retail of \$39. I think it's a \$50 bottle, but we've had these hot vintages in Oregon, and I don't think the wine is going to age more than ten years. But I also have a Riesling that I would not be surprised to see age 50 to 70 years, and a Cabernet of the same stature."

Owen Roe is O'Reilly's second venture; the first was Sineann, which he co-founded with his friend Peter Rosback. "When we started Sineann, I told him that, at some point, I wanted to have my own label called Owen Roe — Roe was an Irish patriot who died in the O'Reilly castle back in Ireland." O'Reilly ended up with a partner on




Owen Roe, Irish patriot

that project as well — "Jerry Owen. He's a farmer. One of our winery buildings is an old machine shed of his that we converted into a virtual gravity-flow facility" — meaning that it's gravity, not pumps, that move the wine from here to there. "By 'virtual,' I mean that we have forklifts; if we need to rack the barrels, we just lift them up" and let the wine drain off the lees into the new barrel below.

The practice fits with his devotion to the fruit. "I don't crush our fruit. I could, in essence, make our wines without electricity. I used to say that our wines were made archaically." But however archaic his winemaking, it hasn't made him any more shy toward the Old World than he is toward the New. "I have the greatest respect for the Old



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World wines, but I can be the biggest critic of the Old World wines. I despise wines that are put into dirty barrels — the way almost all Rhone wines are.”

Them’s fightin’ words, but O’Reilly’s ready for a scrap. “One of my favorite growing areas is Chateauneuf-du-Pape; I love the blends, and I love the fruit. Yet I did a tasting of ten Chateauneuf-du-Papes with a bunch of winemakers — and a couple of them were French — and we came to the conclusion that all ten were undrinkable. These were a lot of really, really nice wines, and we found that the winemaking was really poor. I’ll challenge people on it. If your barrels are dirty and you have Brettanomyces, and you say that’s your terroir, that it’s a good thing, then that’s like a chef burning his meal and having that be his signature. ‘He burns every dish.’ You can pick up some characteristics, but you still get the burned flavor — and that’s not necessarily a good thing.” ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

The Armenian Cafe 3126 Carlsbad Boulevard (at Pine), Carlsbad, 760-720-2233. At this large cottage with a year-round heated sundeck overlooking Highway 101, the menu offers Armenian specialties cooked with a Lebanese accent as well as generic Middle Eastern crowd pleasers, including gyros made from scratch. Lamb shish kebab is the house specialty, a “loss leader” featuring tender premium lamb cubes

with assertive seasonings, grilled over gas. Even better are distinctive dishes from the owner’s family recipes: his mom’s Lebanese kibbe (a large, glorified nut-filled lamb meatball) is outstanding, as is her kashta lea dessert — an exotic nutmeg sponge cake fragrant with rose-water syrup, topped with pistachios and thickened cream. Dinner platters constitute a full meal, including a great “Armenian salad” and a tasty dip for the meat, along with less-than-great egg-lemon soup, pilaf, and pita wedges. Wine list is dreary but corkage fee is reasonable. Three meals, Tuesday through Sunday. Live music and belly dancer weekend nights and Sunday brunch. Moderate to slightly expensive. — N.W. (8/03)

California Bistro 7100 Four Seasons Point, Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad, 760-603-6868. The restaurant features fresh California cuisine in a beautiful, luxurious hotel dining room. Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserve for the Friday night seafood buffet (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.), which includes cooked seafood, sushi, and sashimi. Moderate to expensive. — E.W. (7/00)

Juanita’s Taco Shop Estilo Tepatitlan 290 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-943-9612; also in Vista at 248 Main, 760-758-4531. Enticing aromas of fresh tortillas and fragrant frijoles greet you as you enter this busy little taqueria, where the food’s cooked in the style of Tepatitlan, a small city near Guadalajara. Its local specialty is carnitas — which Juanita’s does up (by the plate or by the pound) as tender, non-greasy shreds, served with fresh, cilantro-

laden mild tomato salsa. Standard wraps are fine, too, and the beans taste as good as they smell. Try a “Flying Saucer” — it really takes off, with shredded meat, onions, mild chiles, beans, sour cream, shredded orange cheese, and puréed guacamole riding high on an airy crisped flour tortilla. Quick and good, open daily, three meals until 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/01)

Kealani’s 137 West D Street, Encinitas, 760-94-ALOHA. Tucked between a 7-Eleven and a pizzeria, with an exterior sign that says “Saimin” (for Hawaii’s version of Top Ramen), this island of the Islands prescribes “Living Da Aloha Spirit.” A ukulele player sometimes serenades the noonday crowd at the sidewalk tables, and at any hour the food is “plate lunch” — two scoops of short-grain rice, mild house-made macaroni salad, and a choice of authentic “grins.” Don’t miss the outstanding kalua pig, zesty, smoky shreds of imu-style roast pork, resembling a moister version of Southern “pulled pork.” The menu covers the whole panoply of island standards, from malasadas (Portuguese donuts) to musubi (Spam sushi), with a Saturday special of a luau’s worth of “local food.” While you’re waiting, check out the droll Hawaiian vocabulary lessons under the glass tops of the tables. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Roxy Natural Foods Restaurant 517 North Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-436-5001. You don’t have to be a Self Realization Fel-

lowship follower to fit in in Encinitas, but it helps. Roxy was made for the veggie crowd who’ve grown up around the famous seaside compound. These days, that includes surfers, vegans, and even visiting Hollywood stars picky about their food. Actually, it is no longer strictly a vegetarian eatery: the owners have added chicken and fish for Encinitas’s “new people” — the carnivores buying up property in the hills. But the vegan-veggie spirit still rules. Most popular item on the menu is owner Shahram Naimi’s own invention: the scrumptious Roxy falafelburger. Its green “meat” is made from garbanzo beans, potatoes, onions, cilantro, and herbs, all bedded down with tomatoes, a thick mat of sprouts, and melted cheese, covered by a whole-wheat bun. For chicken-lovers, the garlic chicken pizzas sell big-time. Other healthy treats include the three-egg avocado omelet with toast, the artichoke sandwich (with marinated artichoke hearts), and the squash enchilada dinner (steamed banana squash with corn, bell peppers, and low-fat cream cheese in a flower tortilla). Payoff? You come out feeling good and full, not bad and bloated. Open daily, brunch through dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

St. Germain’s Cafe 1010 South Coast Highway 101 (at I Street), Encinitas, 760-753-5411. Despite the Parisian name, the food here is all-American. Omelets are the café’s best-known dish — 14 variations of three-egggers (or Eggbeaters by request) served with toast or a muffin, plus tasty herb-strewn “café potatoes” or fresh fruit salad. But don’t overlook the Belgian waffles, scrambles,

pancakes, Louisiana sausages, or the three versions of expertly poached eggs Benedict with genuine hollandaise. Sandwiches run to hearty American classics (including some veg choices), and along with beef burgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers, there are no fewer than six twists on lean charbroiled chicken breast on a burger bun. The sheltered patio is always crowded, but there’s a large interior dining room with a separate smoothies-and-ice-cream bar. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

The Original 101 Diner 552 First Street, Encinitas, 760-753-2123. This is where the caviar crowd from Rancho Santa Fe comes to remember their roots. It’s got all the deliberately down-home cooking you could want, including all-day breakfast ranging from really cheap biscuits and sausage gravy to a pretty cheap top sirloin steak and eggs. For lunch, the bacon-cheddar burger with fruit is a good surprise combo. The turkey-cranberry salad sandwich is also good, and try the spinach salad, with bacon, feta cheese, olives, mushrooms, and chopped egg. Even though this 101’s vintage (1983) in no way compares with the Oceanside 101 Café’s (1928), it has become a genuine part of Encinitas life — lines on the weekends will tell you that. Open breakfast and lunch; closed Tuesdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/04)

Vivace Four Seasons Resort Aviara, 7100 Four Seasons Point, Carlsbad, 760-603-3773. If you ever wished to eat like the Medicis did, here’s the place for it. This lovely hotel-restaurant at a gor-

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When In Rome 1108 South Coast Highway 101 (at Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-944-1771. This elegant restaurant offers three dining areas and a menu with outstanding appetizers and pasta dishes. There are many unusual preparations. Gorgeous presentation; warm, friendly service. A winner. Dressy-casual crowd. Open for dinner nightly. Expensive. — *E.W.*

NORTH INLAND

Bamboo Hut Black Mountain Village, 9172 Mira Mesa Boulevard (one driveway west of Black Mountain Road), Mira Mesa, 858-348-0414. You'll find a taste of Hawaii in a strip mall in a neighborhood that's all-mall. The bright little "hut" has bamboo chairs, a bamboo ceiling, bare floors, and unclothed tables,

with a sushi counter next to a tiny kitchen with a roaring gas grill. A large lattice awning offers outdoor seating a few steps from the door. The quality of the food is all over the map, though — this is not the place to try your first Spam sushi. The seafood sushi is good, though, including a fine Rainbow Roll with really sweet crab; the more creative rolls run to cream cheese and hot sauce. "Local food" choices include a tasty ahi *poké* and excellent chicken *katsu*; the *kalbi* short ribs are tough, though. Plate lunches include one to three entrées (priced accordingly) with steamed or mildly garlic-flavored rice, macaroni salad, and green salad with bright orange dressing à la Kraft French. Be sure they deliver what you ordered; there may be slipups. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive. — *N.W.* (8/03)

Centre City Cafe 2680 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-489-6011. In the quiet little "motel row" just north of Lake Hodges, this cute, friendly café serves classic American diner food, including all-day breakfast. The chicken-fried steak is exemplary, with a crackly batter-crust and a smooth, peppery cream gravy. Several cuts of USDA Choice steaks are offered at rock-bottom prices, and early bird dinners and daily specials offer amazing bargains. You can eat inside, in a coffee-shop ambiance, or chow down on the dining terrace in front. Open daily, three meals. Huge portions, low prices. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Chieu-Anh Vietnamese Cuisine 16769 Bernardo Center Drive, Suite 10 (Rancho Bernardo Town Center), Rancho Bernardo, 858-485-1231. This very pretty restaurant in an attractive Asian-themed mini-mall offers South Vietnamese specialties rarely found in the North Inland area. Not all dishes on the

lengthy menu are equally successful, though. Among the best are the "royal egg roll" wrapped around a shrimp, the pineapple-sweetened "tangy and sour" soups, the tender roast Cornish hen with Five Spices seasoning and the catfish clay pot with herbs. The crêpes are a good bet, too. In salads and stir-fried dishes, though, the kitchen may overcook red meats until tough, and sauces can be heavy with cornstarch. Incidentally, don't look for *pho* on the dinner menu — it's served at lunch only. Numerous vegetarian choices. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Hacienda de Vega 2608 S. Escondido Boulevard (frontage road along Centre City Parkway), Escondido, 760-738-9805. This is a Mexican restaurant with a difference — or two. The setting is a gorgeous restored Old California-style hacienda set on two acres, including a verdant courtyard (complete with fountain) for fair-weather dining. The menu is also a leap upward from standard fare. Señora Vega offers authentic Mexican cuisine cooked in the sophisticated manner of Mexico City, her hometown — not border-food compromises. You'll find an array of fresh and interesting appetizers along with a wide choice of serious entrées featuring complex, delicious sauces. Each dish is seasoned to the optimum spiciness for its overall flavor — this is not the land of the bland. The Sunday all-you-can-eat brunch offers a whole sampling of goodies brought to your table, with refills as desired. Three vegetarian entrées and a kiddie menu available; casual atmosphere. Full bar specializing in margaritas, of course. Open daily, lunch (or brunch) and dinner. — *N.W.* (9/03)

Onami Japanese Restaurant 240 East Via Rancho Parkway, North County

Fair, Escondido, 760-738-7522. This Japanese buffet offers everything from miso soup and sukiyaki to a host of salads, including several variations of *sunomono* (cucumber salad). Then there are teriyakis, sashimis, and a plethora of sushi rolls. Among the winners are the California roll with *masago*, tempura shrimp roll, guacamole roll, and Philadelphia roll. Skip the dry egg rolls and head for the corn crab cakes, teriyaki chicken, tempura shrimp, and veggies. Desserts offer fresh fruits, bite-size cake options, and go-back-for-seconds green tea ice cream. The food is fresh, the presentation artful, and the staff friendly and efficient. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Expensive. — *S.M.* (8/04)

San Diego Artisan Bakers 1551 S. Escondido Boulevard (at 15th), Escondido, 760-740-5963. This European-style bakery specializes in hearty, handcrafted, slow-fermented breads made from natural ingredients including certified organic rye and whole wheat that are stone-ground at the bakery. Pick up their brochure for the schedule of when each of the 24 breads they bake will come out of the oven. Recipes are from France, Italy, Germany, and the U.S. These loaves have textures and depths of flavor you'll never find in supermarket-bakery breads. And for breakfast or a snack, there's nothing better than settling on the front porch with a cup of espresso and one of the moist and chewy scones. Open Monday through Saturday, morning to late afternoon. Inexpensive. — *N.W.* (9/03)

The Place: El Parque 2659 Reche Road, Fallbrook, 760-731-2775. Just think Little Red Riding Hood — this is Grandma's place. Okay, it's not a little old, thatched cottage — it's a cream-painted metal shed with a gazebo in front. But it is in the Live Oak woods, and you can sink your teeth into some pretty

fair Mexican food here, sitting alongside an interesting bunch of agricultural workers and maybe some ruby miners. Good combination plates include the tostada and beef taco, and burrito and enchilada. The time to be here is Sunday morning, when those aggies pour in here for the *menudo*, cooked in a three-foot-high pot. Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Wine Sellar and Brasserie 9550 Waples Street #115, Mira Mesa, 858-450-9557. This is the sister restaurant to Laurel, and the food is a delight to the palate. Lunch on Saturday served by itself or in conjunction with the wine tasting. Call for directions and specific hours. — *E.W.*

GOLD COAST

Milton's Deli Flower Hill Mall, 2660 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-792-2225. This sprawling, family-friendly eatery started out as a non-Kosher Jewish deli, but has come to embrace diner food, pub grub, and Italian and Mexican favorites, along with a full cast of Ashkenazi noshes. Sit down and stuff yourself with stuffed cabbage, overstuffed deli sandwiches, crisp-skinned fat cheese blintzes, *matzoh brei*, hot brisket with latkes — or chicken-fried steak, if that's your bag. Or take out from the attached deli and bakery. The yummy chopped liver will remind you of the Bronx, the smoked whitefish and silky Nova will take you home to Flatbush, but the soft, cottony bagels — *oy!*, so *goy!* Seven days, three meals. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (4/05)

Nobu Japanese Restaurant 315 South Coast Highway 101, Solana Beach,

858-755-7787. The menu at this gourmet Japanese restaurant offers 100 sushi items, 20 stunning and unique appetizers, and a long list of entrées. Two dining rooms are available; the livelier is at the sushi bar. Especially on the weekends, arrive early to avoid waiting for a table. Reservations advised for dining room, not accepted for sushi bar. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pamplemousse Grille 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, 858-792-9090. The locals' favorite French provincial restaurant offers exquisite, creative cooking. Favorites from an often-changing menu include fresh crab salad with avocado and tomato coulis, white fish served any style, mushroom *cappucini* soup, and *tarte Tatin*. Serene atmosphere with excellent service. Dinner reservations urged. Dinner nightly, lunch Wednesday through Friday. Dinners expensive. — *E.W.*

Pizza Port 135 North Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-481-7332. (Also in Carlsbad.) "Tasty Grub & Grog," says the sign, and that's just what it is. You come here for three things: the pizzas, the beer, and the scene. The place is cavernous, but the tables are communal, with long wooden benches. Rub shoulders with surfers, students, yuppies, and locals. Pizza Port brews their own beer (try Sharkbite Red) and flings their own pizzas, New York style. Filling combos can be great, like the pesto, mesquite-grilled chicken, sundried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, and feta ("Pizza Carlsbad"), or shrimp, clams, onions, olives, bell peppers, and mushrooms ("Pizza Solana"). Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Poseidon 1670 Coast Boulevard (south of 18th Street), Del Mar, 858-755-9345. The two dining rooms

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LA JOLLA

Azul La Jolla 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-9616. The unobstructed ocean view and opulent interior are glamorous. Cuisine is Mediterranean with California influence. Menus change daily. When available, try pan-seared scallops and the outstanding asparagus soup, not duplicated anywhere. Fresh fish and seafood. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.* (7/99)

Come On In! 1030-B Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, 858-551-1063. Clunky name, but suave Euro-bistro feel with outside tables under trees. This is your escape to "Paree" anytime you can afford La Jolla. Actually, they keep the price of breakfasts — like two "plain and simple" steamed eggs with fresh fruit and toast, or the "Popeye" omelet, with spinach, Parmesan cheese, prosciutto ham, and diced tomato, fruit, and toast — down to a small roar. Course, everybody in this neck of the woods is trying *not* to eat, so expect lots of fruit plates and healthy lunch sandwiches like roasted eggplant with zucchini, bell peppers, tomatoes, and mozzarella. Inexpensive to moderate; dinners a little more expensive. — *E.B.* (4/03)

Donovan's Steak and Chop House 4340 La Jolla Village Drive, Golden Triangle, 858-450-6666. At this excellent traditional steakhouse, the menu includes a variety of appetizers, among them a cocktail of giant shrimp with a spicy, tomatoey sauce and a large, lightly sautéed crab cake with house-made tartar sauce. The wet-aged prime beefsteaks are seasoned with sea salt and pepper and cooked on a gas grill precisely to your order. Bleu cheese, béarnaise and peppercorn sauces are available at extra charge. Non-beef entrées include fish, seafood, veal chop, pork chop, or a delicate Australian rack of lamb. Unlike many steakhouses where your money buys only the meat, entrées are served with vegetables and potato. Additional à la carte sides include creamed spinach and sautéed mushrooms. Among the house-made desserts the highlights are a light, creamy cheesecake with fresh strawberry sauce and a traditional creme brûlée. The service is attentive, friendly, and knowledgeable, in a masculine setting with dark wood-paneled, dim lighting, and only a moderate noise level. Cigar room off the bar. Open Mondays through Saturdays. Very expensive. — *N.W.* (9/02)

Great Khan's Mongolian Festival 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (University Towne Center), 858-678-0950. This is a chain that stretches almost as far as the Mongolian Empire, but that's because the idea is good. One meal, plenty of it, and guaranteed fresh because it's either frozen (curled shavings of beef, chicken, turkey, pork) or raw (veggies including cabbage, celery, broccoli, cucumber, green peppers, carrots, mushrooms, pineapple, water chestnuts). Stuff as much as you can into your bowl and hand it to the chef to braise on the huge hotplate, and add noodles. Bonus: gallery view of skaters or an ice hockey match while you eat. Open breakfast through dinner weekdays, earlier closing weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Sante Ristorante 7811 Herschel Avenue, La Jolla, 858-454-1315. The name is Italian for "saint," and the Northern Italian/regional cooking shines here, especially the fish and seafood dishes. Fresh seafood specials are available every night, in addition to those on the menu. Excellent chopped salad, pasta with mushrooms, ravioli with quail, and lamb chops. Separate room for bar; separate private dining room. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. Enclosed patio for lunch. Not to be missed. Moderate (pastas) to expensive. — *E.W.* (4/99)



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roasted sonoma quail

stuffed with chanterelle mushrooms and foie gras, served over honey roasted

shallots and cabernet-cassis sauce

damaso lee

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striped bass

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RESTAURANTS

Tapenade 7612 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-551-7500. This is not only one of the finest restaurants in the county but in the country. Featuring sunny Provençal flavors, famed chef-owner Jean-Michel Diot offers superb seasonal ingredients treated with the consummate ease of a master chef. Among the special joys here are a sophisticated *foie gras torchon*, luscious free-range veal, and top-quality seafood, with garnishes that display an impressive balance of venturesome creativity and rigorous technique. Desserts are worth the calories, matching the style and flair of the earlier courses. And you don't even have to dress to the nines for your first-class dinner — the sixes will do in the easy bistro atmosphere. Serving lunch (including a moderate two-course prix fixe) and dinner daily, including bargain-priced three-course prix fixe "sunset dinners" weeknights. Otherwise, expensive to be very expensive, and worth it. — *N.W.* (9/03)

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Boo Cho Korean Barbecue 7905 Engineer Road (a block east of Convoy), Kearny Mesa, 858-573-2585. What sets Boo Cho apart from other Korean barbecues is that wood charcoal rather than gas fuels the tabletop grills — proving easier to control as well as lending more flavor. The *galbi* (short ribs) here are outstanding, with tender meat and a subtly sweet marinade, and the *hae mui pa jun* (mixed seafood pancake) is moist and light. As at all Korean restaurants, with any dinner you'll receive numerous small plates of relishes and vegetables (called *pan chan*), lending a multitude of flavors to the meal. But since Korean dinners are traditionally served all at once, if you want a first-course soup or appetizer, order it separately, and when it arrives, or-

der your main course. (Table room can get skinny once the grill gets going.) The menu includes three "family combination dinners" but they're written in Korean; if interested, ask the owner or manager to translate for you. Open Monday through Saturday, lunch and dinner; Sunday dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/03)

