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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 IntraLaseTM 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<sup>TM</sup> device from other doctors in the community. So, we are in a unique position where we can see fist hand the differences between the outcomes and the complications associated with each technology.

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

As IntraLase<sup>TM</sup> 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<sup>TM</sup> 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<sup>TM</sup>. This variance translates to a longer procedure with the IntraLase<sup>TM</sup> and an increased risk of flap problems as a result.

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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<sup>TM</sup>. 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.

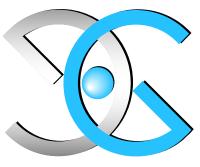
In conclusion, at this stage, my colleague and I see no distinct advantage in using the All Laser Lasik (IntraLase<sup>TM</sup>) over the traditional LASIK with Microkeratome and we even see some disadvantages associated with the IntraLase<sup>TM</sup>. Hence, we will not recommend this technique over 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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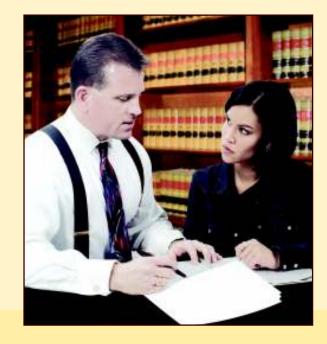
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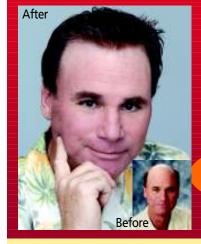


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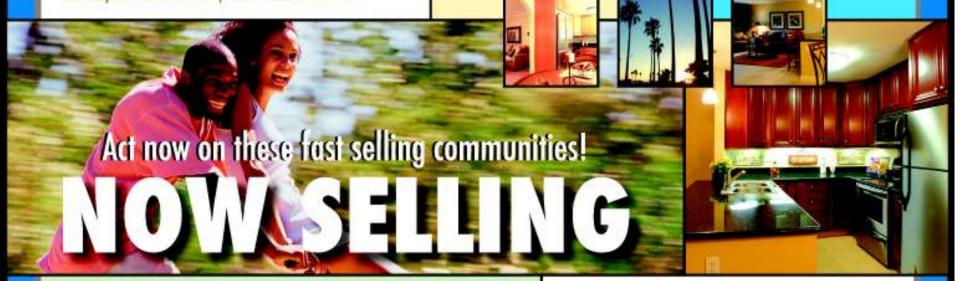
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**Pension off** As the skies darkened in early 2003 over San Diego's scandal-wracked pension fund, those in charge began casting about for ways to attack reporters covering the story. The fund hired the PR firm of Nuffer Smith for what ultimately was at least \$43,200. A May 27, 2003, email from associate counsel Sheila Jacobs to assistant general counsel Roxanne Story Parks outlined the first problem they encountered: "The PR guy (can't recall his name) suggested that he be retained by [pension fund attorney Brian] Seltzer so that conversations are 'priviledged'. I can't quite get my mind around that one, but that's what was suggested. Seltzer felt it was a violation of ethical rules and declined. Soooo, the PR guy suggested the same route thru Nell. She agreed to speak with him. That was last week and I have not heard anything else."

On July 9, 2003, Parks e-mailed Jacobs about a Neil Morgan piece in the Union-Tribune. "Well,



retirement, and then in the next breath, quoting at length and heaping praise upon [pension fund critic] Pat Shea. When are our supposed PR people going to get of their butts and find out what Morgan's rela-Pat Shea tionship is with [pension board member **Diann**]

another column addressing

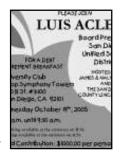
**Shippione** and Shea and point out that all the letters they have been publishing have been from plaintiffs seeking Money from the Retirement System? This is ridiculous. Why aren't they contacting alternative news sources — like KPBS — to get the story out of the newspapers bias in this? Man, if I had a trust fund to fall back on, I'd be all over this writing letters, contacting news stations, etc." Replied Jacobs: "I didn't see the article. I have no idea what the PR firm is doing although I am sure it is 'muy interesante.' "

Two months later, Mike Leone, the Seltzer Caplan lawyer now famous for his voluble e-mails, vented about opposing counsel Mike Conger in a September 12, 2003, e-mail to Jacobs. "After some deliberation over here, I decided to call Conger and yell at him about the false statements in his email, rather than put them in writing and find them in Neil Morgan's column tomorrow. I think a purpose was served in that I emphatically let him know that we are keeping a close eye on him, but I don't think much can be done beyond that without blowing this thing out of proportion and ending up causing bad — or at least confusing publicity for the Retirement System." In a followup the same day Leone added: "Starbucks said that someone with my work experience could make shift manager about six months. Of course, Conger will probably sue Starbucks for making his f'ing latte wrong."

Flying high With only a few weeks to go before next month's San Diego city council elections, serious money has begun to flow. San Diego's GOP Central Committee is using its "state account" to pay for mailers, door hangers, brochures, and endorsement cards on behalf of downtown PR man Kevin Faulconer, whom the

party has endorsed to replace convicted second district councilman Michael Zucchet. As of last week, a total of \$12,543,44 had been reported. In his own campaign account, Faulconer booked a total of \$1600 from various members and employees of the Bracamonte family, owners of the exclusive Iimsair executive jet terminal on the east side of Lindbergh Field. The operation's longtime private-terminal monopoly has of late been questioned by airport authority staffers, who suggest that the lease be put out for competitive bid or even be taken over by the authority itself. Other donors with ties to the airport included Rancho Santa Fe's Bill Lynch and defense consultant Ioe Craver, both members of the airport authority board. In all, Faulconer collected \$82,800, easily outpacing Democrat Lorena Gonzalez, the second-highest fundraiser, who reported coming up with \$36,739. Her donors included La Jolla financier Murray Galinson (\$250); lobbyist Mitch Berner (\$250); backcountry activist **Duncan McFetridge** (\$250); environmental lawyer Gary Sirota (\$250); and adman Tom DiZinno (\$250).

Over in the eighth district, where nine candidates are seeking to replace the convicted Ralph Inzunza. the GOP Central Committee has so far spent \$2098.22 for door hangers and brochures on behalf of San Diego school board president Luis



Acle's \$1000 invitation

Acle. He got \$100 from business district contractor Marco LiMandri, but loaned himself much of the \$10,770 he reported. Meanwhile, Acle is also busy raising cash to repay the debt he ran up campaigning for school board last year. An event set for last night at downtown's University Club and cohosted by the GOP's Lincoln Club was ticketed at a "suggested" \$1000 per person.

**Leavings** Final cleanups from the **Alan** Bersin era are still going on at the San Diego school district. Latest departures, sources say, include attorney Tad Parzen, whose close ties to the Chamber of Commerce's Business Roundtable for Education raised evebrows when Bersin tapped him to become chief counsel back in June 2003. Also on the farewell roll: director of the district's Office of School Choice Brian Bennett, whose job was created under Bersin to promote the growth of charter schools. Before that, Bennett, an ex-Catholic school principal, worked for School Futures, a pro-charter school foundation funded by the late Wal-Mart heir and Bersin champion John Walton. Meanwhile, ex-board member **Ed Lopez** is departing his "government relations" gig at Cox Communications for a job with San Diego Gas and Electric.

- Matt Potter

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# **Good Deeds, Bad Deeds**

By Don Bauder

an Diego entrepreneur David Perez loves to talk about his good deeds: last month, he got reams of local and national publicity

after he rounded up airplanes to fly evacuees out of hurricane-battered southern states. But he refuses to discuss how one of his companies that went down in flames became a major money drain on a hedge fund that's been charged with fleecing investors of \$65 million.

Perez told the media during the Katrina rescue that God has blessed him financially. But Perez doesn't want to discuss how those investing money with him — particularly one of the indicted hedge-fund principals — were not so blessed.

The gist of the story is spelled out in the report by the receiver who's probing a San Diego Ponzi scheme allegedly perpetrated by Global Money Management and its general partner, LF Global. Managing the combined operation were Marvin Friedman and Paul Levy. They have been cited for securities fraud by the Securities and Exchange Commission and have been charged criminally with mail and wire fraud, money laundering, and conspiracy by the U.S. attorney's office.

Friedman and Levy have

pleaded not guilty and are blaming each other for the fund's collapse, says Faith A. Devine, who is prosecuting the criminal case for the U.S. attorney's office.



David Perez

Friedman ran an exotic options trading program. Levy was to look for emerging companies to invest in. Friedman had been disciplined four times and barred from the investment business by the National Association of Securities Dealers, but customers didn't know that, according to the report

by court-appointed receiver Charles La Bella. Many of these details are also in the criminal indictment and the complaint by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

LIGHT

Investors put in \$109.8 million. They lost \$65 million, according to the most recent estimate, which is likely to be reduced. Some investors pulled out a lot of money before the crash. LF Global misappropriated \$20 million and Levy pulled out almost \$19 million, according to the receiver's September 23 report. This spring, U.S. District Court, citing"ill-gotten funds" from the adventure, imposed an asset freeze on Levy's estate.

Global Money Management began as a hedge fund, but at some point became a Ponzi scheme, in which early investors are paid off with funds from new investors, says La Bella. "Global Money Management failed when LF Global could not raise new investor money fast enough to cover the combined cash drain of withdrawing investors, investment losses, and its own mismanagement and perfidy."

Friedman told investors he was making a 30 percent annual profit. Actually, he was losing 50 percent a year, says the receiver's report.

> One of the worst investcontinued on page 8

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# **Neal Obermeyer**



# **Bird's-Eye Lowdown On Downtown**

By Scott Barnett

ew legislators have had as great an impact on San Diego as former state senator James R. Mills. Recently, in a Coronado café,

he sat down for an interview.

*Today there is a proposal to the* City of San Diego by John Moores's development company to build a Ballpark Village, to build condo towers and retail and other uses. And the port apparently has concerns because of the project's proximity to the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. If these condos go up, the residents may complain about activity at the marine terminal. What do you think about that?

John Moores has hired Steve Peace. Steve Peace is not cheap. Steve Peace costs a lot of money.

So far John Moores has gotten everything he wanted from the City of San Diego. There's nothing that he's asked for from the city council of San Diego that he hasn't gotten. The cost

from the Tenth Avenue terminal? Well, he might be. But I don't think that's a reason to spend a lot of money on Steve Peace. I think a reason to spend a lot of money on Steve Peace is that John Moores presently owns the city council of San Diego. He does not own the Port District. He wants to own the Port District.