China Max 4698 Convoy Street (at Engineer), Kearny Mesa, 858-650-3333. The decor is plain and bright, the sound-level loud, but this is a major resource for authentic Hong Kong cooking — creative and multiregional, filtered through the refined wizardry of the genuine Cantonese style. The seafood aswim in the live tanks includes such delicacies as black cod (bony but wonderfully sweet), Dungeness crab, and (if you've got the money) abalone — but even inexpensive, homey dishes (e.g., wonton soup, crabmeat cakes) sing with flavor. The exemplary crispy squab and Peking duck must be ordered at least a day in advance, but you'd better call ahead anyway for reservations to avoid a wait at the door. A Pan-Asian community throngs here, for good reason. Lunch weekdays, dinner seven days, with lunch menu returning nightly from 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive to exorbitant, but mainly moderate. — *N.W.* (1/04)

IKEA Restaurant & Cafe 2149 Fenton Parkway, Mission Valley, 619-283-6166, ext.1200. Central shrine for San Diego's 10,000 Swedes, so they say. They come to taste open-faced sandwiches, salmon, shrimp, and meatballs again. This restaurant inside Sweden's wildly successful "home interiors" chain is a great intro to Swedish tastes. The food's more sensible than exciting, of course. But healthy — beef and pork for the meatballs are guaranteed hormone-free. You eat the meatballs with Swedish lingonberry (not cranberry) sauce. Fish is big: the shrimp open-faced sandwich, the salmon plate with potatoes and broccoli, and the Gravad Lox Plate (cured salmon), are always on. And if you want to be disgustingly healthy, chew on their fresh vegetable plate (raw carrot sticks, cauliflower, garbanzo beans, and mushrooms). All for a song. The only health hazard: hordes of babies and kids romp-

ing in the restaurant's mother-friendly play area. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Seoul B.B.Q. 4344 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-505-8700. This Korean restaurant means sitting before a sizzling cast-iron grill, sipping hot sake, the smell of grilled beef, grilled onions, and fresh garlic in the air. Try the "Korean B.B.Q." marinated short ribs (*tong galbi*) or thick marbled slices of sirloin (beef *gui*). You'll enjoy all the accompanying dishes that make the meal, like crunchy seaweed salads, radishes in garlicky tomato sauce, slow-cooked potatoes with soy sauce and jalapeño pepper. Feeling adventurous? Go for the goat meat hot pot or Korean steak tartare (*yukhwae*). This is sensual, elemental, hairy-chested food. — *M.N.* (12/99)

Tropical Star 6163 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont, 858-874-7827. A modest café and grocery offers Puerto Rican and Latin American food and groceries. Very modest surroundings; good authentic inexpensive food. Same menu all day Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* (8/99)

THE BEACHES

The Australian Pub 1014 Grand Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-273-9921. A great place to take your kids after a morning at the beach. This relaxing pub, owned by a true-blue Aussie, offers heaps of good Aussie food. Try the Road Kill (grilled chicken breast with pico de gallo sauce and cheese "run over" between 2 pieces of sourdough) or the Aussie Burger (1/2-pound patty, with a fried egg, cheese, bacon, grilled onions, beets, pineapple, and a side of steak fries). And for an "outback experience," order up Vegemite (a beefy kinda paste) and four slices of bread — it's the Aussie national food, mate. Open Mondays through Thursdays, lunch and dinner until midnight; weekends breakfast through dinner until 1 a.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

Broken Yolk Cafe 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-270-YOLK (9655). Breakfasting PBers love this place for three reasons: its sundeck, its 26 dif-

ferent four-egg omelets (which you can split with your partner, no extra charge), and the challenge of omelet #27. The dozen-egg "Broken Yolk Café Special" comes stuffed with a mountain of mushrooms, onion, cheese, chili, plus home fries and biscuits. If you can down it in an hour, pay just \$1.98 — you've got huevos. If you can't, the yolk's on you — pay around \$17. My advice: split a 4-egger. Open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (2/04)

The Fishery 5040 Cass Street, Pacific Beach, 858-272-9985. Pacific Shellfish Seafood Company founder Judd Brown got his start as a commercial fisherman. He doesn't fish anymore, but he does everything else — supplying product to top-tier restaurants, retailing glistening specimens to hungry shoppers, and serving patrons who want to dine in amid the icy-blue walls and gorgeous trophy fish. The Fishery's menu is equally extensive, covering SoCal basics (excellent mahi-mahi burrito), lunchtime standards (sandwiches, fine malt-dredged fish and chips), sushi, and an ambitious lineup of dinnertime entrées, some of them whimsically creative (tortilla-encrusted Mexican Black Bass). If ambition occasionally outstrips execution, an obsession with freshness helps compensate, and you get the sense that things are getting better all the time. The wine list is relatively inexpensive and carefully selected. Casual atmosphere. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *A.M.* (12/03)

The French Gourmet 960 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach, 858-488-1725. In the mood for pâté, ratatouille, or calf's liver in a homey atmosphere? Make a reservation at The French Gourmet's *toute suite*. Start off with traditionally prepared escargots or mussels. The onion soup is good, but hope that the soup du jour is gingered cream of carrot. Entrées include rack of lamb, veal tenderloin, bouillabaisse, and fish, with several preparation choices for chicken or filet mignon. The pan-roasted halibut is gently enhanced with a champagne *beurre blanc* sauce and topped with crispy braised leeks. Desserts abound, with an imported French cheese plate topping the list — along with pastries, meringues, etc., all freshly prepared in

house. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bakery open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *S.M.* (9/04)

Gringo's 4474 Mission Boulevard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-490-2877. With better cooking than you'd guess from its name, this ambitious spin-off of the local Moondoggies chain serves the sort of Mexican cuisine you might find at a seaside resort in Cabo or Puerto Vallarta — skillfully prepared with good, fresh ingredients, just a bit dumbed-down in the flavors. The chile verde, say, is beautifully seasoned if barely *picante*, and the luscious *camarones borrachos* are big white shrimp cooked just till done and not a moment more. Given the surefire location at the hub of PB partytown, the food is actually better than it needs to be. A vast list of tequilas, interesting margaritas, and a sensible wine list emphasizing affordable, food-friendly Chilean bottlings add to the draw for a lively young crowd that revs the decibels to a roar on weekends. Open daily. Moderate. — *N.W.* (6/02)

Hancock St. Cafe 3354 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-296-2060. If you spot Marilyn, Elvis, and Lady Liberty waving at you from the sidewalk, you're here. They are life-size fiberglass look-alikes, but Mario is real, and his restaurant is a living shrine to jazz pianist Herbie Hancock. Mario has pianos, guitars, and drums inside — even a little stage where you're often welcome to perform. The food? Italian home cooking. Mario is from New York and knows his pasta. You can usually expect a good-value special, like spaghetti and meatballs. Sometimes he'll even throw in a bottle of red wine. Here among the little factories and auto shops of Loma Portal may be San Diego's most popping cultural phenomenon. Worth investigating, even if you just want to eat. Open Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (12/04)

Lamont Street Grill 4445 Lamont Street (between Grand and Garnet), Pacific Beach. 858-270-3060. PB's most romantic restaurant serves California comfort food, punctuated by bold and sometimes strange Mexi/Asian/Cajun flavors, in a rambling converted residence with several rooms and levels. Dinners come with soup or salad, and

many entrées are served over marvelous house-made fresh pasta. Salmon over fettuccine in a delicate dill cream sauce is especially fine. The huge array of desserts is house made, too, with something for every palate. The most desirable tables (available first come, first served) are on a lovely fireplace-heated patio. Wheelchair ramp and parking in small lot behind restaurant (call ahead and they'll save you a spot). Homey atmosphere; can get loud. Affordable wine list, full bar. Open daily, dinner only. Moderate. — *N.W.* (2/03)

Saska's 3768 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach, 858-488-7311. Venerable, local steak-and-seafood joint that tries harder, from the broth-thin homemade teriyaki sauce (sweet up front, fading to bitter ginger) for the well-cooked (if mild-flavored) fish to the cut-on-the-premises aged beef. The interior's low wood-slat ceilings, driftwood beams, dim light, and red-leather booths combine with the stay-up-late kitchen to make the space feel like a cozy haven, a respite from the brighter buzz of Mission Beach. The wine list runs the gamut from Cook's sparkling wine to Cristal champagne, stopping along the way at an interesting (if expensive) collection of reserves. Next door is the restaurant's serviceable sushi bar (858-488-7255) and two-story patio dining. Open seven days; lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch weekends; dinner until 1 a.m. weeknights, 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Sushi bar open nightly, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Moderate. — *A.M.* (8/02)

Umi Sushi 2806 Shelter Island Drive (at Shafter, off Scott), Point Loma, 619-226-1135. An instant neighborhood success, this large, cheerful sushi bar and dinner house also offers Japanese and Korean entrées, including *teppanyaki* (cooked in the kitchen, not at the table), Korean ribs, and excellent beef teriyaki of gently grilled prime beef. Sushi highlights include lemony *ama ebi*, rich garlic tuna, and a "Crazy Boy" roll spicy enough to divert your palate from the presence of imitation crabmeat. Free parking lot (often full). Special kids' menu available. Lunch and dinner daily. Sushi prices lower than most; entrées inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W.* (4/03)

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Antique Row Cafe 3002 Adams Avenue (at 30th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-9750. Antique-land's favorite eatery is a serious exhibit in its own right, especially if you're into sports memorabilia. Look for signed photos of Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio (all googly-eyed with Marilyn) on the walls. The word for the food: generous. All-day breakfast dishes include "The Works" omelet, stuffed with bacon, sausage, ham, bell peppers, onions, tomatoes, and cheese bulging over a big oval plate along with skins-on breakfast potatoes. "Philly Steak Heaven" (you choose: steak, ham, or turkey) is one of the more popular lunchtime dishes. Night choice: baked stuffed salmon. Three meals weekdays, breakfast and lunch weedends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Big Kitchen 3003 Grape Street (between 30th Street and Fern Street), South Park, 619-234-5789. This isn't just a restaurant, it's the social center of the universe — and Judy "The Beauty" Forman is its queen. Blame her for the Fern Street Circus, for driving the Miss California beauty pageant out of town, and for disgustingly healthy dishes like Judy's Favorite (spinach, mushrooms, sherry, and eggs). Our favorite: the avocado, cream cheese, and chives omelet. Vegans' fave may be the "veggie option": sautéed spinach, mushrooms, onions, cilantro, brown rice, tofu, and roasted garlic. Her cooks make pretty much everything on the spot, including muffins, waffles, and pancakes. While you're waiting, they always have this "out there" eclectic crowd, plus walls filled with pictures and *bon*

mots like "Will Be President For Food." Breakfast and lunch only; closes at 2 p.m. most days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Chicken Pie Shop of San Diego 2633 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park, 619-295-0156. How much do people love this place? Count the chickens lining the walls — ceramic, wood, beaded, painted, even feathered. Hundreds. They're gifts from generations of customers. Now, as in the 1930s when it started up, the basic chicken pie comes filled with big chunks of chicken meat, doused with white gravy and accompanied by mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a roll, *and* dessert — like the delicious pineapple pie — all for one really low price. The menu also offers fried chicken, burgers and steaks, but 90 percent of customers still order that same old chicken pie. Seven days. Cash only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/01)*

Kensington Grill 4055 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-281-4014. This spiffy spot in an old, staid neighborhood proves change can be good, delivering intelligent, inventive cuisine. Preparations follow the convention of contrasts in sophisticated cuisine — sweet vs. salty, soft vs. crunchy, hot vs. cold. From the complexity of grilled salmon over pea greens, baby lettuces, sticky rice, and jicama slaw, to the tradition of lamb loin, Kensington Grill proves a talented, hard-working kitchen. Open for dinner nightly. Moderate. — *M.N. (8/99)*

Red Sea Restaurant 4717 University Avenue (at Euclid), City Heights, 619-285-9722. You'll find richly seasoned (and potentially very spicy) Ethiopian cuisine, served communally on a tray lined with a porous pancake, *injera*, which looks like an edible dish towel and serves as both an edible spoon and an edible tablecloth. (Use pieces of it to scoop up morsels in your right hand.)

The meat combination platter here isn't nearly as exciting as several of the specialties. The *kiffo* (spicy beef tartare) is very good, the *gored-gored* (meat cubes in spicy butter) is excellent; both are cooked (or not cooked) to your order, and seasoned to your specifications (if you say "hot," expect fire). Vegetables are fine, too; the yellow split peas, especially, sing with flavor. Rest rooms not wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian-friendly. Can be noisy on weekend evenings. Open daily. Very inexpensive. — *N.W. (12/00)*

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Geno's West Coast Style Barbecue 291 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-444-3667. Geno's a real guy, a refugee from corporate America who turned this ex-Taco Bell joint into a surfing-themed BBQ place. He's a surfer but he's serious. He has won lots of prizes for his BBQ sauce, using a chili pepper he says nobody else has. There are three strengths: "Round-up" (mild), "Giddy-up" (spicy), or "Stampede" (hot). Try #5, pulled pork and slaw, or #9, shredded beef, melted jack, and sautéed onions. Sides like dirty rice and cornbread are good, but if you're light of pocket go for the "Ripcurl" hot dog, the best deal on the menu. Open for lunch and early dinner six days, closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sham Rocks Shack Bar & Grill 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (at 70th Street), La Mesa, 619-463-2263. It has the feel of a pub: nice solid-wood furniture, pool tables, dart boards, big open kitchen in back. Most of all, people know each other. As for the food —

yes, there's a little bit of Ireland, like the corned beef sandwiches, but mostly it's all-American pre-health-craze cholesterol city. Denver egg omelets with home fries, Philly cheese steaks, spaghetti and garlic bread, hamburgers, jalapeño poppers, steak and eggs, and of course fish and chips. Presentation's old-fashioned, too: heavy white dinner china plates and sturdy cutlery, as long as you agree to "please don't steal the forks." But Irish? Well, think James Joyce on a surfboard. Food from noon to 8 p.m., Sunday special brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kitchen is closed on Mondays; the bar is open. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Toshi Sushi 5943 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-287-3536. Don't ask what's in the "dynamite" sauce (besides the obvious mayo and smelt roe) — it's a house secret, one the restaurant dangles before you in numerous contexts. Try it baked onto the rich, everything-goes Garbage Roll, where deep-fried shrimp, freshwater eel, and tuna add flavor to the creamy-crunchy interplay of sauce and vegetables. Rolls, both plain and elaborate, abound here. While some can be heavy on the rice and light on the fish, others are triumphs. The Toshi Tempura Special Roll takes battered whitefish and wraps it around the seaweed casing, which is then filled with just-cooked whitefish and a host of garnishes — an exotic-yet-honey fried-fish alternative.

The Johnny Roll shows octopus at its most tender, but watch out for spotlight-hogging sweet cream cheese. The simpler sushi can vary — a brilliant, translucent slice of tuna offset by a blander, duller salmon. Japanese entrées are also available. Inexpensive to moderate. — *A.M. (4/02)*

Village Garden Restaurant and Bakery 8384 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-462-9100. The Garden is part of what makes La Mesa Village great. Its vine-covered garden patio is wonderful on warm evenings. The decor inside is kind of grandma-ish, lots of green and white, with flower-shaped lamps sprouting out of overhead fans and brass rails with momsy curtains between the booths. It's bright and cheery. And so are the prices. This is traditional fare: creamed chipped beef on toast, sandwiches, a dozen different omelets, salads, and eight "signature" "big game" burgers. Maybe the best thing is their bread. Big, tender, and baked right there. Two must-haves: the Country Boy Sampler (a mix of Virginia baked ham, chicken, and dumplings), and a take-home loaf of their apple-nut bread. One sniff and you're gone. Evenings, catch the early bird special. Great deal on the three-course meal plus drink. Open breakfast through early dinner Thursdays through Sunday, breakfast and lunch Monday to Wednesday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

FAR EAST

Bernard's The Mall (way in back), 503 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, 760-767-5666. Owner Bernard Hess must be from Alsace, on the French-German border — who else would offer both frog's legs in garlic sauce and a tasty, credible *choucroute garni* (sauerkraut and smoked meat casserole, including house-smoked pork chops)? At this local favorite, the space divided between a convivial bar and a dining room with lunch-counter and booth seating, the menu includes German, French, and truck-stop U.S. classics — *schnitzel* side by side with chicken-fried steak. The waitresses know most patrons by name, and the patrons walk in already knowing what they're going to order — mainly the Alsatian specialties. Wine list runs to third-rate Californian, but there's an affordable Trimbach Riesling (and beer works with this food, too). Open daily, brunch to dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Mediterraneo 1347 Tavern Road (Alpine Creek Shopping Center), Alpine, 619-445-9902. The vibe in this tasteful little trattoria (with adjoining bar) is young, and so is the chef, still slipping new dishes into a menu stuffed with local favorites. The theme is Tuscan-American, shrimp *involtini* alongside applewood-smoked pork salad (the latter,

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especially, is a smoky, nutty, tangy hit). The pizzas are outstanding — such a lovely, airy, silken crust! Such wafer-thin rounds of pepperoni! Entrées change with the seasons. Desserts are big and sweet. When the weather’s fine, dine on the patio and watch the sun drape light over the piney hills. Daily, lunch and dinner, plus Sunday brunch. Expensive. — *A.M. (12/03)*

Paipa’s Oasis Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa, 619-445-6002. Forget gambling — gambol through the slots till you pass under two huge elephant tusks. The “Joe and the Volcano”-style place with a fountain tower gurgling in the center is Paipa’s. Pay the woman. Now decide: a lot of a little, or a little of a lot. The huge salad bar is surrounded by a groaning U-shaped table laden with everything from peel ‘n’ eat shrimp to baked cod to Certified Black Angus prime rib. Keep coming back. Save them from throwing away this stuff. End with, say, strawberry cheesecake and coffee. Unlike the other suckers, you’ve gotten a return on your money. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/01)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist’s sign) has a double identity: First, it’s a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don’t miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don’t look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If indecisive, ask what’s best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist’s lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a

few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/05)*

Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We’re talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south’s mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay’s a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken *tikka*, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu — say, a creamy *tikka masala* with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, *tikhi*. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb *samosas*. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India’s real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. Moderate. — *E.B. (4/03)*

El Agave 2304 San Diego Avenue (at Old Town Avenue), Old Town, 619-220-0692. Reservations recommended. Wheelchair access difficult (steep ramp). You’ll find upscale, unusual Mexican specialties in an intimate Spanish-style dining room or on a small heated balcony. The menu celebrates three great pre-Hispanic cuisines — Aztec, Mayan, Nahuatl — with discreet admixtures of France, Spain, and Italy. (It’s the history of Mexico on a plate.) Among the highlights are the five different Oaxacan moles (plus a sixth from Chiapas), Yucatecan-style venison, local sea bass in tangy jamaica (hibiscus) sauce, and a unique appetizer, *tlacogitos cuitalacoche*, ovals of blue corn masa topped with a sort of “mushroom” that grows on corn ears. (In English it’s called “corn smut,” but it tastes much nicer than that sounds.) The bar stocks over 600 tequilas and makes a food-friendly on-the-rocks margarita with fresh fruit juices. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (2/01)*

El Indio Mexican Restaurant 3695 India Street, midtown, 619-299-0333. El Indio, “the god of Mexican food,” presides over this bustling (expect a line), airy restaurant in an atmosphere of pale blue 1940s solidity. The menu includes the usual suspects (burritos, tacos, etc.), plus slightly less common items (chicken

mole, *machaca*, *chile rellenos*). Excellent house-made corn tortillas help the standard fare to better approximate the divine. So do the sublime core flavors of the meats — the chicken in the taco, the pork in the *carnitas verdes*, the beef in the enchiladas. The *carne asada* sports a pleasant char, and the beans have a raw-beany intensity. Less heavenly: seasonings (especially paprika and salt) tend toward the heavy side. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. — *A.M. (11/01)*

El Zarape 4642 Park Boulevard, University Heights, 619-692-1652. This stylish little Mexican restaurant on a tony stretch of Park Boulevard is proof that not all taco shop food is equal. Try a shredded beef or chicken taco or tostada and you’ll know what we mean, with their generous mounds of juicy, slow-cooked meat. Many enjoy their unusual scallop burritos, vegetarian potato-filled burritos and rolled tacos, and well-prepared soups. We go for the stewed meat. El Zarape is dependable, serving Mexican with solid, homemade, handmade flavor. Three meals daily. Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/00)*

The Gathering 902 W. Washington Street (at Goldfinch), Mission Hills, 619-260-0400. Be prepared for surprises: the owner-bartender is a professional magician who occasionally enjoys entertaining his diners and hosts shows with aspiring amateurs during Happy Hours Thursday through Sunday. This neighborhood favorite is comfortable with a *Cheers* atmosphere at the bar. Live jazz on Friday nights. Open daily, three meals, including Sunday brunch. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to *afi* (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with “Mediterranean” standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don’t leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers. Lunch and dinner seven days; closes at 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/04)*

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It’s not just “fusion food.” Try the superb mango and

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Shakespeare Pub & Grille 3701 India Street (at Washington), South Mission Hills, 619-299-0230. Probably the most convincing English pub in town. The Bard’s brew-house boasts bare-board floors, diamond lead-glass windows, and authentic Brits sitting around the bar quaffing ale from their own pewter mugs. Pub grub is bluff and plain-spoken. Shepherd’s pie, bangers and mash, ploughman’s plate (the pickled onions and cheese, Scotch egg, and Branston pickle make it the real thing) — all are great with a pint of rich English beer, say a Boddington’s Pub Ale. Sunday’s roast beef dinner is worth dragging yourself out of bed for, too. The pub includes a shop that sells British goods. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

Trattoria Positano 142 University Avenue (at Third Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-6995. This younger sister to its namesake restaurant in Cardiff-by-the Sea is sure to be one of your favorite restaurants, not only for hearty but refined Italian food, but also for the warm atmosphere. Try sea bass, salmon, or any of the pasta dishes. A treat. Lunch and dinner daily. Upper moderate. — *E.W. (5/99)*

DOWNTOWN

Bay Cafe 1050 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-595-1083. If you’re hungry at the city ferry landing, you can eat in the bare-bones interior or take your tray upstairs to a handsome bayview terrace (with no wheelchair access). After a chilly crossing, try the enjoyable New England-style clam chowder, which is milky, clean, and not over-thickened, with tender clams and tiny diced potatoes. The menu features breakfast dishes, burgers, sandwiches, variations on fish and chips including prawns, and chili dogs (all served with generic fries), plus some entrée salads. The burgers are genuinely “have it your way” — for a few extra cents each, the kitchen will add extra ingredients (Jack or Cheddar, mushrooms, grilled onions, bacon, jalapeño). Open daily, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Brickyard Coffee and Tea 675 West G Street, downtown, 619-696-7220. The problem, if you’re rich enough to live in

the Marina District, is the lack of café life. That is, until this modest little eatery and café settled in next to the tracks by the Seaport Village trolley stop. You sit under eleven poplar trees in a brick patio that has one unusual downtown advantage — except for the wind sifting through the poplars (or a trolley pulling in), it’s completely silent here. Sipping coffee and reading your paper is the thing here, but you can fill up, too, with items like “Texas chili,” or grilled cheese and tomato sandwich with a cup of chili, or spinach and mushroom quiche with a small Caesar salad, or *panini*. You can also order half a sandwich — turkey, ham, beef, or tuna — with a cup of soup or Caesar salad. It’s the nearest thing to a French country café. Open early morning till 3 p.m. daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Cafe Cerise 1125 Sixth Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-595-0153. The name is French for “cherry,” and although the café’s logo looks more like a cherry bomb, this craftsmanly kitchen is no dud. Chef-owner Jason Seibert seems blessed with an instinct for deciding what goes with what, and in what proportions. His daily-changing Euro-Cal bistro menu emphasizes fresh, in-season produce and plenty of slow-cooked comfort foods, prepared honestly from scratch. Don’t miss the day’s choice of house-made pâtés or sausages, the herb-stuffed organic chicken, or the fish *en papillote*. There’s an adventurous, affordable wine list and a full bar. The modest bill for such an indulgent feast is the cherry on top. Lunch weekdays; dinner Thursday through Saturday. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (5/04)*

Dobson’s 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771. This reputable downtown restaurant offers class and comfort, geared for people who enjoy eating well. The food is good, often very good, as with chicken liver mousse pâté, Mediterranean blue mussels, culotte steak, and, when available, the crude but virtuous soft-shell crab. Their sweets, such as brownies and bananas Foster strudel, are hefty, louche, and cheap. Bring a date to the upstairs dining room. Dobson’s is suave, its confidence infectious. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (10/98)*

Fleming’s Steak House & Wine Bar 380 K Street (at Fourth), Gaslamp, 619-237-1155. Original branch at 8970 University Center Lane, University City/Golden Triangle, 858-535-0078. A steakhouse for ladies who power lunch, an “old girl’s” club, or just a happy place where the term “a nice piece of meat” isn’t a bad thing? The mahogany of the “old boys” steakhouse genre gives way

here to cheery cherry wood. When you get the fried cheese, it’s brie, rolled in panko bread crumbs and slivered almonds. And the wine list boasts far more than just burly Cabernets and Bordeaux — over 100 of the far-flung offerings are available by the glass and you can assemble your own three-glass tasting flights. Prime steaks are the main event, perfectly cooked and well-seasoned. Try the Key Lime pie for dessert — custardy and full of limey bite. Valet parking. Dinner nightly. Very expensive. — *A.M. (3/04)*

Gen Lai Sen Hakka Seafood Restaurant 1065 12th Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-239-5478 or 619-239-5479. Across the street from City College, you’ll encounter a split personality. The good twin provides superb Hakka dishes, a style developed by a nomadic people originally from northwest China, now residents of mainly the south China coast. The bad twin dishes out gluey cornstarch-ridden stir-fries for starving students. But it’s easy to tell which twin is which: The “chef recommend sizzle plates,” the hot pots that taste like home cooking (best ordered by four or more), the greaseless fried rice, the noodles (especially “house special rice noodles”), and the whole steamed fish-of-the-day are palpable hits. And if you really want to know what the fuss about Hakka is all about, try the sizzle plate stuffed tofu — these deep-fried crisp rectangles with a pork meatball inserted in each tender center resemble meat-flavored roasted marshmallows, and may just change your mind about bean curd. Open brunch through dinner daily, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pleasant service, very casual, mainly inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

George’s on Fifth 835 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-0444. This steakhouse is in a historic building that was once a hangout of Wyatt Earp — it now boasts faux-Victorian decor and amusing wall art. Formerly Roger’s on Fifth, it was owned by former mayor-felon Roger Hedgecock; now Roger’s rabbit and left it to his partner George Harrington. It’s still wildly popular with conventioners on expense accounts. The menu offers Prime and ultra-Prime steaks (and roast beef on weekends), some of it at jaw-dropping prices — although entrées do include free vegetables. Ask for sauces on the side unless you like them thick and heavy. Some of the best items are nonbeef: the cold seafood appetizers (“lobster Martini,” oysters, tuna tartare) and a juicy grilled pork chop. Good range of wines at normal to slightly high markups; full bar. Valet parking; cheaper lot through alley



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Indigo Grill 1536 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-6802. This second — and much grander — incarnation of Chef Deborah Scott's Indigo Grill expands her original Native American motif, with its focus on root vegetables, game, and roasted spices. Now, the Pacific Coastal cuisine takes in more coast than most, drawing upon ingredients and techniques from Alaska to Oaxaca. (The decor, dark and urban-primitive, follows the theme.) Unexpected combinations are a mainstay; a single dish, such as the seafood *mixto*, may span the entire distance, bringing together a multitude of flavors that work together to create a wondrous whole. Fine breads are made in-house, as are desserts (try the decadent, crispy-creamy plantain cheesecake *flautas*). The wine list includes interesting varietals like Mourvedre and Viognier. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly; closes early Sundays, but open until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Lunch: inexpensive to moderate; dinner: moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (11/02)*

La Casita 1247 C Street (at 13th Street), downtown, 619-531-0044. Don't be fooled by the li'l old blue-and-white clapboard house at the bottom of City College's hill. Princes and politicians come to this full-service restaurant to hammer out deals, mix with the Latino (or Anglo) community, and eat some of the best *chorizo con huevos* (spicy pork sausage with eggs) in town. Fair-weather eaters flock to the spacious garden patio to chow down among the songbirds. In the cozy Mexican-style interior, the pictures on the walls tell you who-all comes here for the good tacos and enchiladas or the delicious pork burritos. Most delicious of all is watching Anglo City-Hallers trying valiantly to learn to love the house-made *menudo* (tripe soup). Delivery anywhere downtown. Open weekdays, breakfast through early dinner; Saturday breakfast and lunch. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Napa Valley Grille 502 Horton Plaza, Gaslamp, 619-238-5440. This restaurant at the top of Horton Plaza is staffed by professionals and the food is very, very good, including the excellent calamari plate. Their monkfish is a deeply satisfying Southern delight. Try the airy, sweet goat cheese cheesecake for dessert. There is an elegant hominess to Napa Valley Grille, a comforting, satisfying dining experience. Moderate to expensive. — *M.N. (3/00)*

Osteria Panevino 722 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-595-7959. At this Tuscan-style Italian restaurant, the appetizers and pastas are as close to heaven as you can get, particularly the spinach ravioli and potato gnocchi in a

four-cheese sauce. The stuffed focaccias are simply incredible, and the pizzas are well-nigh perfect. The exposed brick walls enhance the European feeling. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive, wines rather high. — *E.W. (4/00)*

Sixth Avenue Bistro 1165 Sixth Avenue (at B Street), downtown, 619-239-4194. This charming, airy café offers some very credible New Orleans-style cooking at affordable prices. Among the sandwiches are an outstanding oyster po' boy (with big juicy oysters and good light batter) and a fine, fully-packed approximation of a *muffaletta*, albeit with a kaiser roll standing in for Central Grocery's big, round Italian bread. The mix-it-yourself jambalaya is tasty, too, even if kielbasa proves a lame substitute for *chaurice* or andouille. Wine and beer. No reservations, breakfast to early dinner (closes 8 p.m.). Inexpensive. — *N.W. (3/01)*

Strip Club 340 Fifth Avenue (at J Street), Gaslamp, 619-231-3140. This grill-your-own steak joint is a homage to Golden Hill's Turf Supper Club — but if Turf is a low-budget indie cult film, Strip Club is the Gaslamp's big, brassy, high-budget Hollywood remake (even though prices, like those of movie tickets, are roughly the same). It's loud and handsome, and if the USDA Choice steaks (available in numerous cuts) are not quite as flavorful as Turf's, they're still good enough for the price — and you can take them up a notch with numerous spice blends and sauces on hand at each gas grill. Other choices include burgers, chicken breast, ahi tuna steak, and meat or seafood kabobs (the shrimp is particularly good, with peppers, onions, and meaty hunks of Portobello mushroom). Entrées come with salad and puffy, cook-it-yourself garlic bread, resembling hamburger buns with gigantiasis. Six veg and starch side dishes (including two types of gluey mashed potatoes) are available at extra cost; desserts are commercial ice cream novelties. Casual, no reservations, street-patio dining available. Over 21 only, no minors even with adult accompaniment. Dinners Tuesday through Sunday nights, open late on weekends. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/02)*

Vida Cart Corner of Fifth Avenue and Island Avenue, downtown. (No phone.) This is the kind of street scene you would find in New York or San Francisco. Daniela, an artist from Bulgaria, started this evening-to-late-night food cart right under the historic Chinese Callan hotel. The idea was: extra cash between paintings. It has evolved into a late-night meeting spot for artists, students, chefs, and new downtowners looking for

street-life. Friends and strangers sit around until 2 or 3 in the morning arguing about art, politics, and life in a town that's not used to staying up. Her staples are coffee, sodas, jumbo hot dogs, hot links, corn dogs, pretzels, and nachos. But her seven-inch pizza is as good as a meal, and the clincher is she has a fenced-off seating area where you can talk and watch the scene. And at Fifth and Island there's always a scene. Open Wednesday to Sunday 6 p.m. until 3 a.m. or so. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

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Azzura Point Loews Coronado Bay Resort, 4000 Coronado Bay Road (Silver Strand Boulevard), Coronado, 619-424-4000 or 619-424-4477. The quietly luxurious dining room with a serene bayfront view is romantic and a bit dressy, but far from stuffy. It's not just for tourists, but a lovely evening's getaway for locals. The California-French cuisine with an occasional Hawaiian touch emphasizes seasonal ingredients in slightly unexpected combinations. Along with a multi-course chef's tasting menu and à la carte dishes, a "sea spa" dinner showcases fresh seafoods in healthful preparations. A good wine list at reasonable markups is strong on half-bottles. Free valet parking at the porte cochère of the main lobby. Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/01)*

Bay Beach Cafe Ferry Landing Marketplace, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-435-4900. The dinner menu here has California's typical dumbed-down world-appetizer array, plus salads, pastas, grilled meats, a few sauté items and children's plates. The restaurant is very family-friendly (full o' kids, actually), with a menu that appeals to the young in mouth: The chef seems to have a sweet tooth, since almost every dish involves honey or sugar — from the table butter that's intriguingly flavored with a honey-basil mixture to the "teriyaki" ribs in a glutinous Karo-like sauce. Your server will tell you about the day's fresh-fish selections, which are more attuned to adult palates with fresh, fine-quality seafood done simply and well. Ultra-noisy inside when crowded; reserve for the lovely terrace with a view of the beach. Open daily, lunch and dinner, with weekend breakfast. Moderate to slightly expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

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L'Escale Coronado Marriott Island Resort, 2000 Second Street, Coronado, 619-435-3000. Probably the pink flamingos and bay views bring you here first. But L'Escale ("Port of Call" in French) delivers to the taste buds too. For "Northern Mediterranean cuisine with California flair," read lots of pasta, fish, salads, sandwiches. Try the grilled salmon *niçoise* salad with its richly sauced

fish, crunchy green beans, red potatoes, strong olives, and rosemary-flavored bun. Entrées like grilled chicken and mushrooms in parmesan cream with penne pasta are safe enough. Or bone-in filet mignon with black pepper zinfandel sauce. But for sheer architecture, check out the tuna salad sandwich wrapped in lavosh: three vertical Armenian bread tubes, angle-sliced to reveal interiors of tuna and greenery. Eat on the pool and bay-surrounded patio if you can. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate to expensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Miracle Mile Delicatessen 980 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6655. Back East meets Out West. New Yorker Jack Grodzinsky started the first Miracle Mile in Phoenix in 1949. The cream and maroon colors, the cafeteria tray-on-rails system, and the cabbage-gravy smell tell you this is a cold weather comfort-food station. They're generous with dishes like meat loaf, stuffed cabbage, and roast chicken. The counter guys also make hot sandwiches (pastrami, corned beef, beef brisket, barbecued chicken) or cold (honey-cured ham, roast beef, tuna). Best deal? For many, the roasted turkey. A fresh-cooked bird arrives every evening except Sunday. Come right after 4 p.m. to get first carvings and tons of fixin's. Prices? For Coronado, pretty

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Spiro's Gyros Ferry Landing, 1201 First Street #4, Coronado, 619-435-1225. The food, the music, the view — are we outside Athens? Is this the Aegean? This inside-outside Greek café is located at the water's edge, and the heated patio has a spectacular view of San Diego, the bay, and the boat traffic. At sunset, sipping their excellent Greek wine (cheaper than their California), watch the sun set the city ablaze in gold. The prices keep Spiro's popular with the locals as well as tourists. Try the moussaka (eggplant casserole) or the souvlaki chicken, marinated in *tzatziki* sauce, served with tomatoes, onions, and pita bread. Open seven days until 8 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

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Village Pizzeria 1206 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-522-0449. In the back, Mootime Creamery makes all its ice cream. In the front, Mootime owner David Spatafore decided to set up what he's always wanted: A cheap, back-east Italian, red-and-white-tablecloth, dangling Chianti bottle eatery where local families and amateur sports teams can come in and pig out. He wisely didn't destroy what was half of the famous old Mexican Village. Instant atmosphere!

Ancient murals of guys with guitars serenading señoritas, arches, illuminated clusters of red grapes. The bad news: You might have to handle pumped-up kids' sports teams cramming the booths around you. The good news: Great calzones, pizza by the slice, and he sells Mootime ice cream cheaper than Mootime. Open lunch through dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Ye Olde Plank Inn 24 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-423-5976. The last true beach pub on the coast? It's a great mix: biker jackets, ZZ-Top beards, shaved heads, Navy vets, Air America jocks, surfers, and sometimes half of Hollywood seems to turn up. Food's pretty much always available, but the must-eat is their unbelievable weekend brunch. You get a 6- or 8-ounce steak (your choice, or substitute six sausages or ham or a pork loin), plus a one- to ten-egg scramble (or any style), home fries, and a pick-me-up drink (like a Bloody Mary, Screwdriver, Salty Dog, Bud, or Coke) from the bar, all at a standard coffee shop breakfast price. No wonder the place has stayed open since 1886. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

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From the United States use the prefix 011-52-664 when calling Tijuana; when calling in Tijuana use only the restaurant's seven-digit number.

Cafe Francais La Belle Claude Calle Galeana #8186-A (at 7th Street, two steps off Revolución), Tijuana, 685-3415. Maybe it's no surprise: the most French-like *patisserie* of all is in Tijuana. La Belle Claude, named after the owner's daughter, looks far too expensive, but it's not. Inside it's a light and airy place, full of beautifully varnished wood, almost like a ship's saloon, with little Eiffel towers painted here and there, Victorian ceiling fans and lamps, and a counter of display cases stuffed with cookies, artily frosted cakes, cheeses, and sodas. The menu is authentic too, offering such light dishes as *Le Croque Monsieur* (open-faced sandwich on honey bread with ham, grilled Swiss cheese, and béchamel sauce), the *Croque-Madame* (same as the

"Monsieur" but with an egg), and *salade niçoise* (tuna, anchovies, tomatoes, cucumber, potatoes, egg, onions, and black olives). You can even order a *Provençal* omelet (zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, and onions). Unusual bonus: the round cheeses, Cornish hen eggs, fresh vegetables, and honey on display all come from the owner's own farm, Rancho El Eden, beyond the Rodriguez dam. Open every day. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

D'Stefano Pizza Restaurant Carrillo Puerto #7835 (at 3rd Street), between Martinez (D Avenue) and Mutualismo (E Avenue), three blocks west of Avenida Revolución, 638-4309. Evening around nine is the best time to come, when groups are in here carousing with *tarros* and pizza. *Tarros* are giant mugs that hold *caguamas* (large "sea turtle" bottles) of Tecate beer. There's plenty of good standard Italian food to go along with it. You can pay a little — for basic dishes like spaghetti or lasagna — or up to around twenty dollars for a "gigantic" pizza. Inexpensive. Midday to midnight, seven days. — *E.B. (2/04)*

El Galeon (Puerto Nuevo) One street before you reach the oceanside street market, one block south of Calle Entrada (the entry road), and two doors north of Calle Salida (the exit road), Puerto Nuevo. This is a lively, comfortable spot with a good ocean view for scarfing down Puerto Nuevo lobsters or other local fish or seafood, including whole fishes cooked to order at a bargain price. Downstairs boasts an open kitchen and a cozy bar with a partial sea view. Upstairs there's a breezy terrace with a full sea view. The jokey staff speaks excellent East L.A. English, and the cooking is decent — for instance, the melted substance served with the lobsters is about half real butter, half the ghostly local Kitchen Maid "spread." Bilingual menu and staff. Full, extensive bar. No reservations, cash only. Three meals daily. Low moderate. — *N.W. (10/02)*

Hacienda of the Tia Juana Canaco Building, next to the Wax Museum, Avenida México (First Street), at Madero, downtown Tijuana. The elegance of this place, named after a border rancho, is a bit of a surprise. It's slapdash in the middle of raucous (now-pedestrianized) First Street (also known as *Avenida México*), the route for those of us who have to walk from the border, surrounded by taco and beer joints eager to relieve you of your last buck. But here, under white umbrellas in the courtyard, you wouldn't be ashamed to bring your grandma. It's all filigreed wrought iron, triple-tier fountain, pigskin barrel chairs, quality flatware — with good value meals. A chorizo and potato omelet makes a great breakfast, as does the *poblano* omelet with chili and corn. Lunch and dinner food is *bistec ranchero* standard, but don't get picky. You're here for the feeling, to escape TJ as much as to visit it. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Mr. Fish Blvd. Agua Caliente #6000, Tijuana, 686-3603. Also at City Hall, Palacio Municipal (at Paseo del Centenario and Avenida Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez), Río District, Tijuana, 682-8020. The sign is showing its age and the concept (exotic middle-class restaurant in the middle of a parking lot) seems dated, but two-decade-old Mr. Fish is still serving good fish food. Ask for the Spanish-language menu if you can handle it — it's far more extensive than its

poor English cousin. Sit outside under the palm thatch if weather permits. All the basic dishes are good, like octopus in white wine, Lucifer's Oysters with white sauce and smoky chipotle chiles, or the Mr. Fish Combination: half a lobster, fish, shrimp, and calamari. Probably the most popular gringo choice is mahi mahi in lemon-pepper sauce, but consider ordering with *salsa eneldo* — dill sauce. Also interesting: seafood fettuccine "a la Gorchachov" (with vodka) and anything (such as the lobster Mr. Fish or thermidor) with the signature *salsa blanca*. It'll remind you of something (could it be Rubio's?). Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days. Moderate. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Rica Torta Niños Héroes Avenida #890, between 2nd and 3rd Streets (opposite Dorian's department store), Tijuana, 685-8579. This café may have the best *tortas* (call them Mexican-style hamburgers) in Tijuana. Six-inch rashers of marinated *carne asada*, slices of ham, squares of cheese, chopped salad, tomato slices, fresh-scooped avocado...it's a double-wide, double-high burger. The menu has 16 different kinds of *tortas*, from chorizo with eggs to beefsteak ranchero, all served in huge, three-ribbed, crisp-toasted Mexican bread buns. There's other stuff, but to a burger buff, one of these is quite enough. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (9/01)*

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

D'Lish Pizza and Pasta 2470 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-296-6969. Here in Old Town, at least, D'Lish gets a lot of custom from people who are Mex'd out, foodwise. This growing chain has always prided itself on its Italian/California pastas, pizzas, and salads. Now Old Town (along with Poway) has gone carnivorous, adding marinated flank steak and a rib eye to the "bistro entrées." If you're ordering the flank, well-done is a no-no. That will toughen it. But a rare flank is, well, d'lish in its marination and especially its pesto-like *chimichurri* sauce. Also good: fire-roasted vegetables pizza, where the quick roasting makes for great-tasting, Technicolor-bright broccoli, zucchini, eggplant, and bell peppers. And "Mediterranean chicken salad" works well, partly thanks to the tang of pepperoni chips. A big part of the appeal of the Old Town D'Lish branch is the charming patio it occupies, with gas lamps, hanging flowers, and a fountain. Oh, and if you're not all-Mex'd-out, they've added a *carne asada* burrito and other border-food choices. Other branches at Chula Vista (386 East H Street, Suite 211, 619-585-1371); Eastlake Village Center South (2260 Otay Lakes Road, Suite 101, 619-216-3900); Poway (12265 Scripps Poway Parkway, 858-693-3636); and San Diego (5252 Balboa Avenue, Suite 101-B, 619-277-9977). Moderate. — *E.B. (8/02)*