Why does he want to own the Port District? I think what he's after is the space of the Tenth Avenue terminal. Seems to me that what makes sense for him to be spending so much money on is that if he can get his hands on the Tenth Avenue terminal space, he could build a few billion dollars' worth of condos there.

There have been reports that Steve Peace has been hired to



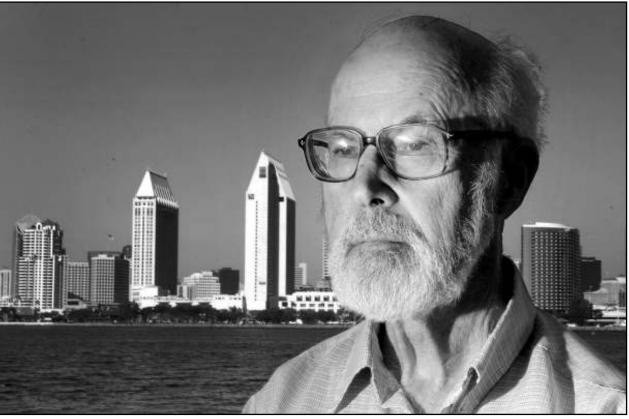
Iohn Moores

to the City of San Diego has been enormous. What is he after here? Is he really concerned that people who have bought condominiums in this project of his, or have bought space in this project of his, are in the future going to complain about traffic being moved either decouple the city from the Port District or disband the Port

That comes under the heading of common knowledge.

What's your prognosis?

My prognosis is as people figure out what John Moores is up to that he will fail. I am



told that Steve Peace is now going from one member of the legislation to another trying to find the author for the bill. It seems to me that members of the legislature from San Diego County will not be able to go along with what appears to be a political power grab on the part of John Moores.

What are your thoughts on the proposed downtown library?

The siting of the library downtown and the determination to build a library downtown right next to all this property that the City of San Diego has given to John Moores at bargain prices — it's done because John Moores wants it that way. That's why it's being put there. That's not a good place for a library!

Why would John Moores want it down there?

Because having it there means that the property immediately adjacent, which he's planning to develop, he can say, "The library's right here next door." It'll add value to the property that he was given at bargain rates by the city, which is another scam. The library's a scam from the beginning.

So you think the main library shouldn't be built downtown?

I think there is no need for a major library structure downtown. It seems to me that the present library could be repaired and serve as a downtown branch. With the City of San

Diego in the financial shape it's in, they should look for some cheap place to put the library's headquarters functions; that is, storage of books, repair of books, continuing all of the electronic functions. Because nowadays, in the age of computers and electronics, these are the most important of library functions. There's no reason to put these things downtown. A cheap warehouse someplace else would work fine, as far as the headquarters functions are concerned.

What about the iconic aspects of having the monument to knowledge and learning?

I think it isn't worth the money.

So why do you think...

Also, this whole thing with Rob Wellington Quigley has been scandalous from the start. Rob Wellington Quigley was retained to design a library at 12th and C Street. He designed a library that was too expensive to build, so they decided not to build it.

Then Rob Wellington Quigley was retained to design a library on the property at Great America Plaza [now One America Plaza], the north half of that property. He designed a library that was much too expensive to build, so the city council decided not to build it. Then the decision was made to build a library down next to the property that was being conveyed to John Moores. And

the mayor, Susan Golding, said, "We will have an international competition and invite designers, architects from all over the world to compete." And they had competition from notable architects from all over the



Susan Golding

world, and one was chosen by the board that had been given this responsibility. And Susan Golding said, "Oh, we don't need to hire somebody from out of town. We can have Rob Wellington Quigley do it."

Why is that?

Because the reason she did everything.

Enlighten me.

She was a corrupt mayor. How was she corrupt by urging that Rob Wellington Quigley design her library? How would that be corrupt?

I don't know. But I know that the whole process stank. What did she get from Rob Wellington Quigley, or what did she get from somebody for that? I don't

know. What was it about Rob Wellington Quigley that caused her to hire him three times after a body which had been constituted to choose an architect chose somebody else with an international reputation,



and the mayor said, "No, we won't do that now, will we? We'll have Rob Wellington Quigley do that." That smells to high heaven.

Do you think that the public should play a role in building stadiums and ballparks?

I know what she [Susan Golding] got for the sweetheart deal with Alex Spanos. He became the chair of the financial committee for her campaign for U.S. Senate. I think paign for U.S. Senate. I think that the public will be sold a bill after of goods. I think the public continued on page 8

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ments involved David Perez. In 1994, he had formed a company, Com2001, a developer of communications software. According to La Bella's report, both Levy personally and LF Global were trading in Com2001, which in its later vears became known as alexis communications. "Paul Levy owned or controlled several million shares of alexis and was actively trading during the same time period that LF Global was buying shares," says the receiver report. (There is an ethical question whether Levy should have owned and traded shares personally while the hedge fund he co-controlled was also buying.) LF Global invested a total of \$2.89 million and "ultimately received \$7,906 from its bankruptcy estate," says the receiver.

That was an almost total wipeout. However, the receiver was wrong: Com2001/alexis didn't actually go bankrupt. It was dissolved in 2002. "The common shareholders got no money out of the deal," says

Richard Kipperman of La Mesa's Corporate Management, who handled the dissolution. "Creditors got very little if anything at all." In addition to buying stock, LF Global had advanced the company a loan of \$1.15 million, says Kipperman.

He suspects the company failed because its technology didn't measure up. Peter S. Buswell, who was chief operating officer in the company's waning days, says that the company's major customers "filed bankruptcy in the dotcom crash." And after 9/11, "venture capital funding dried up instantaneously."

In the summer of 2001, a venture capitalist put around \$10 million into the company, says Buswell. The venture investor became chief executive, replacing Perez, who stayed on as second in command. When the business failed, the assets went to the venture capitalist, but Kipperman doubts they had much value.

There are distinct footprints in this story. An investment banking firm, Granite Financial Group, "maintained its headquarters in the same office suite" with Global Management and LF Global on El Camino Real in Carmel Valley, says the receiver. The hedge fund did some of its business through Granite. Over four years, \$7.08 million went into the Global account at Granite, generating a negative return of 90 percent, says the receiver.

Granite also managed accounts for Friedman's family, and there is "some evidence" that Friedman at day's end gave winning trades to his family and the others to Global, according to the report. This practice, called "cherry-picking" on Wall Street, has led to fraud convictions in other cases. The receiver has entered claims against Granite.

Perez's Com2001/alexis communications was in the same building complex as Granite and LF Global. Perez spent a lot of time at Granite, according to Darren Caris, a former Granite official who left to form his own firm. Others say that Granite Financial personnel invested in Com2001/alexis.

When Perez announced his Katrina relief effort, the first sponsor he named was Granite Financial Group.

Charles Goldberg, attor-

ney for Friedman, says Levy and Perez had a "personal relationship," but Friedman didn't know Perez. "To my knowledge they [Levy and Perez] did know each other but did not have an ongoing business relationship," says Tom Connelly, one of Levy's attorneys. He says that Friedman was close to Granite, and it's logical to assume that Levy met Perez and got into Com2001 through Granite, with Friedman making the introductions. Neither Devine nor the receiver's office knows the details of the Perez/Levy/ Com2001 association.

Late last year, Perez became chairman and chief operating officer of San Diego's Surge Global Energy, which is trying to develop oil and gas in Canada, Argentina, and Texas. Until 2003, it had been a tobacco company named Havana Group. Within two months of Perez's appointment, the stock shot from \$2 to \$4, but it has since nestled back to \$1.55. He has options to purchase 4 million shares for 65 cents each and has a \$250,000 base annual salary.

The company's website talks glowingly of oil and gas prospects, but its government filings are not upbeat. The company has not yet produced any revenue from operations. It has a cumulative deficit of \$12.3 million and lost \$1.6 million in its most recent quarter. It has only four employees. Because of limited capital resources, it pays its nonemployee service providers in company stock. Its auditor says that because the company is having difficulty generating sufficient cash flow to fund operations, there is "substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern"

Surge's stock trades on the over-the-counter bulletin board, which is not part of Nasdaq, and is speculative by its very nature. And the fact that it's an oiland-gas issue can make it even more speculative, says David Allen of North County's Palomar Equity Research. The company admits that it could have a hard time raising capital and that its stock could be "extremely volatile."

The company's project in Alberta, Canada, "does hold potential," says Allen, but oil there is "very thick, a molasseslike substance which does not flow easily."

Neither Perez nor Daniel Schreiber, chief executive of Granite, returned repeated phone calls and e-mails. I initially called and e-mailed both on October 4 and October 5. Although not responding to my call or queries, Perez appeared on a Society of Professional Journalists panel at San Diego State on October 5 and gave journalists a report card of A for covering Katrina but F for being "predators." ■

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will be given a program that they will vote for which will be of enormous benefit to Alex Spanos.

Do you think it's inappropriate for tax dollars to be used for stadiums? Qualcomm initially was built with taxpayers' dollars after a public vote. Was that inappropriate?

Yes, that was inappropriate. I think that San Francisco showed the right way.

Because their baseball park was almost all privately financed? Yeah, yeah.

The proponents argue that the redevelopment being spurred by the ballpark will more than cover the ballpark's cost. Do you think that's inaccurate?

I think it's false.

What about the convention center that the port and the city built on port tidelands? Do you think that's an appropriate subsidy?

Well, I don't think it's worked out very well. The people of San Diego were asked to vote for that, and they did. And they were given the understanding that it was going to create a great deal more of convention activity than it has. Because there's a lot of competition for convention business.

Do you have any thoughts on the pension underfunding and the current financial crisis that the city's going through? This seems to be happening in other municipalities, counties, and states, including California. Why does this occur?

I think some people ought to go to jail, wherever it's happened.

Meaning the elected officials, the union officials?

Yeah, certainly the union officials and probably some of the elected officials. This is criminal conduct on a major

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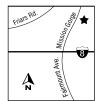


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scale. This isn't small-time fraud; this is really big stuff!

Why do you think this has happened in the last few years as opposed to in the past? What's changed in the political dynamic in this country and the state to make this happen?

More people have been taking the easy way out. I was on the pension board for quite a long time on San Diego Transit. I'm happy to say that while I was there the fund was sound. And it doesn't take a lot of common sense to keep a pension fund sound.

Why wasn't it a problem in the past? Why all of a sudden did it start to turn up on a wide scale? It started to turn up on a wide scale because various politicians figured, "Oh, these people can help me politically."

Do you think elected officials have the skills and wherewithal to make these kinds of financial decisions?

I think there's been a state of decline in the quality of elected officials.

And why's that?

Various reasons. At the state level it's clearly term limits. Term limits [are] catastrophic. When people voted for term limits, people said, "We want to be governed by ignoramuses. We want to be governed by people who don't know what they're doing."

And you think that's been the major factor in the lessening of quality of elected officials?

Yeah, I think it has. You have term limits on the San Diego City Council. In times past, I think when you had people who had been around for ten years on the council and had begun to understand some of the issues, there was somebody there to say, "No, we shouldn't do that." Nowadays people on the state level, on the city level have no institutional memory; they don't know why things are the way they are.

The voters move them around, recycle them to other offices?

Yeah. The problem with Dick Murphy, obviously, from the start, was that he simply was not up to doing the job. He was not competent to be mayor of San Diego.

> He was a Harvard MBA. Yeah, I know.

Does educational background help with someone's view of these financial challenges?

Apparently not. I never had the feeling Dick Murphy understood — watching him — that he knew what he was doing. I

# WHO IS JAMES MILLS?

James Mills, 78, served in the California State Assembly from 1961 to 1966 and in the California State Senate from 1967 to 1982. From 1971 to 1980, he was the senate's president pro tempore.

As a senator, Mills played a major role in encouraging historic preservation. The Mills Act, passed in 1972, offers a 30 to 70 percent reduction in property taxes to owners who maintain their historic buildings.

But Mills is probably best known for his leadership on transportation issues. In 1971 he coauthored the Transportation Development Act. which created the largest public transportation funding pool in any state. A member of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board for 11 years, and its governor-appointed chair for 9, Mills is known locally as the Father of the San Diego Trolley.

served with him; he was on the MTDB board. I served with him, and he always gave the impression that he was so much more intelligent than anybody else there that we were hardly worth talking to.

And was that a misimpression?

I would say that it was.

Do you think either Jerry Sanders or Donna Frye can get the City of San Diego out of this financial mess?

It remains to be seen.

You're such a politician! [Laughs.]

I have no idea. I thought Dick Murphy was capable of being mayor of San Diego. I supported him against Roberts, which was the right thing to

do when it was all said and done! [Laughs.]

But Ron maybe has more financial expertise?

I think Ron...yeah...I think Ron probably understood the issues better. But Ron had...his problems are all a matter of personal relationships. Ron upset people when he didn't need to.

Give a little background on why you pursued legislation to create the Port District. What was the reasoning behind it?

The Port of San Diego was created by legislation, and it was carried by state Senator Hugo Fisher and me in 1962. We did it in response to a request on the part of the director of the Harbor Department of San Diego. His name was John Bate.

CITY LIGHTS

John Bate had pioneered the development of additional maritime traffic for San Diego by developing the plan for the Tenth Avenue terminal and then persuading the city council to put on the ballot a bond issue to build the Tenth Avenue terminal. John wanted to expand the Port of San Diego's capacity to handle cargo, and the only place to do that was the waterfront of National City. But National City did not have the resources to build anything on the waterfront. The measure required of the San Diego Port to secure bonds to develop a freight terminal on the waterfront in National City.

[John Bate] came to Hugo Fisher and to me separately and asked us to introduce legislation which would provide for the creation of the San Diego Unified Port District. We carried that legislation, and it was adopted in 1962 and signed into law by Pat Brown as governor.

The Port District Act said that the district would be created by a favorable vote from the people in the cities on San Diego Bay, because the tidelands of the state had been conveyed to each of the cities within their city limits, and to transfer those tidelands to the Port

District would require a vote under the terms of the act. The vote was an inside and outside vote; that is to say, it had to be favorably voted on by the people within the city of San Diego and within the other four cities. That was on the ballot in 1962, and it was approved.

Why was it in the best interest of San Diego to join with the other smaller cities?

The City of San Diego opposed the creation of the Port District. So did most of the other cities. They did not want to give up control of their tidelands. The idea of doing this in order to develop maritime freight appealed to the voters. And the voters voted to create this additional district in spite of the opposition of the cities.

Why was this good?

It was good because it was necessary in order to develop the tidelands of National City to build that terminal — a major terminal. The effect of this was to greatly expand the capacity of the Port of San Diego to handle maritime freight. So today, a major part of the maritime freight handled by the Port of San Diego is automobiles, which move in and out of the National City terminal.

Do you think that the cities have benefited?

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Clearly the cities have benefited greatly. The City of Coronado benefited because that large park, which is just north of the bridge, was created by the Port District on tidelands. What had been there before was a slum. It was a slum of housing erected by the United States government to house defense employees and armed servicemen during the Second World War.

The City of Chula Vista benefited greatly because it has a really splendid marina, which was built by the Port District, and this was of enormous benefit to Chula Vista and its tax base. All those boats there are a source of income for the City of Chula Vista.

The City of National City got a major cargo-handling terminal and all of the revenue — tax revenue — that comes from it, and, also, at present, a marina is being built in the tidelands of National City.

And how about Imperial Beach?

Imperial Beach has just gotten the income from it. Imperial Beach has been very happy with getting the income.

What about the "equity issue"

that's raised by some of the cities, especially the City of San Diego, that the revenues generated, for instance, by the City of San Diego are disproportionately spread around the bay?

Well, I do think there's a good deal of truth to it. But the question then becomes, are these improvements that have been made, are they of benefit to the general area? They clearly are. That is, the park in Coronado is used by people all over the San Diego metropolitan area. The people who will have boats at the National City Marina, and the people who do have boats at the Chula Vista Marina are not all residents of National City and Chula Vista.

Jack McGrory, when he was city manager, often talked about decoupling the city from the Port District so he could have sole control of those revenues.

What Jack McGrory was interested in, and what the City of San Diego is interested in, is not in correcting that imbalance. What they're interested in is laying hands on the income of the Port District to use for other purposes.

Presently the requirements

of the law and the practices the policies — of the Port District provide that the money that comes in is used for Port District purposes, which include maritime traffic, fisheries, tourism. What the City of San Diego wants, and what other cities want, is to take that money and use it for their pet projects. They don't like to see the money expended to improve the operations of the port. Presently what's needed more sorely than anything else is dredging to allow larger ships to come here.

Cargo ships?

Yes. The City of San Diego would much rather use that money — the members of the council would much rather use that money for their purposes than have it used to dredge the harbor for cargo ships.

So the question becomes one question becomes whether the Port District should continue in existence to promote maritime traffic and tourism and fisheries and so forth, or whether the various cities should be able to take this money and use it for their purposes.

And what do you think? I think it's being well spent

presently. I think it's being spent in the interest of the area. I think that no matter how much money you give to the cities, they'll find ways to spend it.

Today, as you know, the city is facing maybe the worst fiscal crisis in its history, and I would assume the opportunity to decouple those tidelands, or dismantle the port, and let the city have control of those tidelands could be very positive from the city council's perspective.

The city council has never changed, and the mayor has never changed, one mayor to another in San Diego. They have always wanted the income of the Port District.

Given the current financial threat and also cutbacks from the state to National City, Chula Vista, and Coronado, wouldn't it be in the interest of these cities to support legislation to decou*ple from the port?* 

The city councils, all of them undoubtedly, would say yes for the same reasons that they opposed the creation of the Port District.

And why would the legislators oppose that at this point?

It is never appropriate to solve a temporary problem with a permanent solution. Members of the legislature in the past have been sympathetic to the idea that the Port of San Diego was an important part of the economy of Southern California, particularly now, because the Port of Los Angeles — which is by far the busiest port on the West Coast is overloaded. They are turning away ships. Some of those ships are coming here. Some of those ships can't come here because they're too big. Dredging is needed to handle them.

When David Malcolm was chair of the port, he said that he thought dredging and having more cargo ships — "these big, ugly, rusting cargo ships" might be counter to tourism.

As far as ships being a deterrent to tourism, the opposite is true. People enjoy eating at the Bay Beach Cafe in Coronado and looking across at the ships tied up at the Tenth Avenue terminal.

Imperial Beach continues to be the poor stepchild of the Port District and has not generated much income. The port expanded control a few years back to include the Imperial Beach beachfront. How did that come about and is that appropriate?

[Imperial Beach] wanted money for [beachfront services]; that's how they thought they could get it. That's how they did get it. It was to give Imperial Beach money.

And why would the other port cities do that?

Because Imperial Beach had a vote on the board. The way the board is made up, there are four members from the four South Bay cities and three from the City of San Diego. So if the four South Bay cities get together on anything, they can get whatever they want, which probably was a flaw in drafting the measure.

If the composition of the board was flawed, how ideally do you think it should be constituted?

Four and four. I think it should have been four members from South Bay and four from the City of San Diego.

I see. Sounds like stalemates are possible with that.

It means you'd have to [create] consensus to take important actions.

You mentioned that the port tidelands are supposed to be continued on page 14

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# Lowdown downtown

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used for maritime, tourism, and so forth.

And fisheries.

The port spent \$21 million to purchase a parking lot off of port tidelands, which is being used by the ballpark project. The rationale was that it would be overflow for the convention center parking. [This property was recently conveyed to the city's redevelopment agency.] Is it appropriate for the port to get involved outside of the tidelands?

I thought it was stretching the point. If they can come up with some justification, this is a precedent that might result in similar actions. I don't think that anyone — any reasonable person — thought that that parking was being provided for the convention center.

Why would the other port cities support something that was clearly a project of the City of San Diego and would not benefit the Port District?

I don't know. I don't think anybody knows the answer to that question except the people who were involved.

Just going back to the process for a second. If a city wanted to disband the port, or get out of the port, would it require legislation? Would it require a vote of the port cities?

It would clearly require legislation. The Port District was created by a vote, and I assume that a vote would at least be appropriate before any city could withdraw.

Would a vote be mandated?

No, not necessarily.

So in theory, could the state legislature amend the legislation to allow a port city to with*draw or for the port to disband?* 

You'd have to ask a better lawyer than I for an answer. I'm not a lawyer. But you should recall that Steve Peace put in a bill in effect to take the airport away from the Port District, although the voters in San Diego had voted to create the Port District and to have the Port District to take over the municipal airport.

Senator Peace repeatedly has said that the port was created because the Harbor Department of the City of San Diego asked the state legislature for money to cover the deficit of its operation. There's no truth whatsoever to those statements, which he is on record as making, because the Port District of San Diego was not operating in a deficit; it was operating at a profit.

Specifically, he said that this [port legislation] was wanted by the Harbor Department of San Diego in order to take advantage of the revenue coming in from the tidelands in National City. That's exactly what he said — and at that time there were no revenues from the tidelands in National City because the facility to handle cargo had not been built there. And whether Steve Peace dreamed this up or whether he just lied about it is a matter of question.