Heidi and Bernie's German Bratwurst Tent North Park Thursday Night Market, North Park Way (between 29th and 30th Streets), no phone. Also Scripps Ranch Saturday Morning Market (10380 Spring Canyon Road) and La Jolla's Sunday Morning Farmers Market (at Center and Girard), 619-588-1288. Heidi and Bernie have kept it simple — just a blue-and-white square tent with a table and chairs. The menu is simple too: "Bratwurst Sausage in a Bun, Kosher Polish sausage, Louisiana Hot Link, Smoked Turkey and Chicken Sausage with Artichoke and Roasted Garlic, Hot Dog, Double Double Burger," and "Single Burger." But you know from Bernie's authentic Bavarian background that these sausages are the real, earthy thing. And the sauerkraut is sweet. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza It's not Italian or New York pizza, it's...San Diego pizza! The crusts are Californian: thick and slightly sweet. The toppings range from ordinary to exotic. The menu includes many salads and a handful of American-Italian entrées. Continuous service, same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily. Inexpensive. 702 Pearl Street, La Jolla, 858-456-5222; 770 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-230-8888; 8650 Genesee Avenue, Costa Verde, 858-404-9898; 12925 El Camino Real, Del Mar, 858-259-6600; 1620 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley, 619-298-8222. — *N.W. (7/04)*

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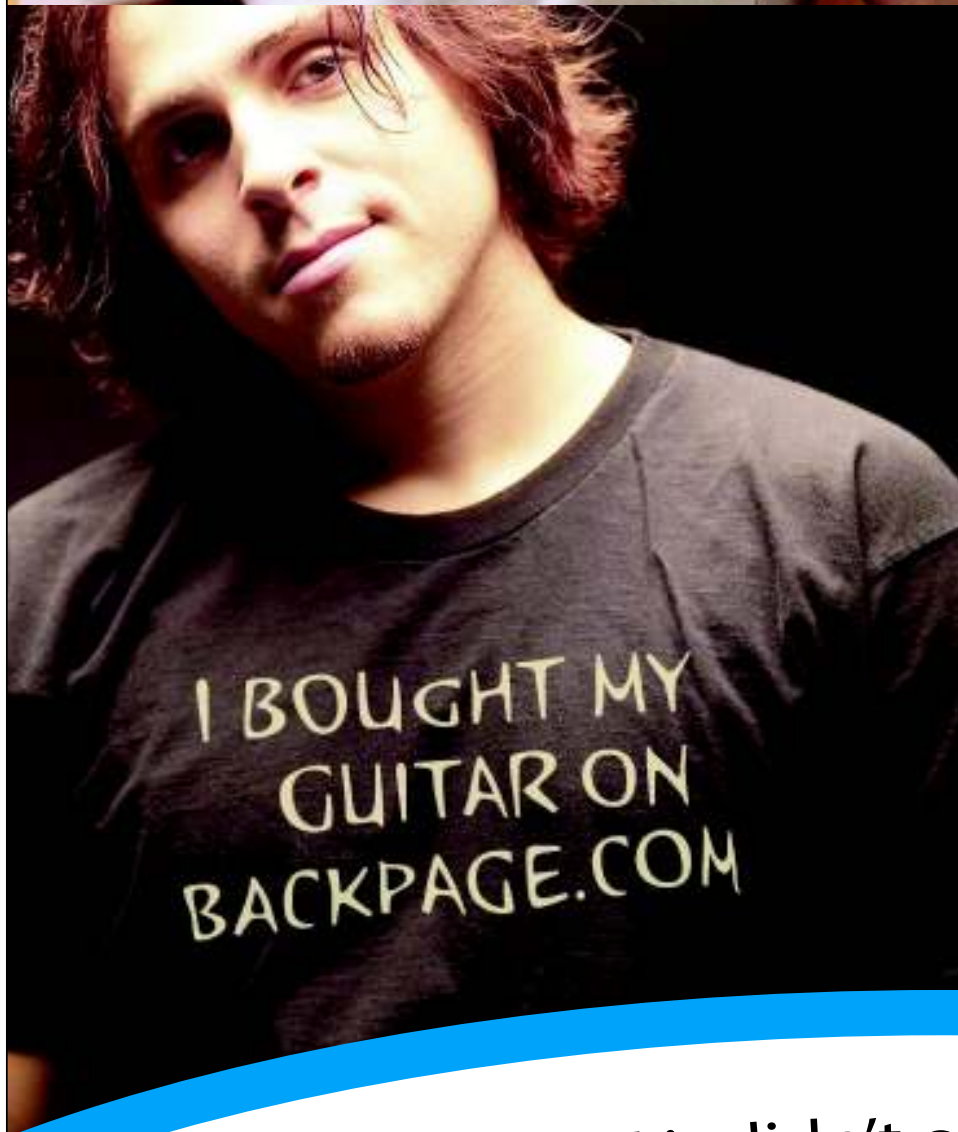
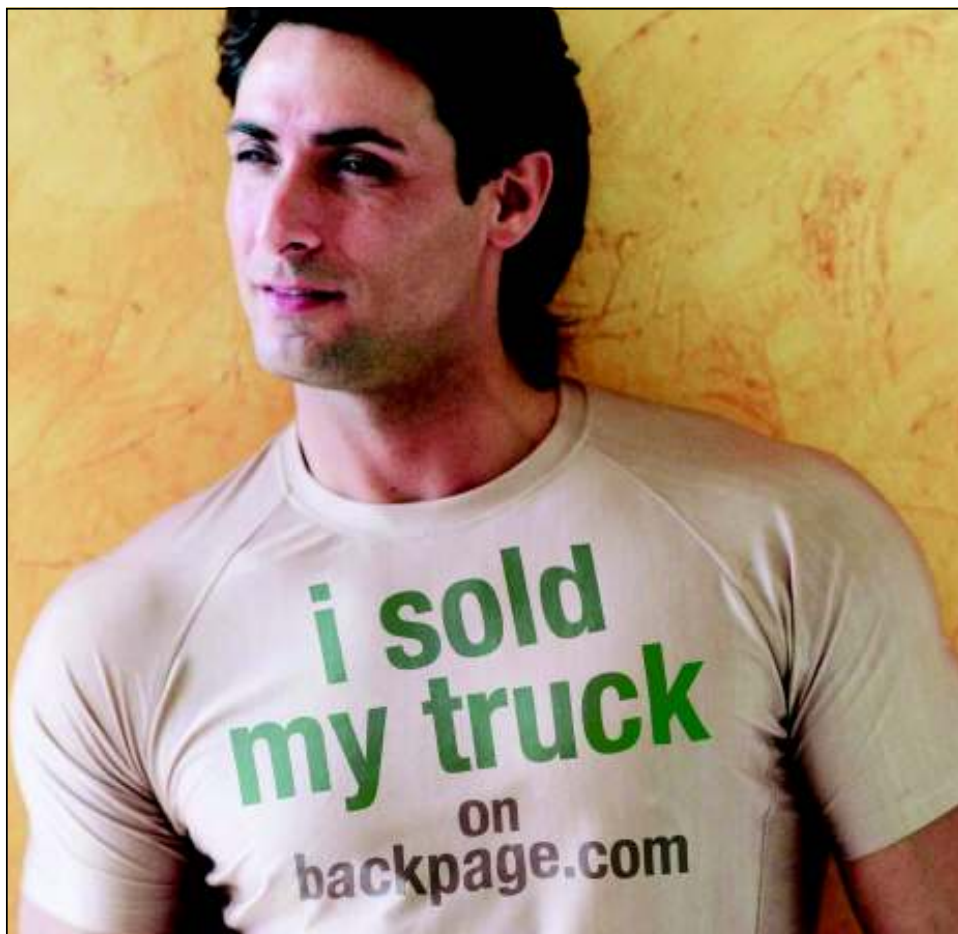


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table in an undergraduate English class at Columbia University in the second half of the Sixties, when one of my fellow students, hoping to affirm the imaginative powers of the fiction writer and to demonstrate the unnecessary of writing only about what one has experienced firsthand, cited Capote as an example of how one could write about homosexuality without being homosexual oneself. The professor, George Stade, set him straight, so to speak: "I know him."

I myself know little about Capote, and never very much cared. It would have been presumptuous of me to suppose I knew anything worth knowing about him from his self-parodying performance in *Murder by Death* or

from his regular appearances as a raconteur and a gossip on TV talk shows, in varying states of muzziness. (Though I was happy on one occasion to hear him pooh-poo Robert Altman's *MASH* in an exchange with John

Simon.) It would be no less presumptuous, now, to suppose I know much after seeing *Capote*. This is just a story about him,

someone's version of him, someone's take on him, from a first-time screenplay by actor Dan Futterman (*Urbania*, *Shooting Fish*, mostly indies), based on a biography by Gerald Clarke, functionally directed by Bennett Miller, whose sole other credit is the documentary *The Cruise*, and frostily photographed by Adam Kimmel, with an abundance of unflattering fallow-faced, hollow-eyed effects. I was not seeing Capote, if you follow the drift. I was seeing *Capote*.

Clearly this is not the whole story. And few will be in a position to judge the degree to which it is a true story. It would be presumptuous, as well, for the filmmakers themselves, notwithstanding the diligence of their research,



Capote

to suppose that the story they are telling is the truth. Filmmakers, novelists, any storytellers whatever, have a hard enough time telling the truth about fictional characters fashioned out of whole cloth. But therein lies the innate superiority of fiction. When it's done right, it is quite literally *the whole story*. You know all there is to

know. There is nothing outside the picture frame. There is no other angle on it. The less adept storyteller will often turn to real life to make up for a lack of imagination. Real life can be relied upon for that. Which brings us back to *Capote*. And regardless of how true a story, anyone can see, and say, that it is a good story, whose claim on our

attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. Something stimulating to watch and to wonder about.

It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work. A writer in pursuit of a subject. An established novelist, transplanted in Manhattan from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of

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November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, the Clutters, and who promptly gets the go-ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf under the inquisitive gaze of an agent from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, who, tugging on his hat brim when taking his leave, says in turn, "Sears, Roebuck.") The story of a man with sufficient self-perception to take along, as an intermediary and an amanuensis, a down-to-earth, self-effacing, almost mousy childhood friend, one "Nelle" Harper Lee, who herself is awaiting publication of her first novel, the future Pulitzer Prize-winner, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The story, as it continues to develop, of a man who, for all his self-regard, also looks hard and deep around himself; who boasts ninety-four-percent recall of his conversations ("Yeah, I had myself tested"); who has a knack for getting people to open up to him, whether with life-of-the-party talk of John Huston and Bogie on the set of *Beat the Devil* or with confessional talk of his own private pain; who, when two drifters named Dick Hickock and Perry Smith are arrested for the murders, attaches himself to the latter, the one initially housed in the "women's cell" in the kitchen, the sensitive one, the artistic one, the one with a vocabulary that includes "effectuate," "exacerbate," "mendacious," "desirous," etc. ("It's as if we were raised in the same house, and one day he stood up and walked out the back door and I walked out the front"); who envisions his work-in-progress as the beginning of a new literary form, the nonfiction novel ("Sometimes, when I think how good my book can be, I can hardly breathe"); who freely shares his chosen title with the lead investigator ("I think you'll like it") but not with Perry Smith ("I have no idea"); who assists the killers in their appeal of their death sentences, then gradually withdraws when the dragged-out legal process deprives his book of an ending (a couple of tantalizing passages of it are heard at a public reading); who cannot tear himself away from his own agonies long enough to toast the success of his friend and assistant ("It's torture...what they're doing to me," he whines to her on the night of the *Mockingbird* movie premiere); whose famous title, *In Cold Blood*, in the end describes his own modus operandi in the achievement of his goal; and who would never again finish another book as long as he lived. "It was a terrible experience," he reports after attending the hanging, "and I'll never get over it." "They're dead, Truman," observes Lee, "and you're alive." But before we appoint Lee as the voice of reason, the voice of sanity, we might recollect that she, too, has never finished another book. The Curse of the Clutters?

To go back to where we began, this is not a story with a moral to it, although some viewers will feel compelled, for their own comfort, to draw one; it is simply, and complicatedly, the story of an artist at work. And of such stories on screen that typically stay on the outside looking in, it is among the finest. (The matchless example of looking at the work of an artist from the inside out: Alain Resnais's *Providence*.) In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particu-

lars it is like-new.

Philip Seymour Hoffman, mimicking the familiar mannerisms of the title figure, or, as everyone seems to be saying these days, “channelling” him, probably deserves every accolade he gets. I would only like to throw in the qualification that, no matter how accurate, any actor’s impersonation of a notable whose face and voice are well known, especially one whose face and voice are so distinctive, is bound to have a degree of funniness about it. Indeed the “impressionist,” who fully intends to be funny in his impersonations, is always funnier the greater the degree of his accuracy. (The inaccurate impressionist elicits a response of “Who’s that supposed to be?”) This — there’s no getting around it — is just a built-in obstacle to be overcome, or not. Time itself will be the actor’s ally. The impersonation, as the minutes slip by, tends to supplant the model. We get used to it. We get over it. We accept it as its own thing. “I guess it stopped being funny,” the Harper Lee character remarks at one point, apropos of something else. (The commendable Catherine Keener did not face the same problem. Who knows what Harper

Lee looked or sounded like?) Much of that initial funniness is surely compatible with the early stages of the story, the fish-out-of-water stuff. Once the funniness stops, the deeper fascination takes over. Even then, however, Hoffman serves as our constant reminder to take the story with a grain of salt, to put quotation marks around the name of Capote. His whole-souled commitment to the part, his concentration, his emotion, his expressiveness, his nuance, his multiplicity — all of that helps to make a good story better. Whether or not truer. ■

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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 unsailable structure, a solid beginning and end, and a lot of room in the middle for extended jazzlike improvisation, often on motifs of incest, bestiality, bodily waste. The set form allows the audience reasonably to gauge who goes "too far," which turns out to be less a question of taste than a question of comprehension, a question of intelligence. Howie Mandel and Bob Saget step up as the top competitors for the worst — most uncomprehending, least intelligent — rendition, with Saget getting the edge by laughing repeatedly at his own idiocy. George Carlin makes the most sensible contributions as an analyst. And Kevin Pollak earns perhaps the biggest laughs, or anyway the most guiltless laughs, with a totally irrelevant impression of Christopher Walken. Other jokes, not all of them blue, some of them variations on or inversions of the central joke, get told as well. The central one, as much as it's a dirty joke, is also a dated joke, a quaint joke, smelling of the musty trunk of vaudeville, dulled a bit by the liberated heirs of Lenny Bruce. Taboos today are in short supply. Yet — in what appears to have been the inspiration for the film — the joke got revived and revitalized in the post-9/11 gloom, when a defiant Gilbert Gottfried chose to tell it for a televised Friars Club roast of Hugh Hefner,

finding a new or a forgotten meaning in it. "Inspiration," in that context, is not too lofty a word. Gottfried's rendition, plucked from the archives, emerges as hands-down the best and bravest. Overlong for the task at hand, stretched out at a few ticks under ninety minutes, ghastly to look at, the film nonetheless meets the mandate of a documentary in the most fundamental sense. It documents. 2005.

★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/13; LA PALOMA, FROM 10/14)

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress — Love of literature, love of music, love of the opposite sex, survive amid the repressive rigors of a Maoist “re-education” camp in the lush green mountains, and open up the wider world to a local village girl. Mostly sweet; a hint of bitter in the years-later epilogue. Dai Sijie directs the adaptation of his own novel; with Zhou Xun, Chen Kun, Liu Ye. 2004.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/13)

The Brothers Grimm — None other than Jacob and Wilhelm, not yet world-famous folklorists, merely ghostbusting con men, whose ruses are not state-of-the-art magic *circa* the early 19th Century, but rather state-of-the-art FX *circa* the 21st. When they are recruited by the occupying French army, however, to investigate a case of missing children (a Red Riding Hood, a Hansel and Gretel), they encounter an au-

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thentic 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 pho-

tography 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)

Capote — Reviewed this issue. With Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr.,

and Bruce Greenwood; directed by Bennett Miller. ★★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 10/14)

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 (rodenty cuteness). All of these combinations and others (the "teleportation" of a candy bar into a TV set combines *2001* and *The Fly*, more specifically the sixtieth humorous usage of the opening notes of *Also Sprach Zarathustra* and the fortieth humorous usage of a high-pitched "Help me!") pile up, two by two, to produce an unsubsidizing groan, arising either from the overtaxed framework or the overtaxed viewer. And the only respite from the ugly vulgarity of the décor comes from the prying impoliteness of the bulbous closeups. David Kelly, Helena Bon-

ham 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 credible. He will face a stiffer challenge to find it cinematic. Vague on particulars, slow in progress, thick in texture, the film follows a course of knowingness rather than "showingness." And the jiggle and jump in the visual style, though tempered a bit from *City of God*, can drum up little excitement on their own. Of course, many a filmmaker before Meirelles, like many a casual reader, has failed to locate the thrills in a le Carré thriller. Yet this one holds plenty of appeal as a love story, one which we know from the outset is to be an unhappy one. The murder of a British diplomat's wife in the African backcountry opens the door on a flashback to their first beginnings: he (Ralph Fiennes, almost cringingly diffident) dutifully reading a dull lecture on behalf of a government official in absentia, and she (Rachel Weisz, free and easy) reading him the riot act afterwards on the U.K.'s role in Iraq: "Vietnam the sequel." Not a meet-cute, but a meet-rude. And before they have time really to get to know one another, they're in bed, they're married, and, with a baby on the way, they're in Kenya, where the differences in their personalities are brought out in sharpest contrast: the professional fence-straddler and the inveterate firebrand. His private inquiry into her murder, apart from the light shed on corporate malfeasance, answers all questions about the genuineness of her love for him, and of his for her. As we've seen in such other le Carré vehicles as *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*, *The Looking-Glass War*, *The Russia House*, and (the most cinematic of these) *The Little Drummer Girl*, a gooey sentimentalist lurks within the sourball. Danny Huston, Bill Nighy, Pete Postlethwaite. 2005. ★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; 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 forerunner had to hack out a path in the wilderness. Almost inevitably, the story of a dapper lady-killer blackmailed into fidelity to a wallflower is black comedy at its cheeriest: as jaunty as the *Saturday Night Fever* strut of the hero. (The green-faced ghost with a cleaver in his head — the grounds for blackmail — is fit for nothing more than an amusement-park Haunted House.) The film perhaps has a little something to say — a very little — about the superficiality of modern culture and its preoccupation with skin-deep beauty. Guillermo Toledo, Mónica Cervera, Luis Varela. 2004. ★ (GASLAMP 15)

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 ensnaring the designers. With Julian Morris, Lindy Booth, Jared Padalecki, and Jon Bon Jovi; directed by Jeff Wadlow. 2005. ● (GASLAMP 15)

The Dark Crystal — Tolkien-esque fantasy, designed by British illustrator Brian Froud, co-directed by Jim Henson (creator of the Muppets) and Frank Oz (voice of

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Miss Piggy, Yoda, et al.), and enacted by a new breed of puppet for which there is as yet no convenient label. The major designing effort has gone toward minor revisions of the known universe, creating creatures that look not quite like anything you have ever seen before, although somewhat like some things you have seen: vultures, lizards, beetles, troll dolls, Ollie the Dragon, Mia Farrow (as she would appear on a canvas by Walter Keane), and so on. The results are decidedly mixed. Broad, rounded features identify the forces of Good; narrow, pointy ones the forces of Evil; and our aesthetic sympathies go entirely to the latter. The effort to animate both these factions is a separate matter altogether, and the slow, bobbing movements of all the main characters prove deadly to the movie's pace. 1982.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 10/15 MIDNIGHT)

Dias de Santiago — Peruvian filmmaker Josue Mendez takes a look at a battle-scarred military vet in Lima, starring Pietro Sibille.

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Domino — Keira Knightley plays the late daughter of actor Laurence Harvey, a model turned bounty hunter, directed by Tony Scott.
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Elizabethtown — Romantic comedy from writer-director Cameron Crowe, starring Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, and Susan Sarandon.
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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-possession horror show, two different worlds, as clearly evidenced when the D.A. jumps to his feet to object to a piece of defense testimony on the grounds of “silliness.” The case — a Catholic priest accused of negli-

gent homicide for removing a diagnosed “schizophrenic epileptic” from her meds and replacing them, fatally, with the rite of exorcism — is based on a true one, but the true one was situated in Germany in the Seventies, and the first leap of faith to be taken by the viewer is to believe that, given the facts of the case as presented, the charges would ever have been brought in the first place. Director Scott Derrickson, leaving no doubt as to which side of the argument he comes down on, will ask the viewer to leap a lot farther, giving him priv-

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★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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

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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 Fog — Remake of John Carpenter's 1980 horror film, with Tom Welling, Maggie Grace, and Selma Blair, directed by Rupert Wainwright.

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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, Roman Malco, Seth Rogen, and Elizabeth Banks; directed by Judd Apatow. 2005. ● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; 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)

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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 expository 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, THROUGH 10/13)

Hellbent — Sickle-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, THROUGH 10/13)

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 looniness 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 unconventionality, 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 assist from the pitchfork of an Amish pacifist, is as ambiguous as you please.) And the gore is simply too splashy for its own good. With Maria Bello, Ed Harris. 2005.

★ (DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

In Her Shoes — Curtis Hanson's handling of the Jennifer Weiner book, 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 and their supposed sisterhood. 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. 2005.

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Innocent Voices — Leftist arm-twister, slickly done, about an unspeakably cute kid in civil-war-torn El Salvador ca. 1980, not so much a character as a poster child, who becomes "the man of the house" in his father's absence, and awaits conscription in the military on his twelfth birthday. Some of the random gunfire is pretty scary, but so is some of the supplicatory rhetoric: "Why do they want to kill us," wonders an innocent voice indeed, "when we haven't done anything?" Carlos Padilla, Leonor Varela, Xuna Primus, Gustavo Muñoz; directed by Luis Mandoki. 2005.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; PALM PROMENADE 24; FROM 10/14)

Into the Blue — Caribbean treasure hunters stumble upon a Civil War-period 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 brickload 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.
● (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

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 breath-taking 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 be-

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Chris Landreth's animated short *Ryan* is a great addition to my collection. I've been studying the commentary on Ryan Larkin's animated short *Syrinx* (included in the special features) for insights into the creative process.

Jean-Luc Godard's masterwork *Weekend* offers the modern automobile as the perfect metaphor for greed and avarice running amok. This biting critique of Western civilization in a downward spiral was a major influence on my master's thesis, and it retains the power to surprise and shock.

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AMANDA STEVENS

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Four Rooms is a comedy featuring a brief glimpse into four rooms of a hotel, each containing the most unusual characters. This off-the-wall, hilarious movie features celebrities such as Madonna, Bruce Willis, Marisa Tomei, and Quentin Tarantino.

Sublime: Stories, Tales, Lies, and Exaggerations is a musical documentary about the band Sublime. Directed by Josh Fischel of Bargain Music, it features never-before-seen live footage of the band and interviews with family and friends. It also features artists such as No Doubt, Pennywise, and the Vandals.

The Goonies is a comedy adventure about a group of kids who call themselves "The Goonies." They go on a quest to find the hidden treasure of a famed pirate and get in trouble with wanted criminals along the way.

FOUR ROOMS (USA) 1995, Miramax Home Entertainment
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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,

cause the current tenant, male, is a withdrawn widower, a happy ending heaves into view at the same instant as the new wrinkle. Reese Witherspoon, assisted by some seamless passing-through-solid-objects effects, has sufficient artifice to make herself right at home in the situation. But Mark Ruffalo, though he can play befuddled, 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; 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)

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MOVIES

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 soundtrack, etc. With Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto, Bridget Moynahan, Ian Holm, Ethan Hawke. 2005.
● (GASLAMP 15; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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.
★ (GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA PALOMA; VOGUE)

Mirormask — 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



Separate Lies

by Neil Gaiman; "designed and directed by" (so reads the credit) Dave McKean. 2005.
● (HILLCREST CINEMAS, THROUGH 10/13; LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/14)

The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio — Writer-director Jane Anderson's adaptation of the memoir by Terry Ryan (the book's subtitle: *How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less*), a valentine to a dutiful, long-suffering Fifties-era Catholic housewife who supplemented the family's meager income through the practice of "contesting," writing ad slogans and jingles for prizes: "Dad, do you believe it?" Mother

exclaims over her new washer and dryer. "No more boiling diapers on top of the stove!" (The end of an era comes in the early Sixties, with the advent of the no-skill sweepstakes: "It's the death of literacy!") Given that the man of the family is a raging, cursing, money-squandering drunk, clumsily played by Woody Harrelson in a bad toupee, the overall chipper mood seems a bit oblivious; and Julianne Moore, in a broader portrait of a Fifties slave than in *The Hours* and *Far from Heaven*, seems almost demented, almost Stepford Wifely. But of course that's precisely, or approximately, the point. The movie does have heart, and it wears it on its sleeve in the touching coda that rounds up the real Ryan children today, and allows the "deceased" mother to kiss her authorial daughter on the cheek. With Laura Dern, Ellary Porter-

field, Trevor Morgan. 2005.
★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 10/14)

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.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4;

GASLAMP 15; LA JOLLA 12)

Separate Lies — A tangled-web tale, succinct, adult, a trifle stodgy. The setting-up of an illusion of happiness and a veneer of civilization (the country life, cricket, Constable landscapes) is rather pedantic, but the weaving of the web itself is easily followed and understood. With Tom Wilkinson, Emily Watson, Rupert Everett, Hermione Norris; written and directed by Julian Fellowes. 2005.
★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; FROM 10/14)

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.
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Three Dancing Slaves — Gaël Morel's study of three French brothers on the brink of manhood, with Nicolas Cazalé, Stéphane Rideau, Thomas Dumerchez.
(KEN, 10/14 THROUGH 20)

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.
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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, naivet  , 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.

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Transporter 2 — Supercool hero in a blisteringly roasty-toasty image. Filling in for the family chauffeur, the "professional



Two for the Money

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)

Two for the Money — Simple-minded, fast-talking expos   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 Nostra-

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An Unfinished Life — Warm, moist relationship thing about a battered woman who, with her eleven-year-old daughter in tow, seeks sanctuary on the Wyoming ranch of her unwelcoming former father-in-law and his crippled old ranchhand. Almost as formulaic as a Lifetime Network movie, right down to the relentless hothead boyfriend, the alternative hunky lawman, and the pretty scenery. But Robert Redford (roughening his edges), Jennifer Lopez (not roughening hers), and Morgan Freeman give it uncommon luster. With Josh Lucas, Camryn Manheim, and Becca Gardner; directed by Lasse Hallstrom. 2005.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Waiting — Comedy about restaurant workers, with Ryan Reynolds, Anna Faris, and Justin Long, written and directed by Rob McKittrick.

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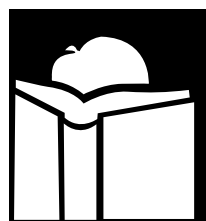
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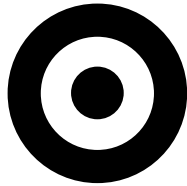
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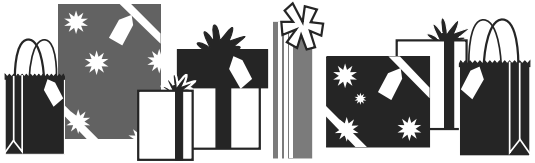
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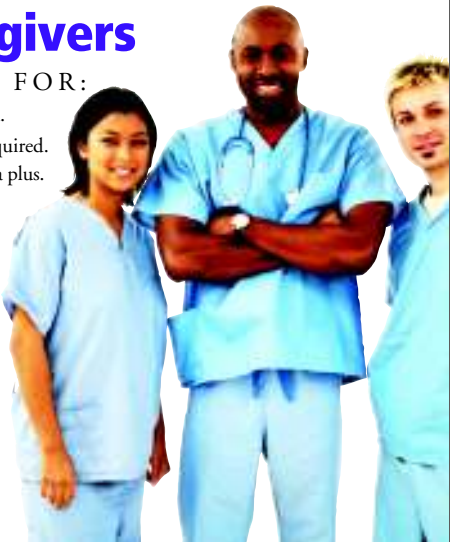
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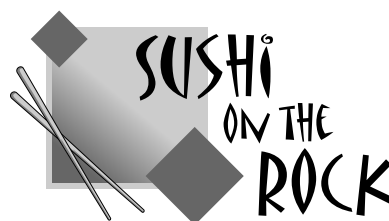
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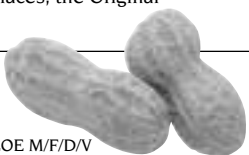
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- An article may be written on it
- Risk taker's challenge
- Suffix with ball
- Hershiser of the diamond
- Car models introduced in 1999
- Shine, in ad-speak
- Bank (on)
- Directors Nicholas and Russ
- Maneuvered
- Business VIPs
- French possessive
- Spanish 101 word
- Cosmetician Lauder
- Made cents
- Doesn't lack
- Moth-eaten
- _____ghost (has an apparition)
- Peasant worker
- Guesser's words
- Afflicted with strabismus (or four areas of this puzzle's grid)
- "That's hogwash!"
- Emulates Eminem
- Home entertainment option
- Top prize at the Barcelona Olympics
- Emeritus: Abbr.
- Act faithfully
- Philosopher John
- Wise guy
- Where Graceland is: Abbr.
- One who cries "Uncle"?
- Hit in the air
- Followed orders
- Woodstock performer Guthrie
- Want ad's no-bias-in-hiring ltrs.
- Connected series
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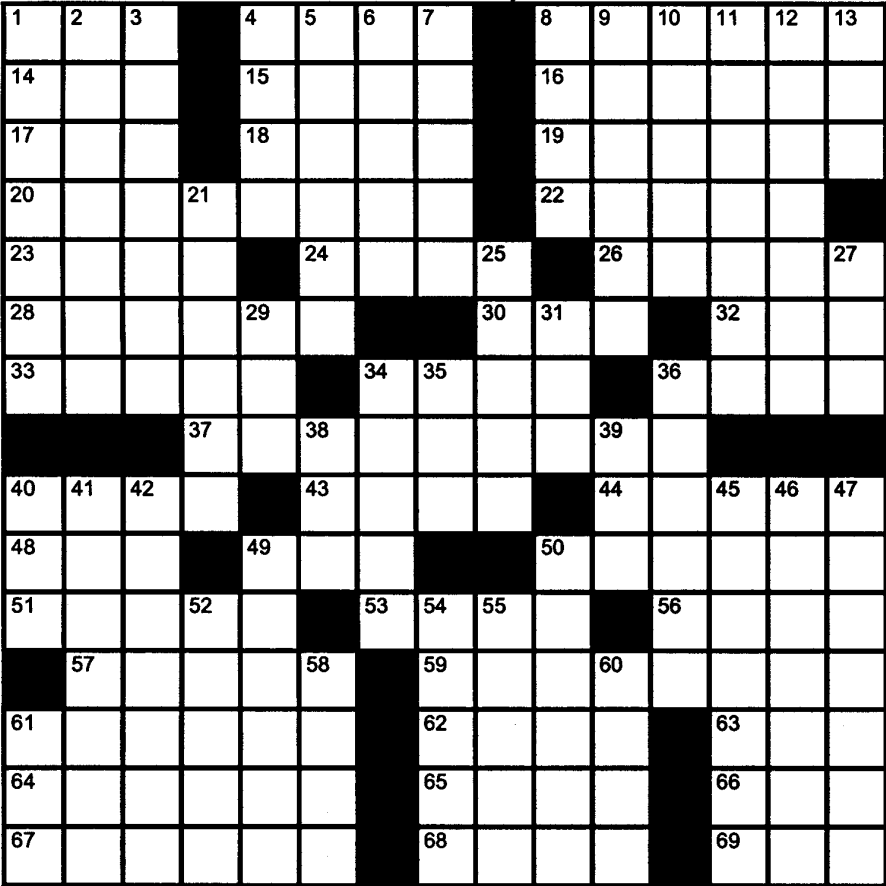
Down

- River pileups
- Western neckwear
- Carnival treat
- Like some losers
- Victimized, with "upon"
- Conger catcher
- Bonnie's partner
- Judi Dench, for one
- Haley and Trebek
- California's Point _____
- Kind of set
- Tidbits
- Slow start?
- Lowbrow's love
- They may be tapped for the stage

- Tokyo, before 1868
- Mr. Potato Head stick-on
- Whatever
- They're taken by H.S. juniors
- Paranormal ability
- "Swan Lake" role
- The Columbia R. forms part of its border
- Lamb's mom
- Seat seeker, briefly
- Cell feature
- Part of ASPCA
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- Stop listening
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- Astronaut Cooper's nickname
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SINCERE, ATTRACTIVE, youthful lady, 5'6", trim, athletic, enjoy outdoors. Seeking tall, healthy male, 50-68, wanting to blend our many nice qualities for lasting relationship. (658). (10/26) ☎49151

50ish JAPANESE looking for companion-ship and quality time. Nonsmoker, good heart, good sense of humor. (10/19) ☎49129

WEEKEND DATE NEEDED. I'm 45, full figure, brown hair, blue eyes, 52, nice looking, live in North County. Enjoy art, coffee-house. Seeking fun-loving guy. (10/26) ☎49133

FUN, FIT, YOUNG, shapely, intelligent, 64, Caucasian, Democrat, walks, art, nature, dining. You: 56-64, healthy, nonsmoker, monogamous, compassionate, life-loving; friendship, romance, relationship. San Diego preferred. (10/26) ☎49141

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SEXY SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, seeks tall, very attractive black male, 45-50, fit, and honest for monogamous relationship. Tired of all the games. Only serious inquire. (10/26) ☎49154

SLENDER ASIAN, 45, 5'4", intelligent, honest, caring, enjoy workouts, nature, theater, dining. Seeking white, nonreligious, spiritual, 5'6"-6", 44-54, physically fit, loyal, sensitive, good humor. (10/19) ☎49114

43, ATTRACTIVE BLACK Latina, vibrant, spiritual. Seeking professional man, 40-60, articulate, financially secure, race open, for sincere, romantic, committed relationship. (10/26) ☎49136

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37-YEAR-OLD QUALITY LADY, 5'4", 125lbs., brunette/blue eyes and attractive. Seeking physically fit, kind gentleman, 35-47, for relationship. Must be presentable. (10/19) ☎49109

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SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 41, 5'2", long red, blue, fit, feisty, finicky. Seeking ethical, educated, enthralling, entertaining, articulate, childless, nonsmoking/drug, muscular black man. No players! (10/26) ☎49145

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN LADY, 61, look 10 years younger, divorced. Seeking educated, financially secure Caucasian gentleman, 55-65, nonsmoker, sincere, honest, for lasting relationship. (10/19) ☎49110

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NUBIAN PRINCE WANTED. 45-62, nonsmoker, drug-free, single! Me: full-figured, white, 59, self-employed, love music, travel, trains, dancing, funny, talented, spiritual, smart, sexy, independent Leo. (10/19) ☎49118

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ASIAN, SEXY, SULTRY, healthcare professional, nice legs, curvaceous figure, 5'3", 115lbs., childless, homeowner. Seeking fun, fit, nonsmoker, financially stable, generous, compatible 35+ Asian/Caucasian bachelor. (10/19) ☎49124

PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, 5'2", 115lbs. Enjoys hiking, bicycling, working out, meditation, hatha yoga. Seeks gentleman 5'10"+, 45-55, athletic, spiritual, good sense of humor. (10/26) ☎49140

ATHLETIC, COLLEGE GRADUATE, blonde, green eyes, 5'9", 29. You: 30-40, successful professional, financially/emotionally secure, nonsmoker, honest, romantic, humorous, intelligent, reliable, tall, athletic, outgoing, optimistic. (10/26) ☎49149

WARM PERSONALITY, traditional values, pretty blonde, blue, intelligent, retired navy widow, beauty fashion counselor. Seeking Christian gentleman. Enjoy healthy living, arts, cruises, home life, swimming. (10/12) ☎49119

SINGLE FILIPINO FEMALE looking for a single Asian/Caucasian male, 5'10", 30-45 years old, romantic, responsible, kind, good heart a plus for friendship, date, marriage. (10/19) ☎49130

AMERICA'S FINEST CITY. Me: lovely to look at, slim. Seeking healthy, attractive man, 5'10", nonsmoker. Cooking, beaches, traveling, reading, fireplace, moonlit nights. Call. (10/26) ☎49132

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, sexy, classy, nice legs. Want to meet very attractive guy, 40-52, healthy, honest, financially secure, nonsmoker, no drugs, for friendship, possible relationship. (10/26) ☎49153

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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

GIRLFRIEND, 40-56, SWEET, honest, naturally cute, fun, content. I'm 43, 5'10", 175lbs., fit, romantic, caring, good listener, kind, movies, walks, dinner, nature, us. (10/26) ☎49542

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OUTDOORSY FEMININE LADY needed. Me: 45, act 25, 5'8", 160lbs., casual, healthy lifestyle. You: ideas, motivating,

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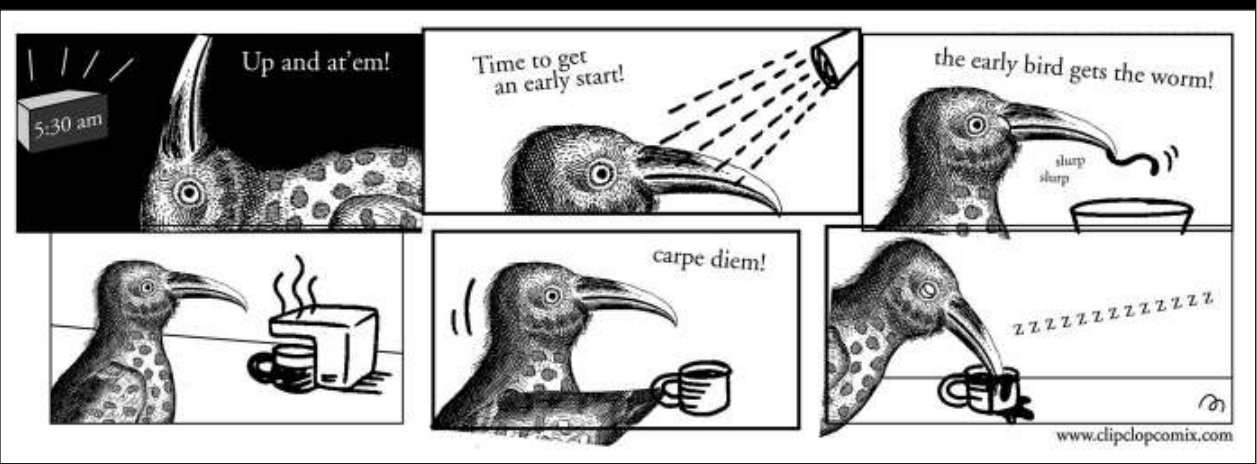
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TALL, 53, SLENDER, FIT, divorced father, degreed, fun, mannered, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, nonsmoker, feminine, North County preferred, trim, feminine, for conversation, outings, laughs. (10/19) ☎49504

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FORTY, HANDSOME, TALL, slender. Enjoy beach, movies, dining, monogamous, affectionate, simple lady. Someone who makes me laugh, for long-term relationship. Race unimportant. Serious only. (10/26) ☎49534

WIFE WANTED. Architectural designer, house builder, extroverted, world traveler, aware, huggable, personable, listener, compassionate, intuitive, open,

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PHYSICALLY FIT, ACTIVE, 68, retired. Love to travel, movies, cruises, stable finance. East County. Looking for a nice lady. (10/19) ☎49511

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! (10/19) ☎49502

BUFF BLACK AND BEAUTIFUL. Seeking athletic female for clubbing, movies, traveling. Must be adventurous, willing to try anything. Race open. Age 21-33. (10/26) ☎49550

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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

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SPIRITUAL PATH, HUMOROUS, caring, kind, honest, intelligent, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy coffeeshouses, movies, rock music, nature, books. Seeking someone to share life with. (10/26) ☎49524

HANDSOME, SLENDER MALE, 37, church musician. Looking for attractive, natural blonde or red, Lutheran musician, 21-38, dating, romance, commitment, open-minded. Christian Scientist woman. (10/19) ☎49492

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TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male. Fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (10/26) ☎49546

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PACIFIC BEACH. \$650/month, 1/2 utilities, deposit. Room in 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Blocks to beach, parking/laundry in complex. Female. Available now. 858-274-2482.

PACIFIC BEACH. \$725, split utilities, \$725 deposit. Roommate needed to share 2 bedroom, 2 bath house. Parking, garage, yard, storage, laundry. No pets. Non-smoking. 619-851-2761.

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POWAY. \$600. Nice room, own entrance, walk-in closet in large home. Male only, share bath. Quiet area. Near everything. Available 10/16. \$500 deposit. 858-679-0793; 858-602-6236.

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Last week's place: Building at 4749 University (at Euclid). Built in 1923, during the Egyptian craze ignited by the 1922 uncovering of Tutankhamen's tomb, it started out as the eastern terminal substation for the San Diego Streetcar Company. Today, it houses a window company and Big City Liquor. (Last week's winners: Peter Maragos, Richard Fox, Anthony Posada, Judy Reese, Phuong Banh)

RANCHO BERNARDO. \$525. Room for rent in brand new home. Many amenities. Located within 4S Ranch Community. No smoking/pets. Dovan, 619-838-0571.

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SAN DIEGO. \$550/month, plus deposit, includes utilities. Nice room in 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome.

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washer, air conditioning. Female preferred, available 11/1/05. 858-530-8171.

SDSU. \$525. Wonderful large room in house with private entrance. View. Cable, phone, laundry, quiet cul-de-sac. No pets. Available immediately, near all, call Linda, 949-581-5476.

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SOLANA BEACH. \$800, 1/2 utilities. Great apartment. 2 blocks beach. Near gym, restaurants, race track, Coaster. Private bedroom/bathroom. Vaulted ceilings. No smoking/drugs. 858-663-5851; 619-235-2415, x28647.

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Heather Johnson
Owner M-Theory Music
South Park

I would rather be cremated than buried. I think I might want my ashes spread in the ocean somewhere. [Other than San Diego,] I've also lived in San Francisco, which is by the ocean, but not by the ocean; it'll depend where I am at the time of my death. It will also depend on what stage of my life I'm in; in ten years, I might be back in San Francisco. As of right now, I'd want my ashes to be scattered in San Diego. I'd rather people come visit, chill out at the beach and say hi if my ashes are scattered in the ocean. I don't plan on dying any time soon.