Peace sponsored legislation that was going to combine the various regional transportation agencies: Metropolitan Transit Development Board, North County Transit District, and SANDAG, as well as the Port District, which then owned the airport. What do you think of Peace's approach to combine these regional entities?

It was an ego trip, pure and simple. He started off by saying that one of the main reasons that it was necessary to create such an agency was that SANDAG must be abolished because SANDAG is so ineffective. In the final event, he carried a [different] bill that increased SANDAG's authority, because what was important to him was carrying a bill.

He wanted a bill with his name on it. Anything that he could get passed that had his name on it was what he wanted. So he started off by saying it's important to abolish SANDAG, and he ended up with a bill that augmented SANDAG's authority. And it was a joke.

So, notwithstanding the ego trip, was there any merit to the concept of combining these various regional transportation agencies and the airport?

No. What has taken place as a result of folding MTBD and North County Transit into SANDAG is that the management of SANDAG is clearly dedicated now to absorbing those organizations and is clearly dedicated to trying to make them fail in order to absorb them. Gary Gallegos [director of SANDAG] wants to make the transit operations look as bad as he can.

There are other considerations. They were supposed to be working for the improvement of transit. Those are all being shoveled aside. They are borrowing money for highway projects, including some things that are called transit projects — HOV [freeway high-occupancy vehicle] lanes. They aren't borrowing any money to deal with some of the things that are really needed for transit.

It's turned out extremely badly, and it was bound to. We had an operation as far as transit was concerned that was working quite well, and Steve Peace screwed it up totally. It is really screwed up, and everybody who's involved will tell you. Even the [staff] people with SANDAG will tell you it's all screwed up.

What about the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority?

The new airport authority was created at a cost to the public of millions of dollars every year, and they have those revenues now.

Steve Peace did not propose to create the airport authority until after the Unified Port District board [initiated] looking to build another airfield elsewhere. Steve Peace went down and raved all afternoon and said they had no authority to do that. Well, they certainly did have the authority to do that because Hugo Fisher and I had put it into the legislation in '62, that they had the authority to expand airport operations off tidelands if that seemed to be appropriate.

[Peace] ranted and raved by all accounts and then introduced a bill to take that authority away from them. And what people need to consider was that he wanted to take the authority away from the Unified Port District because the Unified Port District was proposing to look at a new

[Peace] presented [the creation of the airport authority] to the editorial board at the San Diego Union-Tribune as a step toward building a new airport, and it wasn't. It was created as a way to block the Unified Port District from doing

Do you think that the makeup of the airport authority will constrain its ability to site a new or expanded airport in San Diego?

Yes, it will be more difficult. That's only one factor.

The other factor is that I and others said that the Port District had been given the airport by the voters of San Diego. [The airport] should not be taken [away from] the Port District except by the voters of San Diego. Steve Peace came up with another approach, which is there would have to be a vote to approve any new airport.

When you consider the question of where the airport should be — and you have to get a majority vote for it — it's difficult because of the voters of San Diego County. You'll find a certain number of people will say the airport ought to stay right where it is. You'll find a certain number of people who will say the airport ought to be in East County, like [Congressman] Bob Filner says. Some people will say it should be down in South Bay. Some people will say it

should be at Miramar. Some people will say it should be further north, on the dry lake by Lake Hodges or someplace. Other people will say other things. Some people will say it ought to be offshore — there are those who advocate that.

So you might find that, say, if the decision of the airport authority was to go to Miramar, the vote on that might be as much as 35 percent or maybe even a few more. And that would be more popular than any alternative, but it wouldn't be 50 percent.

And Steve Peace knows that. And I think he put in the bill to keep the airport from moving because he and his closest friend, Dave Malcolm, have repeatedly said they're opposed to moving the airport.

Why would they be opposed to moving the airport? Why would they care?

I have no way of knowing what's in the mind of Steve Peace or Dave Malcolm, but I suspect it involves somebody making a lot of money.

Steve Peace and John Moores were invited by e-mail to respond to James Mills's comments. Peace replied:

"I have a great deal of respect for Senator Mills and understand the pride he takes in authoring important landmark legislation in his day. Times change, the needs of the community change. I know he takes changes to laws he worked on very personally and

Moores did not respond. ■





# LETTERS

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# **Mission Valley Parks**

What is this lady talking about a park at Qualcomm Stadium ("What Is Mission Valley's Future?" October 6)? Mission Valley has two of the best and largest parks in the city close by: Mission Bay Park at the west end of the valley and Balboa Park to the south. The stadium site has a gas tank farm, Lowe's/ Costco, and two freeways that border it. What a lovely site for a park??? I read once that Donna Frye wanted to do more concerts like Street Scene in this park. I can't wait to hear those neighbors complaining about the noise and other stuff if they did multiple outdoor park concerts. This is why they built Coors Amp down south away from homes originally. If they are really going to close the golf course, then that already looks like a park, so make that a park.

> Greg Flynn via e-mail

## Unbiased, Clean, Clear-Cut

I read the article on the U.S.

Navy chaplains story by your reporter Joe Deegan ("Pray in Such a Way," September 15). I'm 84. My husband was in the Navy for about 18 years. My grandson just joined the Air Force. It was a remarkable article, and I couldn't let go of it. I admire the Reader. I cut out the article, and I'm going to send it to a couple of Catholic priests that I know. This was a wonderful, unbiased, clean, clear-cut article. I think the reporter should be commended.

Lee Ramsey

# **Marvelous Writing But Sketchy Facts**

Re "Connie's Story," by Judith Moore (September 15).

Thank you for an interesting, informative tale. I especially appreciated the candor in reporting the elephants' sometimes brutish conduct, and that of other species, such as tigers and people. Also, the pecking-order aspect of their social relations seems awfully primitive for such supposedly intelligent critters, which is something probably a little embarrassing to acknowledge by elephant admirers.

Finally, I appreciated training supervisor Roocroft's admission of his ignorance of what elephants do hidden in the jungle.

On the other hand, how much of the remaining should be believed, assuming Moore merely interviewed the two park workers and of course relayed her firsthand experiences? That is, she had to take some information on faith, and she did not cite

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corroborative material for those facts, which could be verified in principle. How to tell how much we readers should believe? Here's one idea, the only one I could come up with: of the nine elephants at the park, ages were given for only five. Cookie's age was either 21 or 31 years, and Carol's was 19 or 31. Is that good enough reporting to believe the rest? I mean, age is a pretty basic feature to get right and be consistent regarding, and in these cases of missing or inconsistent reporting, Moore did not indicate that the information was not available to accurately report.

I suppose an editor might have caught this and insisted on corrections, but if an editor was employed, as I as-

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sume is Reader standard practice, then this is even more disconcerting.

It almost makes me want to research some of the "facts" reported that Moore could have independently crosschecked, such as male elephants' learning to mate by humping other males. I mean, couldn't they just watch how it's done?

At any rate, perhaps my letter will serve readers' interests by modeling a dare I suggest — intelligent way to go about reading Reader articles. That is to say, the writing is marvelous, with the possible exception of accuracy! Beware, fellow readers!

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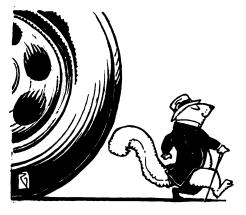
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Dear Matt Al:

What's up with road kill? You couldn't sneak up on a squirrel in the woods, but you can come barreling at him with your car and hit him. Why is he smart enough to hide in one place and too dumb to get out of his own way in another? I must know.

— A Driver, La Mesa

Road kill may be the wildlife equivalent of a UFO abduction. The next day Mrs. Squirrel is at her trailer, in muumuu and curlers, telling reporters, "Well, one minute Wardlow's out lookin' fer nuts and then there's this big suckin' sound, and the next minute he's flat and the kids are all screamin'. We didn't see a thing."

A sport utility vehicle fits nowhere into the world view of a squirrel. He knows what to do with a tree, a rock, a rabbit, a coyote, with familiar things in his environment, but there's nothing in squirrel land to match the profile or speed of a car. Unlike a human, it doesn't have movable limbs or a head as part of its outline; nor does it walk, run, hop, or slither like an animal. It doesn't smell like wildlife. So, when we walk up on a squirrel, we fit a familiar pattern. A Toyota doesn't. This is a theory of some neurobiologists, but it will be confirmed anecdotally by most birdwatchers. In a car, you can get closer to almost any bird than you can on foot.

#### Dear Matthew Alice:

In a recent discussion of nicknames applied to children, we were all stumped by my favorite, "toehead." The only thing we agreed on was that it was reserved for the very blond. Being a blond myself and a fairly smart one at that (I read "Straight from the Hip"), I have found no valid origination for toehead. Can you help?

— JL, San Diego

JL, you're about to get even smarter. First, it's spelled "towhead" and has nothing to do with having a face like a foot. "Tow" is an old English name for a skein of shredded flax ready for spinning into thread. The hanks of golden fibers inspired flaxen-haired and towheaded.

Hevmatt:

I don't understand how loofah sponges work if it takes seven years to completely replace all our body cells. If we scrape them off, how do they come back so fast?

— Trish, San Diego

Oh, Trish, where's that owner's manual when you need it, right? Afraid one day you'll be buffed and lookin' fine, but after five days of loofah action you'll be Pipe Cleaner Babe? Add a dandruff problem and you'd be Pinhead Pipe Cleaner Babe. Maybe Richard Simmons should be "Loofin' to the Oldies," scrapin' that big blubbery body down the drain. Until year seven, apparently, when you'd wake up one morning and all the cells would be reborn and your clothes wouldn't fit. Of course that ain't the way it works.

If you lock yourself in a dark, quiet closet and listen hard, that humming sound you hear is kabillions of body cells dying and being born on a three-shift schedule, 24-7. A cell in your intestines lives hard, dies young, three days from start to finish. Red blood cells and liver cells do a lot of the grunt work but survive five to six months before retirement. Skin cells live three or four weeks. They spend most of their time lurking in your lower dermal layers, waiting for their moment in the sun in the outer, epidermal layer. But by the time a skin cell reaches the freedom of the epidermis, it's dead, so when you loofah you're picking off the weakest members of the herd. Scrape too hard too often and you'll damage cells in the dermal layer.

Don't know who invented the idea that we're issued a whole new set of cells every seven years. Even a plodding scalp follicle will crank out a hair for maybe two, three years before it takes a break, the hair falls out, and a new one starts to grow.

Here's one from the vault...

Matt

In the event of a disaster like an earthquake, what would happen to legal records, financial records, etc.? If a bank were destroyed, would records of my balance be destroyed along with it? What about my mortgage payments?