Cynthia Arko
Law Student
Coronado

Ashes. Totally ashes, I want to be cremated. I've thought about this before; who wants to sit in the ground? People could dig you up and look at you if someone thinks that you've committed a crime and someone thinks it's a good idea to dig you up. Why would I want people to be able to dig up my bones and inspect them? It's a little bit of a privacy issue, and it has to do with how you view the afterlife. Why would my soul necessarily be watching over why I was buried? I'd want my ashes spread at the beach; I'm an ocean girl. Somewhere up near Torrey Pines, along the cliffs would be nice. My friend Andy told me that he wants to buried face down so people can kiss his ass when they come visit him.



Ashley Teague
Student
Pacific Beach

Buried, for sure. [Cremated] is kind of creepy. I wouldn't want to be sitting on a mantel somewhere when I'm dead. I've never seen anyone who's had ashes on their mantel. If you're buried, people can go visit you, but to have it in your house is a little weird. I don't want my ashes scattered; I just want to be in one spot. You can have family come and visit you.



Steffany Desanyes
Student
Pacific Beach

I want to be buried. I believe in God, and I really don't know how it works with cremation. I don't know anyone who's been cremated. I'm from Panama, and I'd rather be buried back in Panama than the United States. I don't want to think about it right now, but I guess I want to be buried near my family. I guess it can be kind of cool to have your ashes spread in water; I would still have my ashes spread in Panama, though. I try not to think about death.



Kyle Dickerson
Military
Mission Valley

Cremated. It's cheaper, and I wouldn't want to leave my family and friends with the burden of having to bury me. I think that I want my ashes dumped off in the woods somewhere. I don't want to be in any national parks or anything, just dumped out in the middle of nowhere.



Dan Reevy
Model
Rancho Peñasquitos

Probably buried. It's the normal thing to do. It's not a religious reason or anything like that. I don't really care; it doesn't matter where I'm buried. It's kind of like when I'm dead, I'm dead; you don't got to worry about me. Down the line, I might change my mind, but right now I'd probably go with whatever's cheapest. I'll be dead, so what will I care?

SOLANA BEACH. \$800. 1 bedrooms. Shared bath in 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. 1 car. Utilities/housekeeping paid. Near beach. No pets. Available now. 820 Viva Court. Call Sue 858-792-2600.

SOUTH PARK. \$750, includes utilities. Dog-friendly home to share. Bedroom and bath in lovely Spanish-style home. Bedroom opens onto lush back deck. 619-233-0876.

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TIERRASANTA. \$580 plus \$350 deposit. Shared utilities/cable/Internet. Washer/dryer. Comfortable room, furnished/unfurnished. Near all. Prefer male. No smoking, drugs, pets. 858-292-0145.

TIERRASANTA. Share 2 master bedroom townhome, large master with private bath, washer/dryer, pool/jacuzzi, and tennis. 1550 square foot, must be okay with my dog, \$750/month, plus 1/2 utilities. 858-735-7323.

TIERRASANTA. Large unfurnished bedroom. \$500/month, \$500 deposit, 1/3 utilities. Cable, pool, jacuzzi, tennis courts, no pets, male preferred, to share townhouse. Available, 11/1/05, 619-921-7810.

TIERRASANTA. Share 3 bedroom, 2 bath, clean quiet condo, furnished. Washer/dryer, pool, spa, tennis courts, \$625, Adrienne, 760-840-0384.

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POINT LOMA. \$125. 1 car garage. Near Shelter Island. Dry storage only, no power. Available immediately, approximately 180 square feet. 3017-31 Oliphant Street. Chris, 619-222-9308.

RANCHO BERNARDO. Private office, 11x17, with private entrance. Only \$575/month. Professional building. Corner of Bernardo Center Drive/Rancho Bernardo Road. Tracy, 858-618-4767.

SORRENTO VALLEY OFFICE. \$800 including utilities. 2 room, upstairs suite with private bathroom. Available now. 11815 Sorrento Valley Road. Leasing Unlimited, 760-436-7273.

HILLCREST OFFICE SPACE: Holistic Health Center office space available. Located on second floor, 842 Washington Street. Please contact Dr. Brett Smith at 619-297-3465.

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GOLDEN HILL. \$100. Storage space for storage only. Not a living space. Dry storage only. Near Balboa Park. 2913 A Street. James, 619-895-2357.

LA MESA/HILLCREST. Small office space or massage space for rent in professional building. \$200-\$800/month, all utilities included. Call Steve, 619-300-7229.

BANKER'S HILL. Rooms for acupuncturist, psychologist, massage, HHP, etc. 2 available. Sixth floor, one with view. \$450/\$550. First, last, cleaning deposit. Waiting room available. 619-297-2974.

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PACIFIC BEACH. Office for lease. 1400 square feet. \$2000. Ample off street parking. Easy access. Available October. 4455 Lamont Street. 858-270-4492 ext. 203.

SOUTH PARK. Garage for rent. \$150. 3035 Ivy Street. Call Ed, 858-597-6100.

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CARLSBAD. 2 bedroom, 2 bath ocean view condo. New carpet, paint and fixtures. Patio. Fireplace. Pool, spa, tennis. No pets. \$1725. 760-500-6030 or 760-603-0809.

CHULA VISTA. 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, large yard, appliances included, Section 8 OK. No pets. Close to 805 freeway. \$1500 deposit. \$1900/month. Newly remodeled. 619-656-4932.

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CHULA VISTA. Southwestern College. \$1000, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, immaculate attached cottage. Walk to shops/restaurants, private entrance/yard, no pets/smoking, utilities included, deposit. 619-933-7007.

CHULA VISTA. \$3100. 5 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath. Formal dining room, living room. Upgrades. Fireplace, washer/dryer. 1236 Atwater Street. 619-640-7530. www.sdforrent.com.

CHULA VISTA. \$1,590. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. Completely remodeled! Wood floors. New appliances. Great location! Close to shopping, 3rd Avenue/downtown. Gardener included. 619-813-4560/619-805-7441.

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DEL MAR. Unfurnished house. Quiet gated community "Pt. Del Mar." 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath plus den or office, approximately 3000 square feet. Laundry, Spa, Tennis, Pool. Close to beach. \$3700. 619-574-8180.

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EL CAJON. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, bay windows, washer/dryer hookups, 2-car garage, large living room, dining room. Patio. small pet? \$2500. 619-303-6585; 619-460-5005.

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ENCINITAS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newer paint & carpet. Fenced yard. Water and gardener included. West of 101. Available 10/2. Pets? \$1650. 760-612-3887.

ENCINITAS. \$1625. Attached house. 2 bedroom. 1000 square feet. 1-car garage. Small yard/patio. Sorry, no pets. Available 11/1. 226 Gloxina. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

ENCINITAS. 6 years new! 2 bedroom plus loft cottage. Refrigerator, blinds, light, bright, open, La Costa Valley view, 1540 square feet. Pets ok. \$2250. 760-635-5711.

ENCINITAS. \$2200. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in planned community. 2-car garage. Front and back patios. Gas fireplace. Fenced yard. Pool. Clubhouse. Picnic/barbecue areas. Cat OK. 396 Trailview Drive. 760-430-3588.

ESCONDIDO, SOUTHEAST. \$1650. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath, garage. New carpet. Refurbished. Panda Realty. 858-748-8850.

ESCONDIDO. \$1750. 4 bedroom, 2 bath house, 2-car garage, 1646 square feet, yard, dishwasher, air conditioning. No pets. 1069 West 9th Avenue. CCPM, 619-296-6669.

FLETCHER HILLS. \$2200. \$2200 security deposit. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. 2-story. Gorgeous view. 2 fireplaces. Pets OK. Available immediately. MPM Realty, 619-871-0821. mpmrealty@sbcglobal.net.

FLETCHER HILLS. 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath custom home plus great room. Includes billiard table. Family room with granite fireplace. Gourmet kitchen with granite. New appliances. Washer/dryer hookup. 2-car garage with lots storage cabinets. Fenced yard with gardener included. \$2795. 248 Dewane Drive. Available early November. 619-683-9274.

FLETCHER HILLS/EL CAJON. \$1950. 486 Hawthorne Avenue. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, split-level living room, 2-car garage, swimming pool, huge yard. 1 year lease. Dog OK. Phillips Realty, 619-291-6686.

GOLDEN HILL. \$725. Cozy 1 bedroom. Recently redone. Off-street parking. Appliances. 619-280-5177.

GOLDEN HILL/SOUTH PARK. \$1595. 2 bedroom, 1 bath 1940s bungalow. Hardwood floors. Attached garage. New kitchen. Spectacular yard with gardener. View. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Cats OK. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

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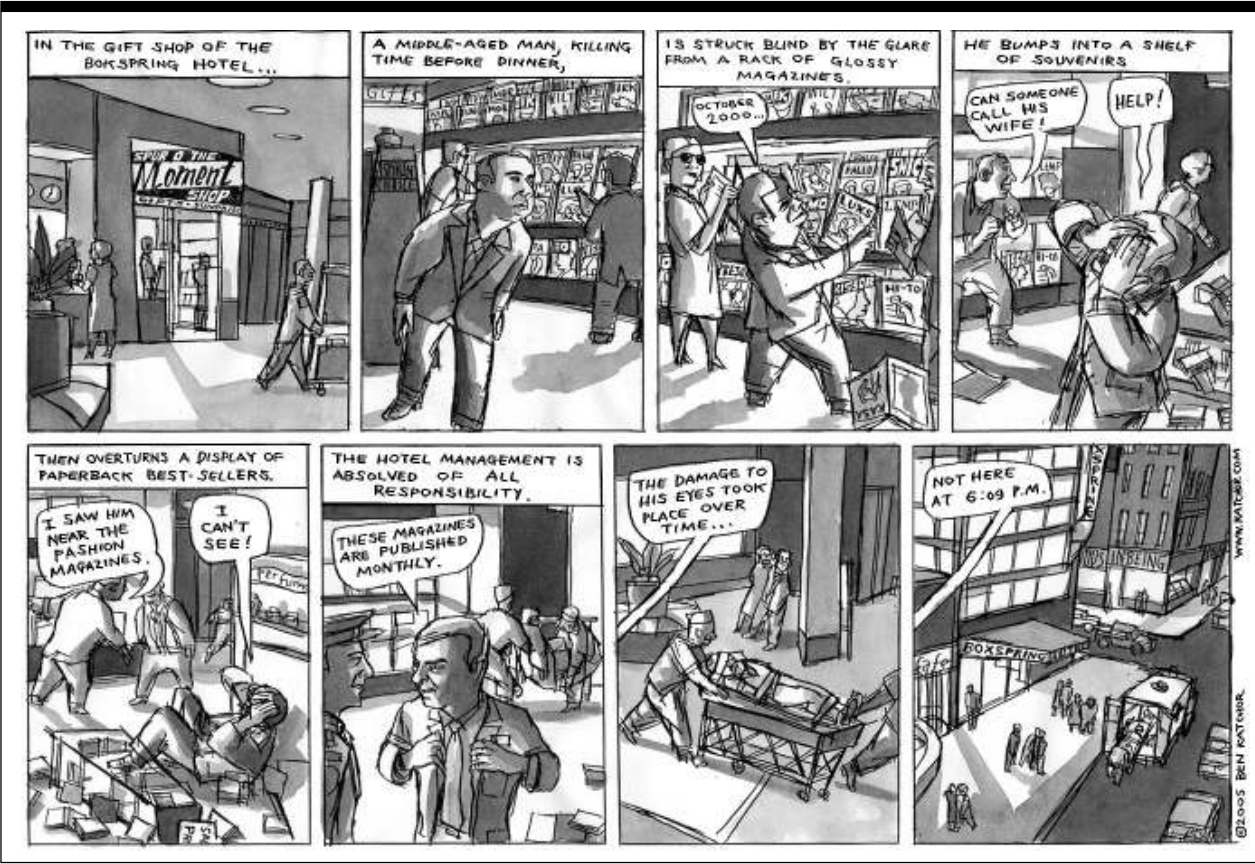
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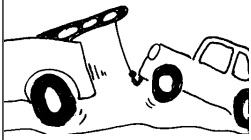
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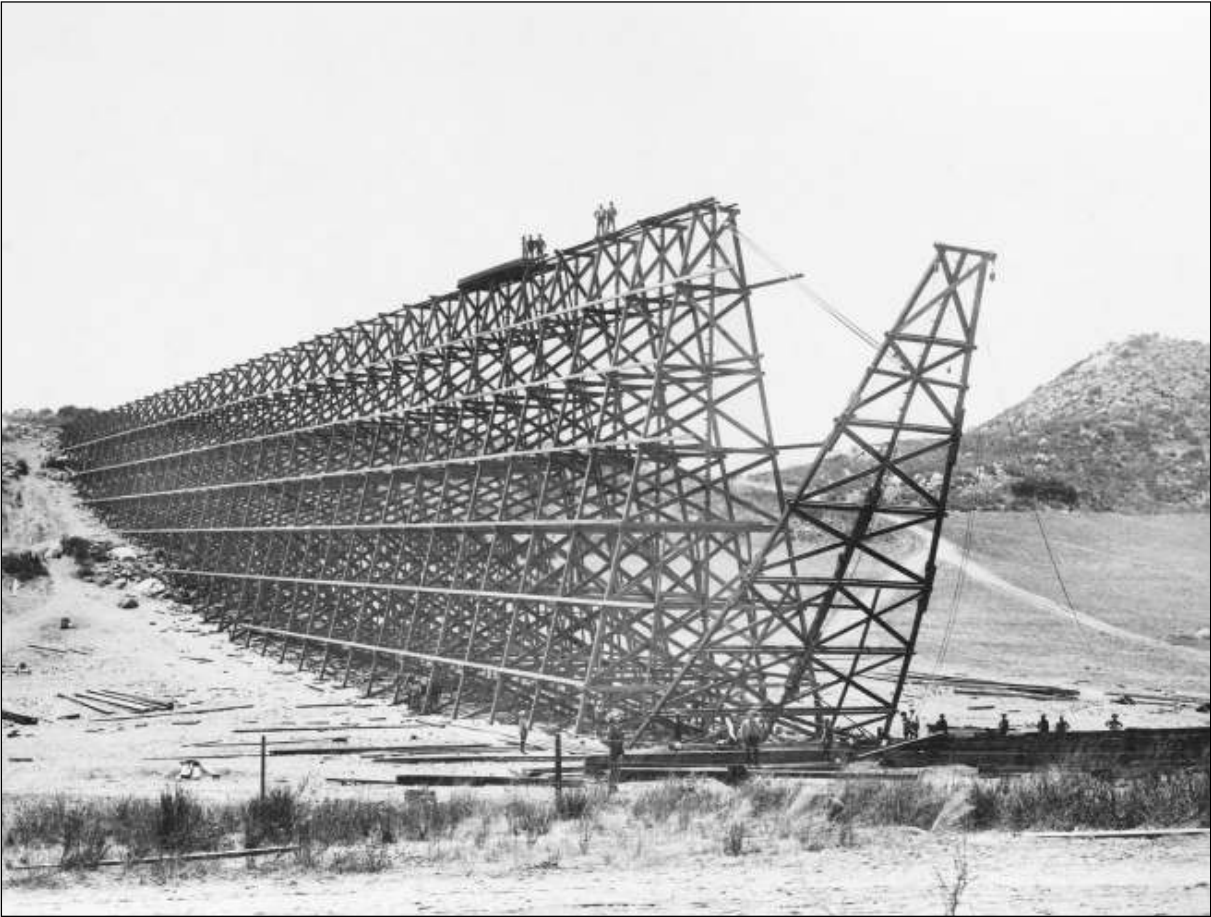


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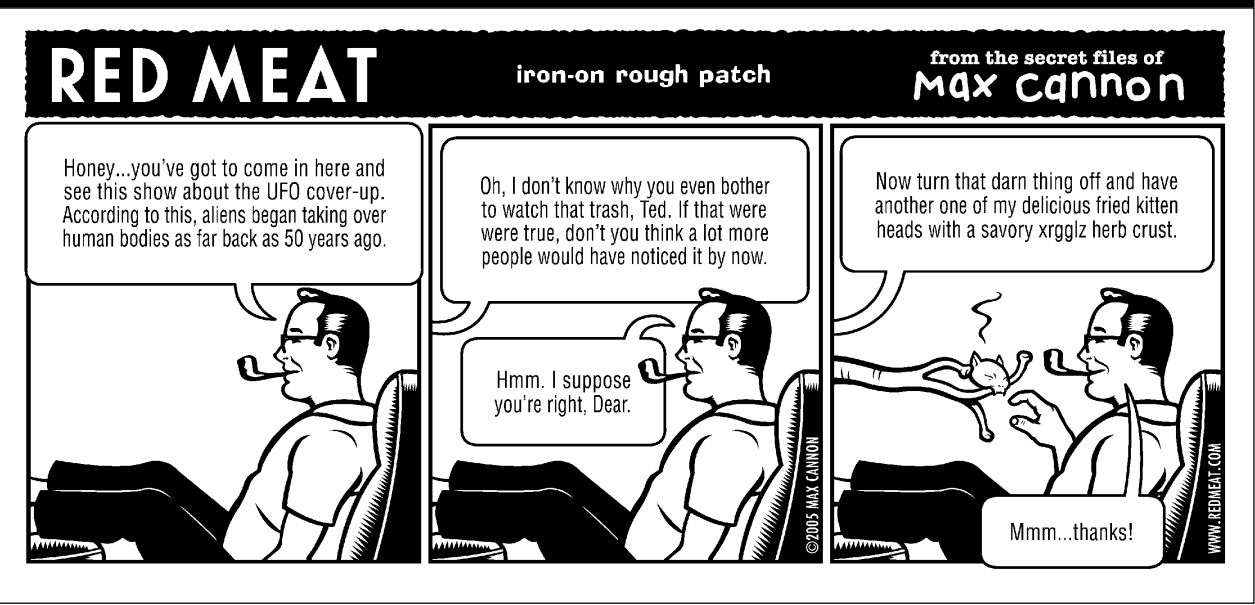
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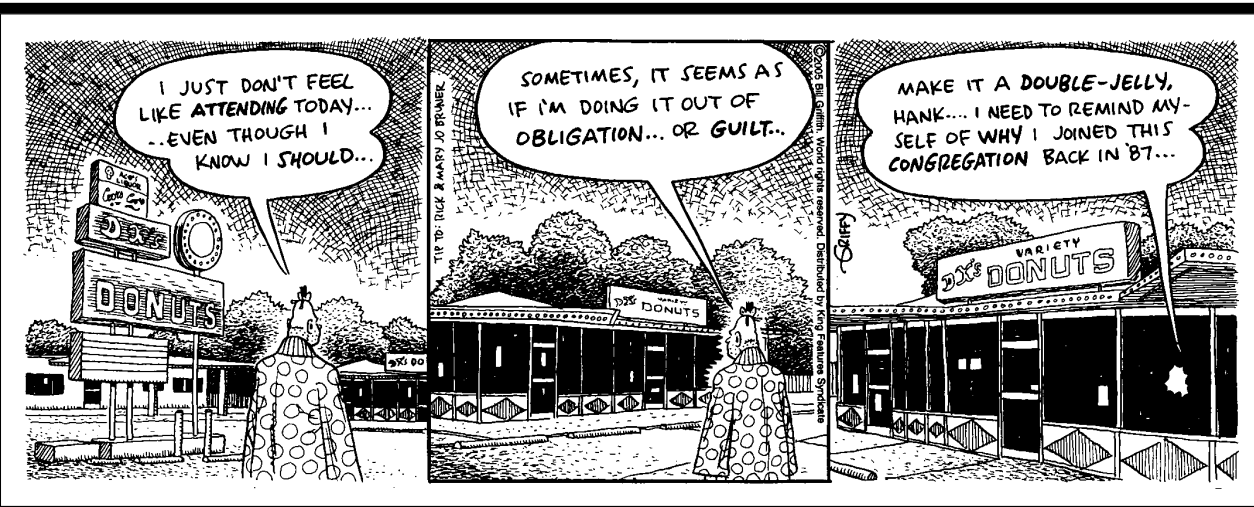
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KITTENS/CATS. 10+ weeks, need responsible, lifetime homes. Cute, friendly,

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LOST DOG, 9/20/05, from La Jolla area. "Smokey," black/white Shih Tzu, medium-length hair. Brown leather collar with name tag. Family misses him. Reward! 619-993-8633.

LOST DOG. Staffordshire bull terrier, spayed black female with white patch on chest. Stolen from us. Please return her. No questions asked. Imperial Beach, 619-253-2869.

LOST. Scarlet Macaw, in Point Loma area. 10/7/05. Call 619-224-4168 with any information. Reward!

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5684. www.pacificliving.com. www.sreader.com/rent/1010.

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MISSION VALLEY. Limited special: \$200 security deposit! Junior 1 bedroom/\$810. 1 bedroom, \$935/up. Heated pool, spa, saunas, gym. Clubhouse with billiards and TV. Patio or balcony. Covered parking. Villa De Flores Apartments, 7707 Mission Gorge Road. 619-583-0821. www.sreader.com/rent/1008, VillaDeFlores@att.net.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1600. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Washer/dryer. Refrigerator. Dishwasher. Pool/spa. Exercise room. 2226 River Run. No pets. Available now. 858-336-4145, 858-695-0120.

MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 story. Remodeled, new carpet, paint/curtains. Minutes from Downtown/airport/shopping/freeways/trolley. SDSU. Animals OK. \$1600-\$1800, 619-250-2530.