— Chicken Little, San Diego

Hah. Expecting a little disaster to get you off the financial hook? Every night banks zap their daily account activity all over the state, storing duplicate info in another location, for just such an eventuality. Paper records are in concrete vaults. Some basic city and county records are microfilmed and stored in other vaults. A triage plan covers other documents. Basically, your house may fall into a crack, but your mortgage payments will still exist, and you'll still get a credit card bill through what's left of your mailbox.

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# **SportingBox**

By Patrick Daugherty

# The Next Big Thing

his is a heady time for women's golf. Two teenage challengers are coming into the game while the undisputed best female golfer on the planet is still running strong. It's as if Tiger Woods and Jack Nicholson began their pro careers while Arnold Palmer was in the sunset of his prime.

For our purposes, women's golf is the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), which (I know you'll want to hear this) was established in 1950, the same year Gene Autry's "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" topped the hit parade.

As you might imagine, it wasn't easy for the LPGA at first, so we'll skip their first 44 years and begin with Annika Sorenstam's rookie season. She was Rookie of the Year in 1994. Sorenstam won the U.S. Women's Open the following year and again in 1996.

Sorenstam, 35, has won 64 LPGA tournaments to date, including nine majors. She holds seven Rolex Player of the Year awards, and is a lock to win her eighth this year. Follows is a snapshot of her last six golfing years: she won 8 tournaments in 2000, 8 in 2001, 11 tour victories in 2002, 6 wins in 2003, 8 wins in 2004, and 8 wins so far in 2005.

Sorenstam is, by far, the tour's numberone career money earner with \$17 million and change in her account. And she possesses the exceedingly rare, universally desired, world class athletic official pedigree, meaning she makes more money per year on endorsements (\$6 million) than by way of actual athletic earnings (\$2,200,000 in 2005). I should mention she played in a men's PGA tournament in 2003, the Colonial. She shot 145 over two rounds, missed the cut by four strokes, and comported herself with enormous dignity, courage, and humor.

But, if you'll look over here, coming out of the gate, or, more precisely, coming out of the bank, is the Next Big Thing, Michelle Wie. She's starting early, turning pro at the age of 15, six days shy of her 16th birthday. Tiger, after winning six consecutive amateur championships, declared himself a professional at the age of 20.

Where to start with Wie? She was born and lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her parents had her on the golf range at the usual age, four. Wie plays golf four hours a day during the week, seven hours a day on weekends. I expect Wie to kill her parents by the time she's 40. She played in the 2000 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship at the age of 10. Two years later, she qualified for an LPGA tournament,

the Takefuji Classic. The following year she won the Women's Amateur Public Links. The following year, 2004, she played in a tournament on the PGA Tour (Sony Open), and missed the cut by one stroke.

This year, as an amateur, she came in second at the SBS Open and finished second at the LPGA Championship, three strokes behind Annika Sorenstam. She traveled to France, played in the Evian Masters, tied for second, eight strokes behind Paula Creamer. On to the Women's British Open, where she tied for third place. She was 15 years old.

The thing about the future is, nobody knows what will happen. So, we don't know what will happene to Michelle Wie. Still, that never stopped anyone from making a bet. Nike and Sony are betting \$10 million that Michelle Wie will be the next Tiger Woods.

The media is along for the ride. Last week's Samsung World Championship was all about Wie from her first drive to her DQ. Few people noticed that the winner, Annika Sorenstam, finished eight strokes ahead of her nearest competitor, the aforementioned Paula Creamer. Had Wie not been disqualified, she would have finished fourth.

Wie plans on playing both PGA and LPGA Tours. She's already played in five men's tournaments, her first one at the age of 13. Pull that off, and she'd transcend her sport, become a Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, or Babe

She is tall, beautiful, an honors student, speaks Korean, Japanese, and Chinese. She'd like to attend Stanford after she graduates from high school two years and \$30 million from

Wie already has a professional image consultant, and the William Morris Agency has taken her on as a client. It's likely she will never know a time in her life when she is not famous. I see two problems: Wie doesn't win adult tournaments. She's won one, the 2003 Women's Amateur Public Links. That's it. She seems to play worse as tournaments go on, rather than better. And, two: there's a teenager in there somewhere. Mix that with the discovery of sex, too much money, too much fame, and those parents...

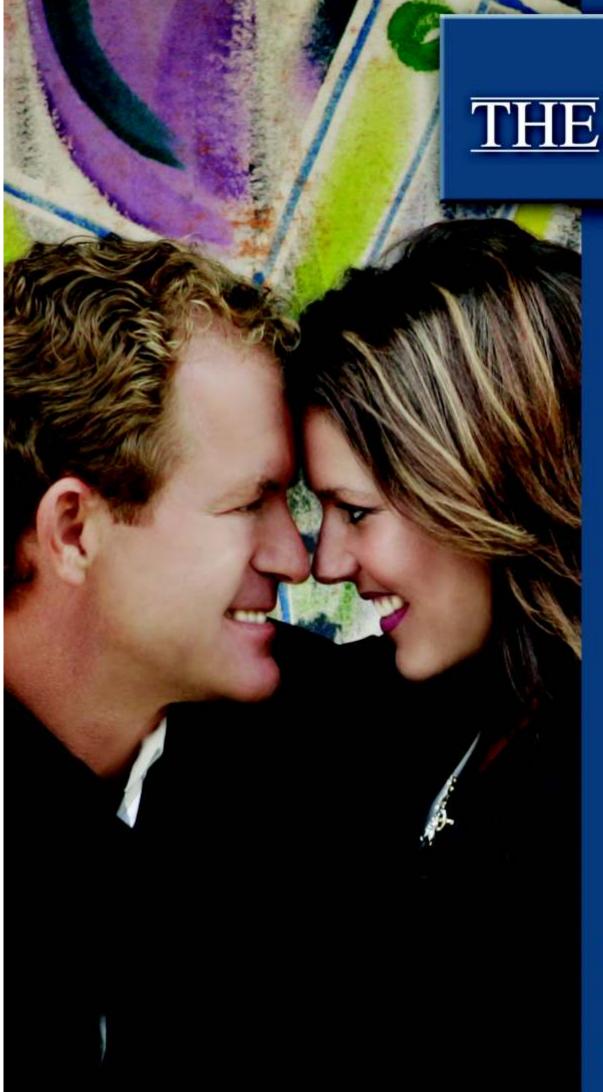
And then there is Paula Creamer, 19 years old, 2005 Rookie of the Year. Paula's had a good, albeit quiet year compared to Wie. She graduated from Pendleton High School in May and is second on the ADT money list, having earned \$1,467,504 since January 1.

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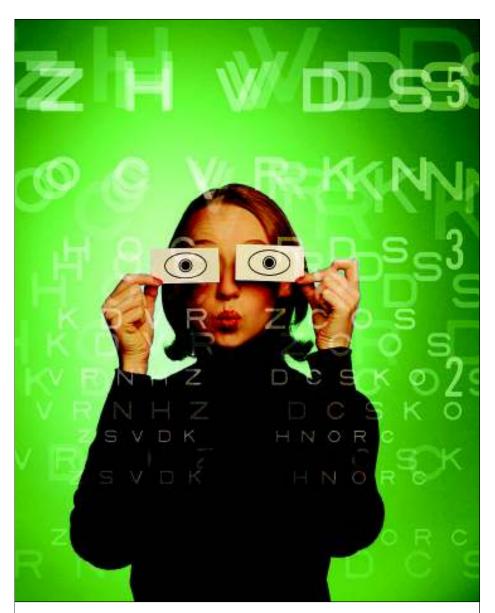
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"The Episcopal denomination has always been one of the most inclusive denominations. We don't fight over doctrine. For example, in my church we have pro-life and pro-choice congregants. My preferences are for life, but the decision needs to be based on the cir-

cumstances," said Reverend Michael Russell of All Souls, Russell declined to provide circumstances in which he would endorse abortion. "Regardless of the circumstances, we wouldn't expel someone from our church for having an abortion. My job is to teach people how to think as Christians, not what to think." Russell said All Souls falls on the progressive end of Protestant churches. He summarized his church's stance on divisive issues, "In any gray area, we would rather include people than exclude them. We are not agents of God's judgment." Russell said that many All Souls congregants left Roman Catholic and Protestant churches where they were judged for their

"People come to our church because we allow for divorce.

Sometimes a marriage is causing so much damage to the people involved that it's best to get divorced. We are very welcoming to gays and lesbians. When looking at scripture on this issue, we believe the historical circumstances have changed. Tradition, current culture, what scripture says and whether it is still applicable as it was when it was first written are elements to consider on these matters," said Russell

The Episcopal denomination has been in the press lately because of the denomination's divide over the ordination of homosexuals. "It will be sad if churches leave over this issue. I think they are wrong to leave over it," said Russell. "We've always had a 'don't ask, don't tell' policy." Russell said that the departure would be primarily from churches in the third world. "These are the more evangelical churches that hold scripture as literal. We're not a church to divide easily. I don't want to become like most of the denominational-based churches that are constantly splitting. They end up with hundreds of denominations that split over the

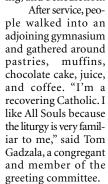
smallest of differences and interpretations."

Reverend Russell began service with a Progressive Instructive Eucharist to explain the components of All Souls' liturgy. "It is good to teach new people why all the parts of the service are there; the elements of service are not just random stuff we observe," said Russell after the service. "It also is good to remind people who have attended for years why we are doing these things. We hold a liturgy because we believe it embeds in people's lives a movement toward communion with God. We connect with our ancestors from reading the Old Testament. We read a passage in the New Testament and connect with the early church and how they encountered God. Our final reading is from a Gospel, which is the culmination of these readings and the peak of the service. The Gospel teaches us how to have a right relationship

The liturgical service included several responsive elements, such as the Nicene Creed

and the Prayers of the

People. All Souls uses a Revised Canon Lectionary that follows Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches' weekly scripture readings. Russell said All Souls has more scripture reading than most churches. In the service, Reverend Russell provided commentary on the scripture readings from Exodus, Philippians, and the Gospel of Matthew. Service concluded with communion, a blessing, and benediction.



Teshonne Harper and her family recently came to All Souls from

a Catholic Parish. "I don't like the new Pope," said Harper about the move. "When the new Pope was elected, I knew it was time for us to move on. My biggest problem was that the new Pope was a member of Hitler's Youth. The Catholic Church is not moving in a progressive enough direction for our family."