MISSION VALLEY/SDSU San Carlos. Low \$350-\$450 deposits! 1, 2 bedroom, 2 bath units from \$1270. Luxury gated community. Spectacular views! Pool, spa. Built-in computer niche. Large closets. Washer/dryer. Fitness, business centers. Garages available. Cat on approval. Canyon View Apartments, 7149 Navajo Road. Toll free: 866-806-7377. www.sreader.com/rent/2011.

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MISSION VALLEY, EAST. 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. 1000 square feet! Park like, air conditioning, pool, quiet, gated. Available 10/20. Near SDSU. \$1300. 619-582-5785.

MISSION VALLEY. Escala. 2 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath. Yard plus garage. \$2100/month. 858-225-3616; www.rentsandiego.net.

MISSION VALLEY. \$1895. Resort on the river. New 2 bedroom, 2 bath, river view, washer/dryer, double garage, gated, pool, gym. Near offices/shopping. 949-291-5451.

MISSION VALLEY/COLLEGE AREA. 1 bedrooms from \$905! Open house: Saturday/Sunday, 11am-3pm. Call about free rent! Minutes to shopping, dining, transit. All amenities. Collwood Pines Apartments, 4949 Collwood Boulevard. 619-287-3020, www.rasnyder.com.

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NATIONAL CITY. \$895 rent. \$700 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper. Stove, refrigerator. On-site laundry, off-street parking. 424 East Division Street, #D. 619-804-3325.

NATIONAL CITY. \$675. Deposit 600. 1/2 off 1st month's rent! 1 bedroom, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking. New carpeting and paint. Walk to shopping. 1043 'E' Avenue. 619-804-3325.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$885. 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Everything new!! Private yard! Washer/dryer. Parking. Cat? Non-smoking. 4326 34th Street. Open house, Sunday, 10AM-12PM. 619-223-1904.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$695. Spacious studio apartment. Full kitchen and bathroom. On-site laundry and parking. 4527 39th Street #9. Xilarent.com. 619-683-7638.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750/month, \$700/deposit. Very clean, neat 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. On-site laundry. No pets/smoking. Adams/Felton. Available now. Julie, 760-822-7449.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$725. Huge downstairs 1 bedroom in gated 7-unit. Walk-in closet. Formal dining area. Tiled kitchen and bath. Laundry on site. Off-street parking. Cats OK. www.goldenhillpm.com. Agent, 619-234-9553.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$750. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs unit with balcony off living room. New paint/carpet. Available 11/1 & 11/5. 4586 Hawley Boulevard #5, #2. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. Huge 1 bedroom with hardwood floors, new bathroom, new windows, balcony and garage. On-site laundry. Light and bright. \$785. 4657 32nd Street. 858-272-1234.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$850. Refrigerator and stove, laundry facilities. Pet OK. Assigned parking. First month free, on approved credit. 858-598-1111 x192. www.utopiamanagement.com.

NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$900. Nice, clean, quiet 2 bedroom, 1 bath, downstairs, new paint, carpet. Well maintained. Refrigerator. Laundry on premises. No pets. Conveniently located. 619-563-0779.

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NORMAL HEIGHTS. \$925. Cozy and quiet 1 bedroom upstairs near Adams. Outstanding remodel with garage, washer/dryer hookups and yard. Very private! New appliances. Ample storage and parking. 4642 Hawley Blvd (rear). 619-209-4190 x114. www.sandiegoapartments.com.

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NORTH PARK/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. \$1150. Gigantic upper 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment near Adams. Walk-in closet. Fresh paint. New carpeting. Light and bright. Squeaky clean! Sweet neighborhood. Parking. Laundry. No pets/smoking. 4622 Hamilton. 858-454-2024.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom upstairs, view, gated, clean, fresh paint, new blinds, refrigerator, 1 parking space, laundry. No pets. Close to all. Available. 858-837-1678.

NORTH PARK. \$795. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment with hardwood floors. Newly remodeled. On-site laundry. No dogs. Call Patty, 619-933-9898. www.floit.com.

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NORTH PARK. \$800. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath with patio. Assigned parking space. Laundry facilities. Upgraded condition. Cul-de-sac location with lots of trees. 619-688-1678.

NORTH PARK. \$995. Cute, large, open and airy upper 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit. Smoke free, street parking only, no pets, courtyard. Arizona Street. Agent, 619-692-4121.

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NORTH PARK. \$895. Deposit \$895. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, first floor apartment in 5-unit gated complex. Laundry. Garage. \$100. No pets. 4127 Wabash. 858-483-7011.

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NORTH PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Gated. Laundry. Parking. No pets. 4151 Arizona Street. \$800 deposit. Nino, 619-295-1694.

NORTH PARK. \$725. Great 1 bedroom cottage. Beautiful hardwood floors. Peaceful courtyard with trees/lawn. Light and bright. Quiet. No pets. 4380 1/2. Illinois. 858-272-1550.

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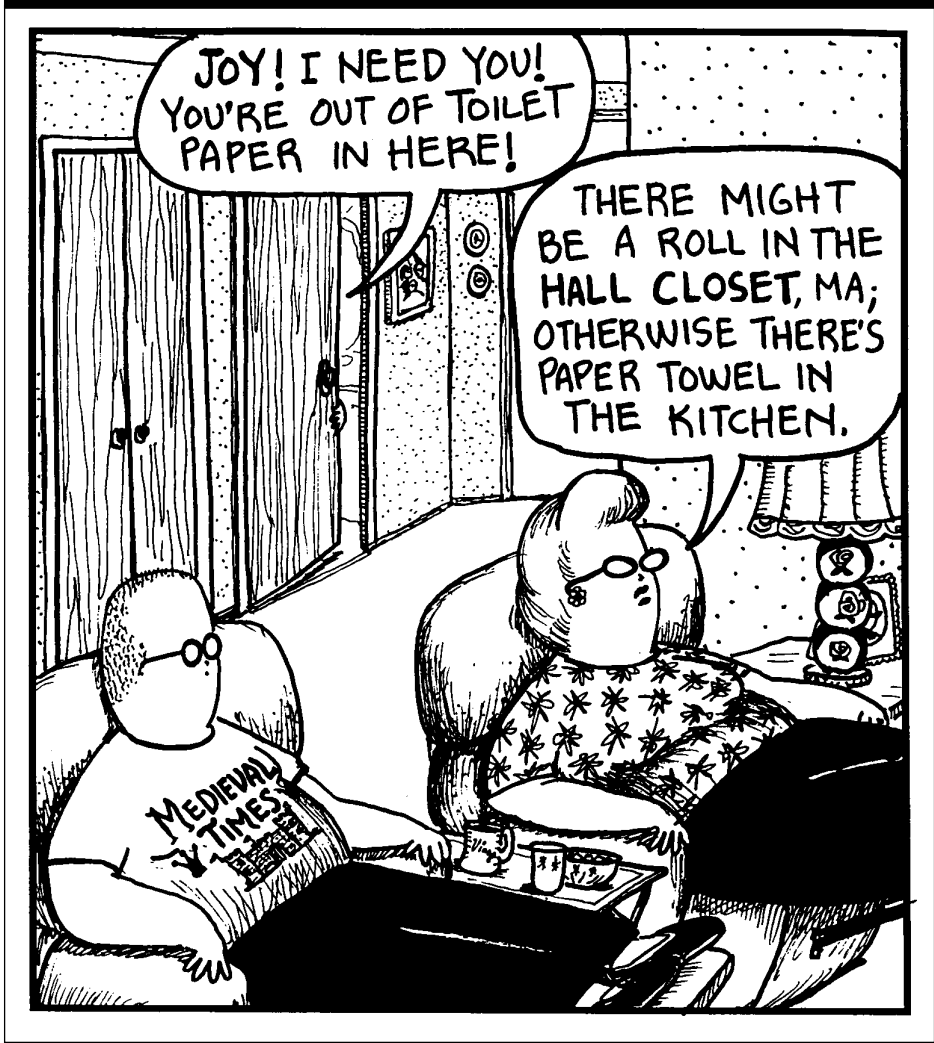
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NORTH PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs. Sunny apartment surrounded by lushly landscaped courtyard. 3949 Kansas Street #10. Available 10/20. 619-295-1100, www.cethron.com.

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NORTH PARK. \$750. 1 bedroom apartment, parking, laundry, new carpet, large unit. 4060 Iowa #6. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

NORTH PARK. \$725. 1 bedroom apartment cottage style, hardwood floors, quiet. 2628 Lincoln Avenue. AMI Property Management. 619-697-6314.

NORTH PARK. \$1275. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath condo. Vaulted ceilings, washer/dryer, fireplace, gated entry, small pets OK, garage, air conditioning. 3954 Bancroft, 619-252-1490.

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NORTH PARK. \$710. 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment. Laundry on site. Assigned parking. Courtyard. Quiet. Gated. Wheelchair accessible. No pets. Available now. Manager on site. 619-563-9727.

NORTH PARK. \$910. Nice 2 bedroom apartment. Downstairs, quiet building, new carpet. Off-street parking. No pets. 4136 Iowa Street #3. Agent, 619-469-7790. www.westmanproperties.com.

NORTH PARK. \$1000. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry. Near Adams Avenue. Newer unit. 4613 Alabama #12. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. \$750. Newly refurbished 1 bedroom. New carpet/paint, refrigerator, gas range, 1 car space. Community laundry. No pets. 4120 Alabama. Agent, 619-624-2031.

NORTH PARK. \$1275. 2 bedroom, 1 bath townhome. Garage plus 2 off-street parking. Small gated building. Laundry. Fireplace. Vaulted ceilings. Patio. 3967 Utah Street. 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$925. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, charming Spanish style, wood floors. Laundry room, gated, lower. No pets. 3822 Arizona Street. 619-698-6911.

NORTH PARK. \$850. Large 1 bedroom. Fireplace. Vaulted ceilings. Laundry on site. Small complex. Upstairs unit. Newly remodeled. 4511 30th Street #5. 619-297-7368.

NORTH PARK. \$635. 1 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs apartment with parking and laundry! Near shops and bus! No pets! 3828 Cherokee #8. 619-222-4836 x14 or www.sunsetpacificrealty.com.

NORTH PARK. \$825 rent. \$700 deposit. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Large. Upper. Stove, refrigerator. Dishwasher. Air conditioning, garbage disposal. On-site laundry. Gated. 4360 Hamilton Ave #6. 619-804-3325.

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NORTH PARK. \$950, deposit \$800. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Upper. Stove, refrigerator. On-site laundry, off-street parking. 4036 Oregon Street #12. 619-804-3325.

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NORTH PARK. \$825. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Nice complex. Parking included. Laundry facilities. 4161 Ohio. 858-254-2573.

NORTH PARK. \$800. 1 bedroom, 1 bath cozy duplex. Stove, refrigerator. Close to all. No pets. 4332-1/2 34th Street. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

NORTH PARK. Beautiful 1 bedroom apartment, completely remodeled. Walk-in closet. Ceiling fans. Off-street parking. 4065-1/2 Swift Avenue. \$800. All new appliances. Close to all. 619-284-4804.

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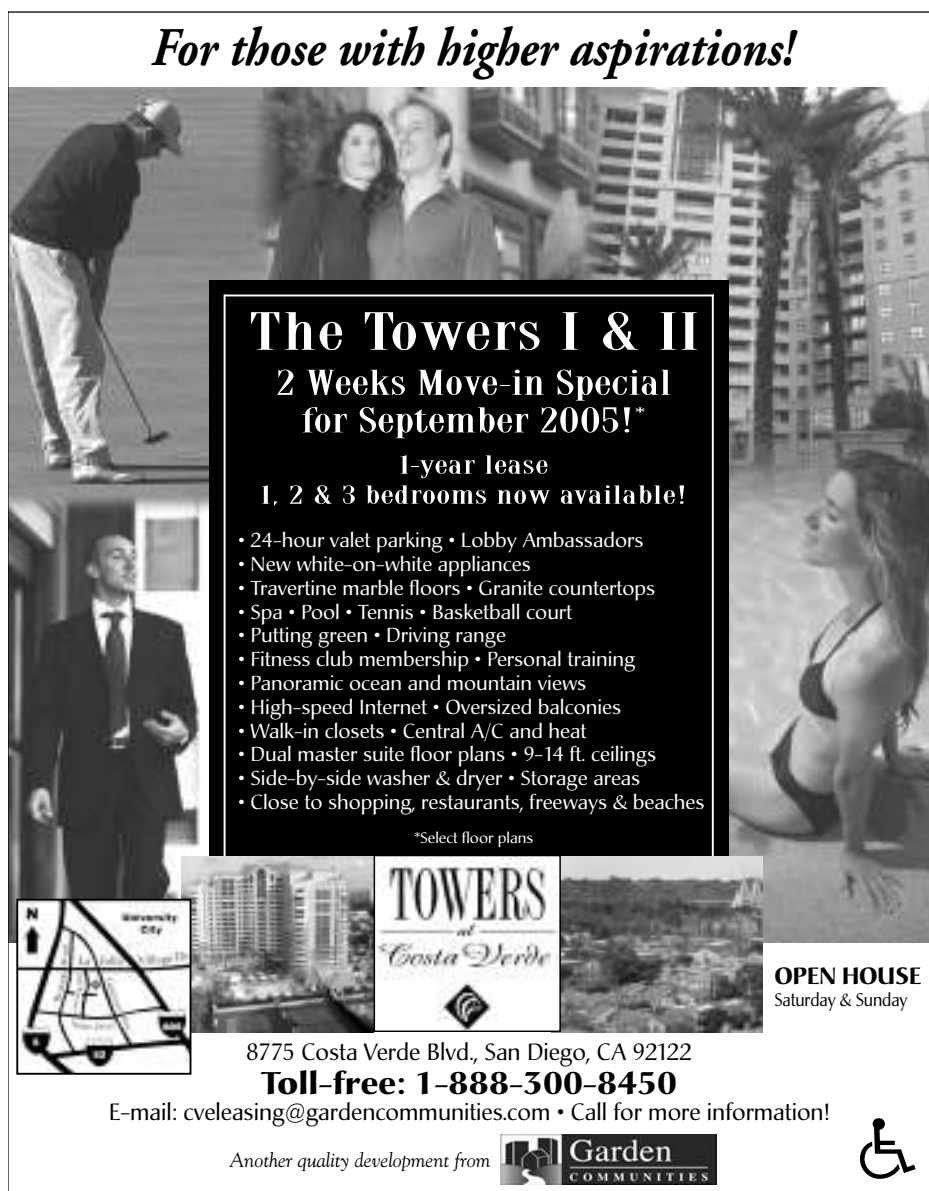
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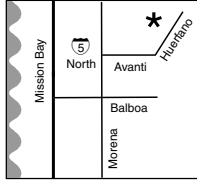
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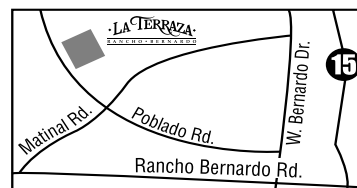
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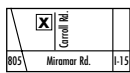
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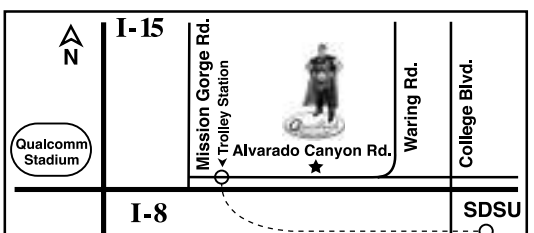
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— Fire officials in Warrnambool, Australia, continue to investigate a September 15 incident in which the carpet of a downtown business burned in several spots, following loud crackling noises, as Frank Clewer, 58, walked on it wearing woolen and nylon clothes. Fire official Henry Barton said the garments tested to over 30,000 volts of static electricity, and a lecturer in electrical engineering at Sydney University said that, given the weather and indoor temperature, such a buildup was possible, especially if the carpet had been cleaned with flammable substances. Pieces of the carpet, with coin-sized scorches, were sent to the university for further examination.

Compelling Explanations

— Debra Field was convicted of violating the Hobart, Ind., nuisance ordinance in July by keeping two 300-pound hogs as pets, after neighbors complained of the smell produced by the pigs' estimated 35 pounds of waste per day. Fields had testified, apparently seriously, that she personally couldn't smell her pigs at all.

— Two former girlfriends of married New York City endocrinologist Khaled Zeitoun have sued him recently, according to a September *New York Post* story, claiming that they had been tricked for years by his lies. Tiffany Wang said that Dr. Zeitoun had (1) told her on their first date that they had been married in a previous life, that he regretted mistreating her, and that he had been searching for her in this lifetime to make amends; (2) told her that the devil had taken his soul 14 years earlier, that to get it back he had to agree never to marry, and that Wang was the first woman to make him regret the deal; and (3) that when he actually popped the question to Wang in May 2002, he never intended to marry her but wanted merely "to see the look of joy on her face."

The Litigious Society

— The Appellate Court of Illinois ruled in July that the family of Detroy Marshall Sr. could

proceed with its lawsuit against Burger King for Marshall's wrongful death caused when a car jumped the curb and crashed into a BK whose building was protected by a brick wall that the restaurant had built only a few feet from the ground instead of higher up. The trial court had dismissed the lawsuit, ruling that Burger Kings can't be expected to build fortresses against recklessly driven, airborne cars.

— The State of California agreed in August to pay \$10 million to the family of Marisol Morales, who accidentally drove her truck off of guardrail-less Highway 138, through a fence, and into the California Aqueduct near Los Angeles in 2003, killing her and two of her children. A surviving child will need \$7.5 million for medical care, but \$2.5 million will go to husband Raul Morales, an unlicensed driver who had originated the fatal trip by dispatching his wife, also unlicensed and just learning to drive, on an errand.

People With Too Much Money

— The *New York Post* reported in July that several high-profile Manhattan dentists were offering sets of temporary teeth veneers to make patients' smiles resemble those of celebrities at \$1000 to \$2000 a set; more popular veneers were the "Halle," the "Britney," the "Gwyneth," and, of course, for men, the "Tom" and the "George." ... The *Wall Street Journal* reported in July on people who pay "lifestyle designers" up to \$450 an hour to construct fanciful, all-new personas for them, including proper wardrobe and home decor down to which gifts to give and which vacations to take. For example, an ad agency owner who wanted to project a "carefree" image had to be told to buy herself a turquoise 1955 Thunderbird and wear cowboy boots and a bright red scarf around town.

Creme de la Weird

— Brendan Francis McMahon, 36, a partner in a financial planning and mortgage brokerage in Sydney, Australia, was arrested in August for having sex with one pet rabbit and abusing others and was jailed without bail because the

magistrate thought he posed a danger to animals in the community. McMahon was due back in court on September 30, and police said they may charge him with more bestiality at that time. McMahon's lawyer blamed a methamphetamine habit for any trouble he may be in.

Least Competent Criminals

— The *Dominion Post* of Wellington, New Zealand, reported in September the arrest of a recruit at the Porirua Royal New Zealand Police College, who in the course of learning fingerprint protocol, ran his own and discovered an outstanding assault warrant. He was immediately arrested. ... In May, Laurie Ralston's plans to join the police department in Amherst, Ohio, as a dispatcher were scuttled when a background check revealed 17 traffic convictions and two outstanding warrants. She was immediately arrested.

Ironies

— In August, a jury found Virginia death-row inmate Daryl Atkins mentally competent, based on a recent IQ score of 76 (thus beating the "70" standard, below which under state law he could not be executed). Prosecutors said two previous scores below 70 were deceptively low because of Atkins' drug and alcohol use, but legal experts hypothesized that Atkins' IQ had actually improved in recent years via the intellectual stimulation of discussing his case with lawyers.

— (1) Lawyer Curtis Holmes, who had just delivered the opening statement in defense of an alleged child sex abuser in a Pocatello, Idaho, courtroom in August, was, minutes later, suspended by the state bar association for a previous case in which he arranged to take nude photos of a client in exchange for reducing her bill. (2) Former L'Oreal executive Elysa Yanowitz won a preliminary round in her lawsuit against the company, which had fired her, she said, because she had refused to dismiss a dark-haired subordinate whom her blonde-preferring boss thought was not attractive enough (in other words, a woman whom L'Oreal thought was not "worth it").

More Things to Worry About

— In tests of busy hospitals in each state (reported in a July issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*), it was discovered that at least 12,000 heart-attack patients in a six-month period were apparently not given the most basic life-saving follow-up instructions (such as prescribing aspirin in the first 24 hours after an attack, which increases survival rate by 30 percent). "Things will fall through the cracks," said an author of the study. ... A Rand Corp. survey released in August revealed that, of 19 public health clinics tested with telephone messages describing symptoms of facial pustules or other well-known indicators of smallpox, not one of them told the caller to isolate the patient.

People Who Just Can't Give It Up

— Thomas Haberbush, 72, pleaded guilty in April in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to two counts to settle charges that he recently stalked as many as nine long-ago supervisors, with petty vandalism of their homes, in retaliation for his having received unfavorable job reviews as an elementary school teacher nearly 30 years ago. ... Retired political science professor Robert Spadaro was convicted in New York City in June of recently trying to kill Douglas Bennett, who was a personnel executive in the administration of President Ford and who in 1975 allegedly denied Spadaro a job.

Undignified Deaths

— In August, a 22-year-old motorcyclist going 100 mph to outrun police (who wanted to stop him for riding without a helmet) lost control and fatally crashed at the outskirts of the town of Bogart, Ga., ramming into the "Welcome to Bogart" sign. ... In July, a 61-year-old farmer in the village of Cadjavacki Lug, Croatia, was accidentally killed when, as he prepared to milk a cow, he fell down, scaring the cow and causing it to fall on top of him.

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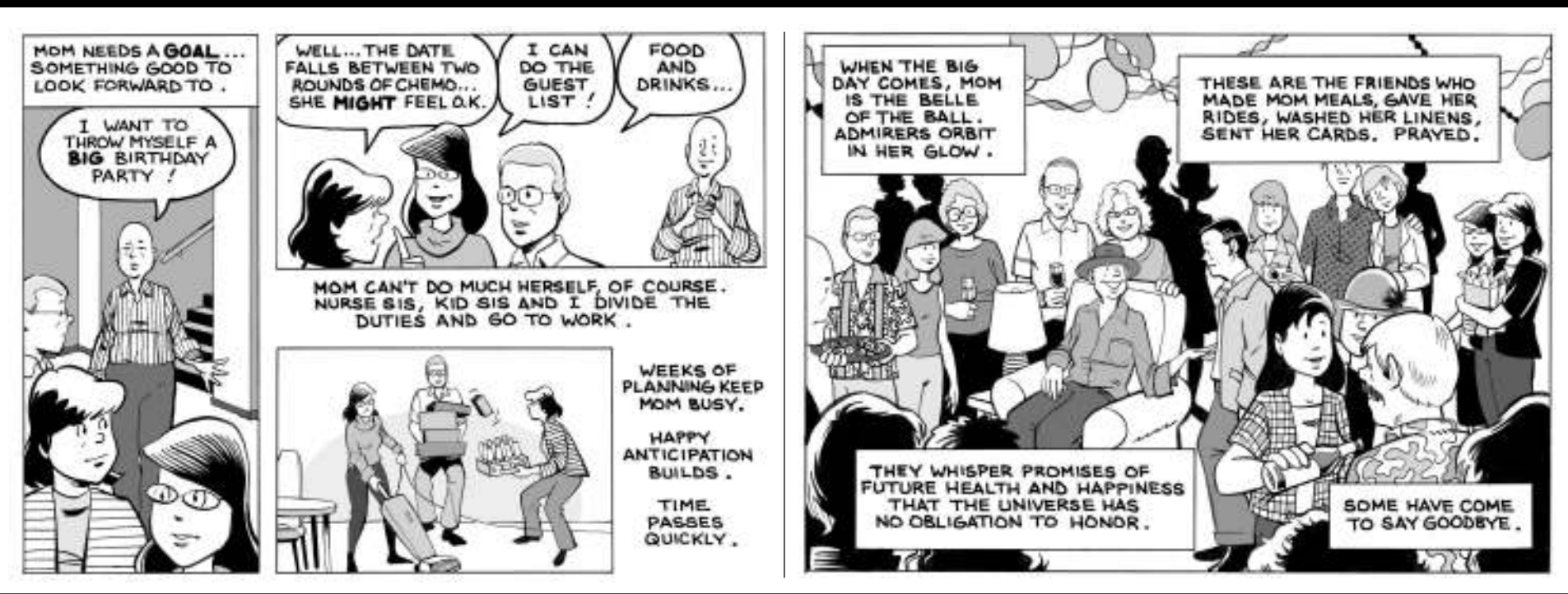
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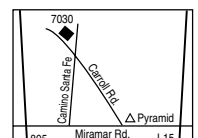
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I think my PC monitor is giving me headaches, especially when I am using Linux, leading to tiredness and grumpiness and all of the personality traits you all know and love. Stealing an LCD panel from the lab hasn't helped much — now I am getting headaches from Windows as well. Must explore a glare guard or something. Maybe I can sue someone.

Dad had a checkup with the doctor this week, and he is fine. I more or less knew that already — my mother has started to bitch about him not doing anything around the house and expecting to be waited on hand-and-foot.

Bought a body board in Castlegregory last week and was in the water a bit. Hope I get a couple more chances to use it before the beginning of October, when it gets too cold to be in the water without a wetsuit.

HURRAH, MATH!

Cheers to Ben for sitting down for a few hours and walking through some of my math work. He even paid for his own coffee, although after 90 minutes of graph theory and set theory and Markov chains and annealing solutions, I think I'll be paying for coffee next time.

I used to be good at math!

BEER FOR BEN

Ben is playing in The Precient (formerly Baker Place) on Saturday night, after the France vs. Ireland match.

The plan is to listen to Ben sing and buy beer so that the pub owner can give money to Ben for singing.

Why we don't give Ben a fiver each and drink beer at

home, I don't know.

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Yesterday's repeat lecture to the part-timers went well. They seemed more focused and more determined to write down everything I said or scribbled. It's an odd experience trying to repeat a lecture, even with notes from earlier in the day, and I was constantly second guessing myself.

Afterwards I went to aerobics, where I put in a good performance until my adrenalin rush wore off and my blood sugar started to plummet. Tired, hyper, and hungry I went for beer with Mike, which was a bit of a disaster because the bar wasn't recognizing the PSA drink vouchers for anything other than draft beer — cheap draft beer. No shorts, no cocktails, no Erdinger, no soft drinks! So much for "One free drink."

Got to bed early but managed to rouse myself when Ben, Joanne, and Katia came back to the flat and deliberately made a lot of noise so that I would rouse myself and drink whisky with them. We ended up in Dolan's Warehouse, where we danced to da toons with

da bitches.

Alright, alright, we swayed arrhythmically with everybody else (some more arrhythmical than others) to a monotonous beat that went on for ages and got boring after 30 minutes. Thank God for cigarettes and alcohol.

BEER, BEER, BEER,
BED, BED, BED
One lecture down. Slightly hyper — coffee and choco-



late immediately after may have been a bad idea.

Think it went well. A couple of questions, and few if any vacant stares.

Have to repeat it at 18:00 today. Maybe I need some sleep in between.

Must think about notes.

ASHTANGA

This week's yoga post is a sonnet. Ashtanga has only eight letters, which as the

first letter of eight lines makes for a short sonnet. But it does give an octet for abba abba structure. Add the word Yoga (with an extra ga) to get six letters to start the cc dd ee sestet. Still, writing in iambic pentameter is difficult.

*Acting for now to stretch in
pain we place*

*Such hope in push and pull
decline to bring*

*Heroes to strive 'gainst god
and all the thing*

*To breathe both in and out
in time and space*

*About back with claw reach
right and left now face*

*Near far reach up and
down in time and sing*

*Grab this and that up now
and hold trembling*

*And down relax release for
now the race*

*Yet who so far and wide on
sea and land*

*O.K.s no more this place on
which we stand*

*Grimmer and bleaker older
not younger*

*Alone afraid full of doubts
and hunger*

*Go forth and try for now in
spite of this*

*Achieve for now some
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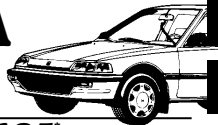
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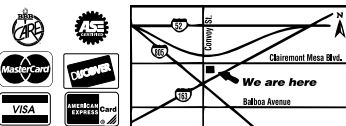
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GRAND THEFT

Location: [700] S. 45th Street, Southcrest
Time/Date: 1:00 a.m. on 9/24/05

Report: While working the Southeastern Telephone Report Unit, I spoke to Rick W., who wanted to report a grand theft. W. stated that the shotgun was inside the gun case, in his bedroom. The only two

people with access to his bedroom are his daughter and a roommate. W. questioned his daughter and felt that she was probably the one who took the shotgun. W. stated that she is a habitual runaway and is possibly involved with gang members.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CABLE TV

Location: [200] West Street, Encanto
Time/Date: 11:10 a.m. 9/27/05

Officer's Report: Officer Wells #5340 and I were dispatched...to preserve the peace for [a] Cox Network



Security Investigator. Upon arrival, Randy S. was waiting in the area of Imperial Avenue and West Street in his gray Chevy Blazer. Also waiting was another employee technician of Cox Communications in his work truck. Randy and the technician walked through the opened entrance gate...and spoke to the owner on the south side of the house. Officer Wells and I stood by, while Randy spoke to Juan F.

During the conversation between Randy and Juan, I heard Juan say, "No, I'm not letting you in my house! You are not going into the house. So what if I

do have it hooked up, what's gonna happen to me? Say I have it hooked up, tell me what happens to me? No, you're not going into my house!" Randy placed Juan under citizen's arrest. Officer Wells placed Juan in handcuffs, checked for tightness and placed Juan in the backseat of our patrol vehicle. Juan was cited for 593d(a)(1) P.C. (unauthorized use of a cable connection). Juan was released and given a copy of the cite.

FAIL TO REGISTER — SEXUAL OFFENDER

Location: Highway 78 at Wynola Road, Ramona
Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. 9/27/05



Incident: Sheriff's detectives and officers from the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (S.A.F.E.) arrested James R. (44 years old), a "High Risk" sexual offender. R. was the focus of a recent investigation by the S.A.F.E. Team for failing to register a concurrent residence. The arrest occurred after search warrants were served at two of his residences. R. lived at a residence on the Mesa Grande Indian Reservation and in a home on Black Canyon Road in Ramona. R. failed to register the home in Ramona as a concurrent residence as required by

law. Two loaded rifles were found at one of R.'s residences during the search warrant service. R. was classified as a "Sexual Violent Predator" who had previously registered with the Sheriff's Department. He was booked in to the Central Jail for failing to register a concurrent residence and possession of a firearm by a violent offender.

TRESPASSING

Location: 1350 6th Avenue, Banker's Hill
Time/Date: 9:40 a.m. on 9/26/05



Officer's Report: I learned from Sgt. G. Hanna #5052 that an antiwar protest would be held at the Horton Plaza Mall around 9:00 a.m. I was informed that a subject named Hal B. would be the contact person for the protestors.

I then responded to the area of 3rd and Broadway to meet the protestors. Upon arrival, I observed approximately 17 or 18 people gathered with signs and large plastic bags that resembled cadaver bags. The bags had written across them in white lettering "COLLATERAL DAMAGE."

I met with a white male later identified as Hal B. I asked B. what agenda he was going to try and accomplish today. B. informed me

that his group was going to march up 3rd Avenue and obey all the traffic laws. I asked B. if he was planning on entering any office buildings or standing outside any structures to protest. B. became evasive and would not answer my questions. In addition, I asked B. if the group was planning on having anyone arrested. B. replied by saying they would not break any traffic laws.

I then tried to reason with B. by explaining there were not very many police officers working today in the downtown area. I continued stating that if they planned on having people arrested, it would greatly tie up our resources. B. did not reply to my reasoning.

I followed the group from my patrol car to B Street. The group walked east on B until 6th Avenue. The group then walked north on 6th Avenue and stopped in front of the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Office...I observed a white male protestor later identified as Gary S. enter the recruiting office. In my presence, U.S. Navy Recruiter Jovie Deleacruz requested S. to leave. I informed S. three times that if he did not leave he would be arrested for trespassing. Delacruz then stated he wanted S. placed under citizen's arrest. I then arrested S. for trespassing and placed him in the back seat of my patrol car...Hal B. was also placed under citizen's arrest by U.S. Army Recruiter Roger Eltzroth. I transported S. and B. to Central Division to process them for County Jail.

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I ask, "Is Harloff the secret to

your van lasting so long?"

"Well, I've always had them lubricate and change the oil. Also, I'd be interested to go to the car manufacturers and find out which years they think are the best cars. I think this one, 1978, was a very good year for Volkswagen.

"Our kids all learned how to drive in the van. I suppose they are one reason we've kept it so long. It was always available for them to drive, and we could use it to do things. And I've always enjoyed driving it. One of the reasons is that you're up higher than most drivers and so you can see farther ahead and therefore plan moving to another lane or having to slow down and not be caught unawares. And the gas mileage is about 19 or 20 mpg. And it served me well driving to Tijuana." Dr. Hellberg, along with his professorship in chemistry at SDSU, has taught for 25 years at a technical institute in Tijuana. "And we took it

on some long trips, with the kids. Once my wife and our kids and two of their friends plus camping gear traveled up to Vancouver and around British Columbia.

"It was in an accident and narrowly escaped damage to the motor. My wife was teaching ESL in Barrio Logan, and she started across an intersection and this policeman came along with two prisoners in the back. And he slammed on his brakes and skidded all the way across the intersection. I went down and looked at it. The skid marks were about 100 to 140 feet long. So I submitted a claim for the repair. The policeman was speeding, and he wasn't chasing anybody, just taking these two guys somewhere. If the police car had gone another few inches, it would've damaged our van's engine but as it was, the collision only hurt the fender. I didn't bother to get the fender repaired, as you can see."



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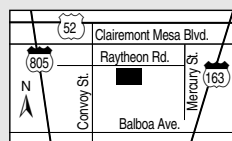
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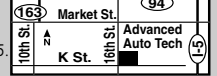
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Now you find yourself mangled on a handful of drugs and a bottle of booze. You're in someone's apartment, but whose? You've been fading in and out of a blackout, understanding things coherently for a couple of minutes and then losing that spark of recognition and operating on autopilot, chasing compulsion into the bathroom.

Two women are humping each other on the couch next to you and you feel like you should know their names. You remember having met them hours ago in the bar and going back to their place for an after-hours party, but everything else is hazy. There's another hole. The hole in your memory.

You remember putting on a fashion show. Trying on different hats and jackets. Pulling articles of clothing out of a stranger's closet and parading around the living room. Scarves. Boas. Boots. Clothes get strewn.

It was after the fistfight and before getting drenched in the sprinklers on the front lawn that you and your new friends started singing television theme songs. How something like that starts I'll never know. I'll never understand. But there you are, a dozen of you, all out on the sidewalk looking up at the streetlight and belting out "Where Everybody Knows Your Name."

Your father was overprotective or your mother clobbered you with guilt, and now there you are. In big purple sunglasses with mysterious stains on your jeans holding a red plastic cup filled with heartache and pain.

What have you become?

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

LAW & ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT

USA 8:00 P.M.

A friend of mine, Renee, embraces her lifestyle of petty crime — jaywalking, running yellow lights, speeding, that sort of thing. In a cute singsong voice she says, "Be sure to break the law every day." I can't wait until she has kids.

GOOD TIMES

TVLAND 7:30 P.M.

My roommates are leaving San Diego, so we had our last party in this apartment. Things got

plenty weird, but never out of hand. This morning I woke up to find a pair of men's jeans, a shirt, and a belt in our living room. Did someone streak? Did he drive home like that? What on earth could have made that person come to the decision to shuck his outerwear and head off into the night? I want to know why he was on our couch and thought to himself, "You know what would feel great right now?"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

GHOST WHISPERER

CBS 8:00 P.M.

Terrific. Another psychic show. They couldn't even come up with an original title. What kind of moron would watch this? Wait. Jennifer Love Hewitt is the star. I'm in. I'll watch it.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

LOONATICS UNLEASHED

WB 10:30 A.M.

This is the new extreme version of *Looney Tunes* with the ninja Bugs Bunny who shoots lasers out of his eyes. My childhood has now officially been raped.

GREASE (1978)

FAM 5:30 P.M.

What is it with girls and this movie? Every woman I've ever met loves *Grease*, and they always try to get me to watch it. The 15 minutes of it that I have seen has left me to believe it's about as entertaining as chewing tinfoil.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

FETUS SNATCHERS

TLC 9:00 P.M.

The cat is so far out of the bag now in America that the Learning Channel can air a program called *Fetus Snatchers* Sunday night at 9 o'clock. I'll say that again because it bears repeating. Fetus. Snatchers. My mouth will be wide open with shock for the next ten minutes.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

THE TRANSPORTER (2002)

FX 8:00 P.M.

Of all the fakey, high-flying, martial arts movies, this is by far the fakiest. At one point the main character knocks two men out while armed only with a shirt. That's right. Two men. Knocked unconscious. With a T-shirt. To the director I would like to say, "Bravo.



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

MIND OF MENCIA

COMEDY 9:00 P.M.

Because of this show I'm coining the phrase "Comedy Central Curse." The curse is when a brilliant standup comedian gets his own series and it's awful crap. I'm afraid for Adam Corolla.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

DOG THE BOUNTY HUNTER

ARTS 8:00 P.M.

At the ESPN bar in the New York, New York casino in Las Vegas I saw a guy with a fantastic mullet. This thing would fetch a blue ribbon at any county fair. This man must have labored intensely to get everything perfect — spiked on top, frosted tips, a perm in the back. It was cared for like a bonsai tree. The beauty of it was stunning.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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“Ramadan is a time for friendship. Ramadan is also a time for thinking.”

By John Brizzolara

At my new neighborhood library (*I* am new here — not the neighborhood or the library) I discovered a neat research tool for this column. Though “neat” is a descriptor I haven’t used since childhood, I’ve decided (in this case, anyway) to bring it back. I will, on the other hand, leave “far-out” where it is, in 1969. What I discovered, with the help of librarians, is a Calendar of Events for 2005. On the Friday I am writing this, for example (October 7), I have discovered that it is the birthdays of Oliver North, LeRoi Jones (Imamu Amiri Baraka), Thomas Keneally (author of *Schindler’s List* and other books, among them, a favorite, obscure novel, *Flying Hero Class*), Yo Yo Ma, and Desmond Tutu. On this date in 1982, Broadway’s longest running play, *Cats*, opened in New York.

As for Friday, October 14 (in my future, as of this writing), it is the 100th anniversary of the All Shutout World Series in 1905 between the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Giants. It is also, for hordes of wallowing masochists, “Be Bald and be Free Day” as well as (coincidence?) “World Egg Day” (on the second Friday of every October), according to the American Egg Board in Park Ridge, Illinois. As for birthdays, we have Harry “Night Court” Anderson, John Dean, Roger Moore, Lillian Gish, and Charles Everett Koop.

What I also discovered (begging the question: why didn’t I know this somehow from conversation around the water cooler?) is that the monthlong Islamic observance of Ramadan began on October 4. After all, the fact that it was recently the Jewish new year came

up in the normal course of things, though I am not Jewish and there will be much yelling and gesturing down on India Street for Columbus Day before it’s over. There are a lot of Muslims in San Diego, no? No doubt it has something and more than *a little something* to do with an absurd, inchoate sense I have. It is a sense that were I to comment on the Qu’ran or Koran sitting next to me (one of a dozen in that same neighborhood library branch) and say that it is a lovely book, I may as well tar and feather myself. Verily, I might shout from the rooftops that not only am I unsupportive of our troops, Bush, and the United States of America, but I am also a premature ejaculating terrorist homosexual child molester and hate the Chargers.

The books (depending on the edition, naturally) lend themselves to aesthetics. Often simply reproducing Middle-Eastern architecture on the cover, sometimes combined with calligraphy in Persian or Arabic, the effect while holding the physical book in one’s hands is restful and reassuring of some higher and abiding wisdom. The observance of Ramadan is the commemoration of the month, more or less, during which the revelation of this scripture was made available to Muhammad when he was 40 years old. This revelation was courtesy of an angel who introduced himself, “O Muhammad! Thou art Allah’s messenger and I am Gabriel.”

Gabriel then urged the prophet to “Read!”

“I cannot read.”

“Read!”

“What can I read?”

“Read: In the name of thy Lord Who createth,

“Createth man from a clot.

“Read: And thy Lord is the Most Bounteous,

“Who teacheth by the pen,

“Teacheth man that which he knew not.”

Yoda-like syntax aside, the exchange has the matter-of-fact imperative of the boss’s Monday-morning dictation. It may be in light of just this that a monthlong deal was proposed to sub for the lack of bells and whistles in the account.

Muhammad was naturally considered “a little mad,” according to the introduction of this First English Edition (2000) of the Qu’ran, translated by Mohammed Marmaduke Pickthall. This was possibly underscored by the prophet’s own “diffidence and extreme distress of mind after the vision of Mt. Hira.” Muhammad had heretofore “sought true religion in the natural and regarded with distrust the intercourse with spirits of which men ‘Avid of the Unseen,’ sorcerers and soothsayers and even poets, boasted in those days.”

Along with the Qu’ran, I checked out the children’s book *Ramadan*, by David F. Marx, figuring it to be just about the right speed to catch me up. “...On the Muslim calendar, the ninth month is called Ramadan.... It is a time for prayers.

Many Muslims pray five times a day.... Ramadan is a time for friendship.... Ramadan is also a time for thinking. People think about how good their lives are. They think of ways to help people who are sick, poor, or hungry.... Many Muslims fast every day during Ramadan.... Muslims do not eat or drink from the time the Sun rises to the time the Sun sets every day.... Families wake up before the sun rises. They eat a big breakfast to get them through the day. After sunset, they gather for a big supper.”

At night, the faithful may eat or drink, “until it is possible to distinguish a white thread from a black one by natural light,” according to a reference in a volume on world religions. “During the daylight hours of Ramadan,” the reference adds, “the leisure classes will sleep.”

Upon waking, some of the faithful in the downtown area will likely break their fast absolutely free at the Fifth Avenue Grill (Fifth and Cedar) with traditional Persian fast-breaking staples such as soup, cheese, walnuts, greens, and/or radishes. With these token starters, it is modestly hoped that one might stay for a \$12-to-\$15 entrée of lamb, chicken, or beef. Thanks, by the way, to Jafar of Khyber Pass Restaurant in Hillcrest for the recommendation. My girlfriend and I discovered the Afghan food there just after 9/11, when the place suddenly seemed empty during business hours. It is doing just fine these days, but during the late afternoons — say, on a Friday — it is just the place to read or meditate informally over a pot of tea.

Reading recommendations: The Qu’ran (Koran): “We narrate unto thee (Muhammad) the best of narratives in that We have inspired in thee this Qu’ran, though aforetime thou wast of the heedless.”

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