I asked Reverend Russell what All Souls teaches about life after death. "We believe in heaven and some of us believe in hell," replied Russell. "But you'll also find universalists in our church." Universalism holds that all people will be saved and go to heaven. Russell said he believes in hell. "But I don't believe it is a smoking pit of fire. People will find in death what they expect. I believe Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims are going to be okay. God's not going to condemn people based on religion. The question people need to ask is, 'HOW did you incarnate love?

— Drew E. Goodmanson



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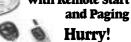
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# Dear Mr. Romantic,

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# Dear Saffron,

Recently an old friend committed suicide. It has now come to light that he racked up enormous debt, which it seems contributed to his deciding to take his life. His wife — who is Japanese and speaks English passably, but not well — was aware that their finances were tanking, but didn't know the extent of their debt. Now that my friend is gone I want to help his widow because that seems like the best way of honoring his memory, but I'm unsure what can be done about his debt and whether she must pay them. I mean, she obviously can't. He was the breadwinner. She doesn't even work. She says creditors are phoning the house night and day, being threatening, and that this had been going on for months before my friend died. How should I help?

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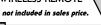
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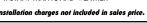




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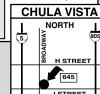


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# **BestBuys**

-EVE KELLY

For as long as I can remember, my Irish Nanna knit. Perched atop four or five pillows on the living room couch, "So I can get a good look at you," she would work away. Every day, all day she would chat and knit black socks for the boys, with a thick seam down the middle of the sole, mittens, and "knee warmers for the old

people in the nursing homes." The last comment amused me because she would say it even up into her 90s. And color was her thing. She created her knee warmers from whatever thrift store yarn Mom could find for her, thin stripes of brown, purple, turquoise, orange.

Once Mom splurged and brought home brand-new bundles of chenille pink yarn for a baby blanket. Nanna would have none of it. "It needs some more colors," she said as she added chocolate brown.

This image of Nanna knitting came to mind last week when gal pal Bernice popped over for a coffee klatch. She was stressed and worn from family issues. I thought of the relaxation that comes from creating. "Why don't you take a knitting class?" I suggested. A hopeful glimmer shot out from her blue eyes. I offered to find a beginners' class.

We have a few different ways that we help people," said Nancy Nelson, who with her mother owns Common Threads in Encinitas (760-436-6119). "We have a drop-in service for people who buy their yarn from our store. They can come in any time, and we can help with their project specifically where they are. We even teach beginners that way. They just buy their varn and sit down, and we show them how to cast on and so forth. We also have videos on our website that teach beginners for free. If they get home and forget one of the steps, the video repeats over and over the same movement so they get a little more security. And then we also teach classes. Our class schedule is fairly extensive, anywhere from a beginners' class to how to make a hat to how

to make your first sweater, or how to correct your mistakes. Our website lists the classes, and times (www. fiberartshop.com). The beginner's class [\$25 a class] shows how to get them to cast on and to

knit. The second and the third class teach how to purl and how to increase and decrease so they know their shaping. Then they are ready to knit a sweater.' Is knitting easier than crocheting?

"It's hard for me to give an answer to that," Nelson replied, "because I think they are as simple as each other or as difficult as each other. The movement is different. In crochet you have one hook that you are using; it is the repetition with one hand and one wrist in crochet. My personal feeling is that my hand gets tired faster in crochet than in knitting. In knitting the move"Knitting is as simple as two stitches: a knit and a purl."

ment is more symmetrical, so it comes off a lot faster and a lot easier. I can have a conversation while knitting, whereas in crochet you really do need to look at what you are doing because it matters where you put the hook. You can put it in the wrong place. Knitting is movement and rhythm, and you can feel the movement in your hands. You don't really have to look at what you are doing.'

Is the rhythm therapeutic?

"It's very therapeutic," she said. "Completely addicting. The first time you learn it, it feels like you are all thumbs. You're kind of awkward, and your brain is really thinking hard; you're barely breathing and your shoulders are tense and then all of a sudden it's like your brain turns off and your body goes, 'I get this now, the brain does-

n't have to help me anymore.' And then you are in a new zone.

Some people say it is like yoga, because you just get into a trance. Many studies on what knitting does to your system show that it lowers your blood pressure and helps your metabolism. Some private elementary schools teach knitting before they teach the

kids how to read or write because it helps them to under-

stand focus.

Nelson got into the nitty-gritty of the stitch. "Knitting is as simple as two stitches: a knit and a purl," she said. The knit is the opposite of the purl. What makes all the different stitches is what you do with those two stitches. You either skip one, or you drop it, or you twist it, or you knit them together. You do different things to them, and in the sequence of order that you chose to do those different things to the stitch, it creates a pattern.

"Blankets are an easy first project, though we recommend starting with a smaller project, so you can finish it and feel a sense of accomplishment. We suggest scarves, hats, mittens, or a sweater.

There are many simple shapes that you can knit for a sweater, with a bigger needle and a bigger yarn, you can have it knitted in 10 to 12 hours.'

For choosing yarns, Nelson said, We recommend two criteria to beginners. One, they've got to love it, so it motivates them. The second more important criteria is that it can't be too textured. The more texture that is in the yarn, the more difficult it is to see what you are doing. So usually people pick a really soft yarn like an alpaca that is symmetrical. It doesn't have fluffiness or nubs."

Nelson added, "There are people that knit with other mediums like soft wire, leather, ribbon, and one lady I know knits with licorice. She says, 'If it comes in a string, give it to me and I'll do something

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# BACK WHEN

# In the Reader

## **Thirty Years Ago**

Next to the donkey show, Agua Caliente Race Track is probably Tijuana's most world famous attraction. Purists contend Agua is to Del Mar what marijuana is to hashish, but the play is the same.... My father always told me a racetrack was the kindest, most decent place in the world, and that racegoers were too busy visualizing a better way to be anything but compassionate and fair.

— "FAIR PLAY FOR TIJUANA," Robert M. Cook, Jr., October 23, 1975

#### **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Time once again for me to get into my barker's costume, as one of the codirectors of the San Diego Film Festival.... Three years ago, when the festival was just a gleam in the collective eye of its directors, there was only the Unicorn working at filling this void, and only working at it parttime, and also on occasion the Ken. Since then, the Fine Arts and Guild have gotten into the act, but their sister theater, the Ken, has bowed out in deference, and the Unicorn until recently, and for more than a year before that, has abdicated its leadership role in this cause.

— "NOT NOW, I'M BUSY," Duncan Shepherd, October 23, 1980

# **Twenty Years Ago**

The eternal moment at Tug's Tavern in Pacific Beach: the Grateful Dead are plinking loudly from corner speakers, but the ball game on the television sets behind the bar is louder. A group of young hodaddies divide their attention between the game, their beer glasses, and the blonde sauntering down Emerald Street. Two biker chicks are playing pool, their faded back pockets providing points of interest to three scraggly-bearded dudes sharing a pitcher.... In a month, when Tug's closes after 17 years, everybody's favorite neighborhood, biker, cowboy, jock, family, and singles bar will be just another fallen icon.

—CITY LIGHTS: "WHERE WE USED TO RAISE A GLASS OR TWO," Neal Matthews, October 24, 1985

#### Fifteen Years Ago

"There's worse things you could do than be an Elvis impersonator all your life," he says. One of them, apparently, is being a county marshal. Dishong's dream is to give up his day job and devote himself to a singing career. He performs songs that Elvis might have sung (like Roy Orbison's "Only the Lonely") as well as songs that Elvis recorded. "I just use my natural voice,



San Diego Reader, October 25, 1990

which happens to sound like Elvis," he

— "THANKOOLAYDUZNGEMMIN, THANKOOVER MUCH...," Brae Canlen, October 25, 1990

#### **Ten Years Ago**

David Casey wakes up suddenly. He points his finger at his son. "I'm going to sue you. I'm being held here against my will. Call 911. I want my son!"

David Casey, Jr., brings out his driver's license. He shows him the picture I.D. "It's me. Dad....'

David, Jr., had thought he was losing him this time. His dad, David Casey, Sr. The guy who'd inspired him to become a lawyer; this hero of the underrepresented victims of accidents and corporate carelessness. The guy who'd started it all and went on to become president of the California bar was lying in a San Diego hospital in a state of delirium.

— "A LAWYER'S JOHN WAYNE," Bill Manson, October 19, 1995

#### **Five Years Ago**

When word broke two weeks ago that a group of local fat cats was paying for more than half a million dollars' worth of TV ads against San Diego Unified School District board member Frances O'Neill Zimmerman, the business lobby went into damage control. Tyler Cramer, a lawyer and chamber of commerce functionary, declared that the anti-Zimmerman donors - including Padres owner and high-tech venture capitalist John Moores (\$100,000), Wal-Mart heir John T. Walton (\$100,000), Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs (\$100,000), and downtown real estate mogul Malin Burnham (\$50,000) were simply worried that Zimmerman was bad for business.

—CITY LIGHTS: "ODD BEDFELLOWS," Matt Potter, October 19, 2000

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# Crasher

# TWO FOR THE PRICE OF NONE

by Josh Board

went to two parties in one day that tested my crashing ability. The first was a luncheon at Balboa Park. The ticket was \$40, but I weaseled in without paying. I did feel guilty, since the money was for the Hall of Champions, which is a showcase for San Diego athletes.

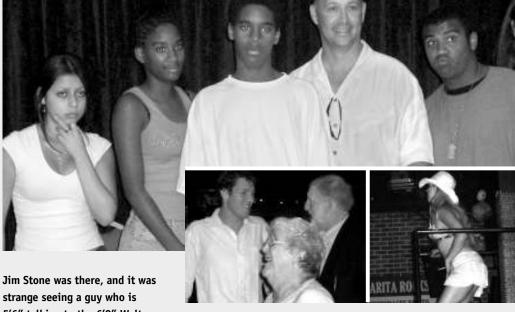
Los Angeles Laker and former San Diegan Luke Walton was the guest of honor.

A question-and-answer period preceded lunch. I considered asking Walton about Britney Spears — reports were that she had a crush on him and was hoping he'd score her courtside Lakers tickets.

Instead, I asked how his dad could be a Grateful Dead fan. He laughed and said, "You'll have to ask him about that." And since an older guy had talked about how great it was having coach Phil Jackson back with the Lakers, I said, "Your dad speaks so highly of coach John Wooden. But the Laker players must not think so highly of Jackson. He wrote a book about how much trouble Kobe and Shaq were. Can you even trust him now?"

He said, "We trust Phil. The players were bothered by his book. I think all that is behind us now, and we're looking forward to the season."

Channel 39 sportscaster



5'6" talking to the 6'8" Walton.

Walton's uncle, former NFL player Bruce Walton, was there. And Luke's grandmother was there in a yellow Lakers shirt that had "Luuuke" printed on

His former high school coach brought some of his stumade me feel less guilty about

I sat next to a woman named Mag White, who told stories about her grandkids who attend La Jolla Country Day. When I saw White's cheesecake with Snickers bars in it, I asked

hosting the Hot Waitress Contest. I talked to Adam Baker, the guy behind this event, who said, "My buddy and I saw waitresses who were gorgeous, in wife-beater T-shirts and Lakers' jerseys. We started a website dedicated to the women who have been grossly over-tipped since they earned their first

buck."

for free. Margarita Rocks was

Attractive women of all races participated. There were a lot of guys there to gawk. One wore an "I Love You, Man" Tshirt. Another looked like William Hung. I overheard a woman say, "I wouldn't sleep with him, even if he was William Hung." Her friend replied, "...or well hung."

One lady said to her friend, "That Anthony Michael Hall guy is dancing by himself. He prob-

ably will be the entire night." I looked around and saw others who looked like famous people. There were three Jack Blacks, ten J. Los, two Halle Berrys, two Pamela Andersons, four Paris Hiltons, one Chris Rock, three Bruce Lees, two Morriseys, two Courtney Loves, a Val Kilmer, a Roseanne, three Lucy Lius, a couple who looked like Peaches & Herb, and a fat guy with an Ozzy shirt who didn't look like he fit in with this

I asked Baker what he does to get waitresses to participate. He said he hands out his business card and gives them shirts. "We were thinking about ordering urinal screens. Do you know what those are? You pee on them, and it has our logo on

One guy commented that the waitress on stage was hot, but he didn't care for her stretch marks.

Baker told me that he doesn't do this to make money. "It's just your love of hot waitresses," I said.

"Exactly!" ■

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# "Did you guys ditch school to be here? We would've never gotten away with that."

dents. Luke said, "Did you guys ditch school to be here? We would've never gotten away with that."

I got lasagna and salad and sat down. I heard staff members stressing out because there were 12 extra people they hadn't expected, and they weren't sure where everyone would sit. I told them I'd help bring in some tables and chairs, which

her where the desserts were. "Sorry. I got the last piece. There was a girl there who wanted this, but she let me have it."

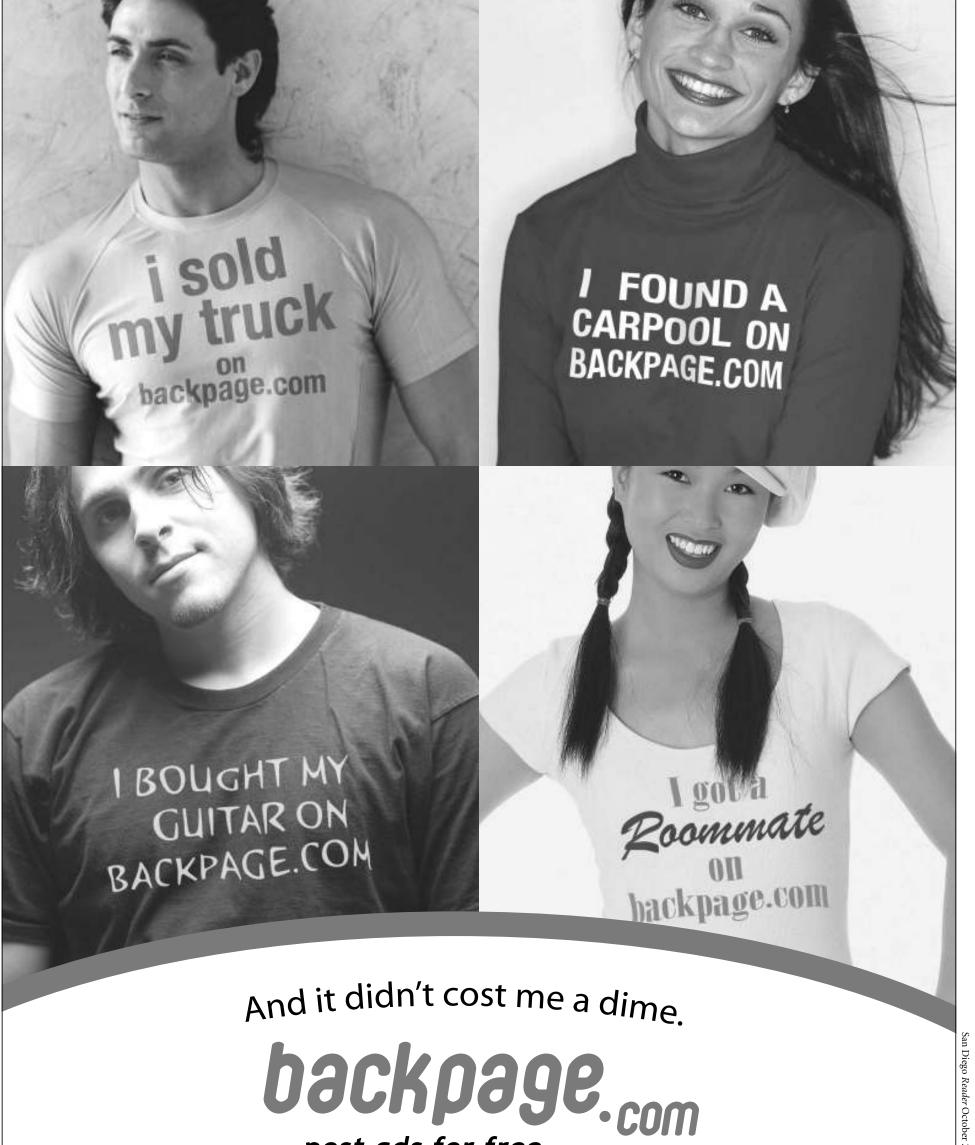
I got the feeling she would've boxed out Walton to

Later that night I went to an event at Margarita Rocks in Pacific Beach. There was a cover, but I talked my way in









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by Barbarella

# **Schwag Whore**

Go ahead and take two, girls — they're free.

— Dad

As if possessed by a petty

demon, I stood and walked

over to Kip, who was collect-

ing his beautiful basket of

goodies — the basket that

could have been mine had

chance ruled in my favor

said, half in jest. Okay, less

waiting for the punch line.

at the candles, silky scarves,

and incense that filled the

"You motherfucker," I

"What?" Kip was smiling,

I stood in silence, staring

"Did you just call Kip a

instead of his

hree...four...seven...nine!" "That's me," said Kip, a little too unenthusiastic, if you ask me. I glared at the ticket in my hand. You have failed me, I thought. Everyone else was going about their business, returning to unfinished conversations and refreshing their

It was my intention to have a small bite of my stash

each day, sav-

ing the bulk as

something to

look forward

to.

motherfucker?" asked Ollie. I hadn't realized he'd been standing next to me.

"I was kidding," I said, meeting his incredulous gaze with what I hoped was a convincing smile.

"No, you weren't," said Ollie. "You actually just called your friend a dirty word because he won something and you didn't. Admit it." Unsure of how long I could hold my composure while being called out, I took one last, longing look at Kip's prize, muttered "Congratulations," and sulked back to the couch.

There was nothing in that basket I couldn't have had for a small price. After all, the whole reason Jennifer threw this party was to offer her friends first dibs at the goods she brought back from India and Thailand before she set up shop at the Farmer's Market. It

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wasn't that I didn't want to spend money — I had already purchased a selection of pretty things. I wanted to win. And by "win" I mean "get free stuff."

"You could raffle off a barrel full of monkey piss and Barb would want to win it," I overheard David say. I chose not to argue in my favor; there was no way I could win such an argument with someone who has repeatedly witnessed my feverish collecting and hoarding of free things.

"Exhibit A: chocolate," I could hear David's voice say in my head. The victor of the chocolate incident has yet to be announced. To this day, David and I are still in disagreement. A few hours before the clock turned 12 on New Year's Eve, our friends Paul and Sarah presented us with a giant bar of chocolate from the Hershey factory. Molded onto the bar were the words "Happy New Year!" and "2005," and other images associated with partying, like noisemakers, fireworks, balloons, and party hats. We each had a few bites with our champagne, and the rest of the bar was broken up and put into a large Ziploc bag for David and me to take home.

At home I hid the chocolate in the cupboard among dozens of little Ghirardelli chocolates we had received for Christmas. It was my intention to have a small bite of my stash each day, saving the bulk as something to look forward to — a treat for *later*. This way, I could draw my chocolate-induced pleasure out over a long period of time.

A week passed before I sought out my sweet stash. That afternoon, like one who finds a 20-

dollar bill in the pocket of an old pair of jeans, I remembered there was chocolate in the house and I went downstairs to the cupboard and found...nothing. More surprised than angry, I confronted David. Where did it all go?

"I ate it," he said.

"ALL of it? How is that possible? I never saw you take one bite!"

"It was there," he said. "It's not like the world is out of chocolate, Barb. I can get you more." But I didn't want more. I wanted that very same chocolate, those gifts, those free sweets made even sweeter by the gestures to which they were attached. I would need a calculator to figure out how many times I have heard David say, "There's more at the store," in an attempt to talk me out of hoarding.

I thought that anyone who grew up with siblings would be as frantic about getting and keeping free stuff as I am. But David, the oldest of three, has somehow escaped this affliction. At our friends' wedding reception last weekend, I hovered by a table that held little boxes, each with a guest's name printed on the side.

"Can I take two?" I joked to David. He assumed I was serious

"You don't even know what's in them, and you already want more than your share?" I grabbed my box before we were supposed to and held onto it until we were invited to sit at our table. In the box, along with mints, was a rectangle of paper. On our table were three pens. I snatched up a red one.

"Okay, everyone, this is what we're going to



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do! There are pens in front of you. Please write a wish for the newlyweds on the piece of paper that was placed inside your box." I wrote my note. I held onto the pen.

"Hey, Barb, can I see that pen?" Deron asked from across the table.

"Will you give it back?" He narrowed his eyes at me.

"You're not going to keep that pen, Barb. Those are for everyone."

"There are plenty to go around," I said. "I like this one. I'll let you use it if you promise to give it back.'

Deron wouldn't promise, so, to his disbelief, I refused to pass him the pen. A minute later, Kip asked to use the pen. "Only if you use it and give it right back," I said, as though, like my glasses, I needed the pen to function. He agreed. I kept my eye trained on red tip as Kip scribbled his wish for Christy and

"Psst! Hey, Kip," Deron whispered, loud enough for me to hear. "Can I see that pen when you're done?"

"Sorry, dude. I need to give it back to Barb."

"Come on, man, Barb already used it, she doesn't need it anymore."

"Sorry, Deron. I'm much more afraid of Barb than I am of you." Kip passed me back the pen and I placed it triumphantly in my purse after shooting a poor-sport, gloating smile to Deron, as if I were 10 years old and he was one of

The next morning, with David safely engrossed in his own work, I retired to my office, where I had hidden my purse after we'd returned from the reception. I closed the door behind me and danced over to my desk. One by one, I unpacked my treasures and lined them up side by side in front of me: a colorful origami crane with my name on it (used to mark my seat at the dining table), a silver bell with a purple ribbon (which we rang whenever we wanted the couple to kiss), a tiny veil (obtaining this was quite a coup; it was the only one at our table), a box of chocolates (the parting gift to every guest), and one red pen. What a great wedding, I

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SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR JIM BURNS says people have asked him where they could buy a car like this. "Nowhere," he has to say.

When Burns and his team of engineering students designed and built the car — which they called the "Enigma" — they weren't trying to develop a commercial product. Instead they wanted to prove that it was possible to make an automobile that used no fossil fuels, got phenomenal mileage, and looked and performed like a race car.

Four years later, Burns and a new team of students are attempting to transform Chevrolet's Equinox into the kind of SUV even an environmentalist could love. Their work is part of the Challenge X competition, which is being cosponsored by General Motors and the Department of Energy. Theirs is one of 17 teams, and hardly among the front-runners.

"There are teams with \$5 million research labs devoted to automotive design and manufacturing," Burns told me recently. "And there are teams that are near major metropolitan centers that have the full support of everybody involved." At Mississippi State University, one hundred students and a half-dozen faculty members have pitched in to work on that school's entry. At San Diego State, Burns and one other professor are directing about a dozen young people. Much to their dismay, neither the university nor the larger San Diego community has offered much in the way of financial support.

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bought a kit and started building a replica of the silver Porsche 550 Spyder James Dean took his last drive in. Burns was still working on it when he decided to leave the aerospace world and return to academia.

"Working in a big place like that I saw a lot of complacency," Burns says. "It just seemed like I would fossilize there. It wasn't the bold challenge that I wanted."

Burns entered the University of Delaware Ph.D. program in engineering in 1989, and he was finishing up his doctorate when he got an offer to join the mechanical engineering faculty at San Diego State, where he expected to continue his work with composite materials. But a few months after his arrival on campus, he heard a lecture by the Oxford don and experimental physicist Amory B. Lovins and had an epiphany. Lovins, who

was known as "the father of the hydrogen economy" for his role in promoting fuel-cell research, spoke about composite materials carmakers could use to build lighter cars and argued that, if carmakers supplemented or replaced gasoline engines with electric motors, a 200-mile-per-gallon vehicle was possible. "It was inspiring," Burns recalls.

Another person who felt galvanized by Lovins's message was Preston Lowrey, the new chairman of San Diego State's mechanical engineering department, who started talking to faculty members about forming a team to develop vehicles with higher fuel economy and lower emissions. Because of Burns's background in composite materials and his automotive interests, the young professor was invited to participate.

But in August of 1996, a bizarre tragedy derailed those plans:
Lowrey and two other San Diego State professors had gathered in a laboratory on campus to hear a 36-year-old graduate student named Frederick Martin Davidson defend his master's thesis. Unbeknownst to them, Davidson had become convinced that the professors were conspiring against him. As the session was beginning, Davidson, who had once served in the Army, walked over to a first-aid kit hanging on the wall, removed a nine-millimeter pistol he had hidden there earlier that day, and opened fire, killing the 44-year-old Lowrey and two colleagues

Nevertheless, Burns's efforts have commanded the admiration of America's alternative-vehicle cognoscenti. "What Burns is doing is equal to or better than 75 or 80 percent of the other guys," Andrew Frank told me. A professor at the University of California, Davis, who's been building hybrid vehicles for more than 30 years, Frank is leading his own Challenge X team. "They're in the ball game," he says of Burns's team.

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Jim Burns is a tall, trim man, 42 and balding. He sometimes looks tired and harassed, but all signs of fatigue disappear when he talks about cars, especially hybrids. As a teenager, Burns moved to Pennsylvania to live with his father, who worked as an auto mechanic. "He owned his own car-repair business in the shop below our house," Burns explains. With his father's help, Burns rebuilt the engine of his first car and helped his dad "figure out electrical problems" in customers' vehicles.

Later, Burns enrolled at Pennsylvania State. "Composite materials were the hot topic," Burns recalls, and after graduation, he worked for General Dynamics in Texas, developing composite materials for military aircraft. But Burns never forgot his first love: In his spare time, he

from the engineering department.

"I knew him," Burns says of Davidson, who would receive three consecutive life terms in prison without possibility of parole. "He seemed a bit volatile, but no more so than other people under the stress of trying to become educated."

"Our plans, our visions got put on hold for a while," Burns continues. But after about a year and a half, an urge "to do something meaningful in the wake of such senselessness" stirred a group of students and faculty members back into action. Burns started "to think deeply about what we could do as a university to make a difference," and continuing the vehicle-development project seemed like a fitting memorial to his fallen colleagues. One thing that seemed clear was, "We had to have some

lofty goals."

The first one embraced by Burns and the students was to build a car that got at least 80 miles per gallon. "That was three times the corporate average fuel economy at the time," the professor says. "This was the goal that drove battery research and fuel-efficient vehicle design and engine research for most of the '90s."

Burns says he never gave serious consideration to building a car that would run solely on battery power, but, in fact, there were precedents for such a vehicle. All-electric cars were invented in the late 1830s; by the end of the century, they'd become the best-selling vehicles in America. The cars were easier to drive than early gasoline-powered cars, which had to be started with hand cranks and required frequent gear changes, and, unlike



Jim Burns

steam-powered vehicles, they were ready to go instantly on cold mornings. Electric cars could also be fast: In 1899, a Belgian-built model set a world land speed record of 68 miles per hour. And because they didn't burn fuel, electric cars were clean, quiet, smooth-riding, and easy to maintain. They were limited, however, by how far they could travel and how quickly and easily they could be refueled.

"Cars had replaced

bicycles as the means for affluent urbanites who could afford them to get out to enjoy the countryside," Alan P. Loeb, of the Argonne National Laboratory, wrote in a proceeding from the 1995 Business History Conference.

"Had motorists intended to drive only in urban areas, electrics might have served just as well, if not better. But urban motorists could not take a country drive in an electric [car] without the risk of becoming stranded."

With an internal combustion engine, a driver could carry enough fuel to guard against that risk. By 1904, an internal combustion-powered Oldsmobile had become the best-selling car in the United States, and in the years that followed, industrial and technological innovations further widened the gap between gas-powered

automobiles and their rivals. Ford introduced the gas-powered Model T in 1908 and started mass-producing it in 1913, causing prices to plunge and sales to skyrocket. By then, a brilliant and charismatic engineer named Charles "Boss" Kettering had invented a self-starter and done away with the daunting hand-crank. And in 1923, General Motors (which employed Kettering as its vice president for research) began selling the world's first leaded gasoline — an innovation that opened the door to the development of far more powerful engines. In 1924, the 24year-old National Auto Show failed to exhibit a single electric or steampowered car.

It took concerns about air pollution and shrinking petroleum supplies to bring talk about electric-powered vehicles back into auto-



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motive engineering offices. The process, which began in the 1960s and picked up steam in the '90s, as government actions put additional pressures on automakers, seemed to culminate in 1996, when General Motors started manufacturing its all-electric EV1. Designed from the ground up, this teardrop-shaped coupe was powered by a liquidcooled alternating-current motor and lead-acid batteries. GM boasted that the EV1 had a top speed of 80 miles per hour and a range of 70 to 90 miles, accelerating from zero to 60 in less than 8 seconds.

The vehicle "had a significant following," Burns acknowledges. "It represented 20 or 30 years of utopian dreams of what efficient transportation should be: Essentially, nonpolluting at the source. Quiet. Allelectric." But the car's fatal flaw was its battery,

which could take up to eight hours to recharge and required a special charging paddle. "The EV1 batteries didn't last long enough, so there were warranty issues," Burns says. (Indeed, only about 800 people ever leased EV1s, which the carmaker never sold, and after spending more than a billion dollars, GM announced in 2000 that the line would be discontinued.)

Burns says even back in 1997 it was clear that the problems troubling the EV1 were formidable. "Range is the big issue," Burns says. "People may only drive 50 miles a day, but they want the *ability* to drive 300.... It's that feeling that they can do what they want. It's that freedom."

If GM wasn't solving those problems, "we probably couldn't," the professor reasoned. Hybrid technology, on the other hand, seemed



Frank Falcone

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much more promising, he says, an arena where a team of upstarts might be able to come up with some breakthroughs.

The basic idea of using both a gasoline-powered engine and a battery-powered motor to propel

an automobile was not a novel one: An assortment of French, Austrian, German, Canadian, and American manufacturers had offered hybrid creations a century ago. Back then, engines weren't very powerful, and cars that employed them exclusively took as long as 30 seconds to reach the speed of 25 miles per hour.

Adding an electric motor provided a way to boost acceleration. But, the advent of leaded gasoline allowed carmakers to begin making engines that were so muscular they didn't need the added power. Of course, these bigger engines used more fuel and pumped more pollutants into the atmosphere. But at the time, skies over America were still clear, fossil fuel seemed unlimited, and cars had just solved the major pollution issue of the day — ubiquitous horse dung.

When the limits of our petroleum supply did become apparent, automotive engineers started to reconsider the question of engine size: As it happens, even the smallest gasoline automobile engine — one that provides as little as

15 horsepower — is big enough to propel the average car along a free-way at a speed of 60 miles per hour. And, of course, smaller engines use less fuel. What small engines can't do is accelerate quickly, tow, and climb hills without slowing down. For that, you need gas-guzzling horsepower — or assistance from an electric motor.

In October of 1997 Toyota announced that the hybrid Prius would soon become available in Japan. The Prius "certainly had fuel-economy targets to shoot for — a claim of around 58 miles per gallon," Burns says.

But, to Burns's way of thinking, the Japanese car had a few significant limitations. The Prius had so little battery power it could only travel at 35 miles an hour for three or four minutes before switching over to its gasoline engine. Freeway speeds on electric power alone would be





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impossible. And, Burns believed, the Prius "was a somewhat homely, underperforming car, not really in tune with the desires of a majority of American drivers." Burns believed he could do better and proposed to build a light, hybrid

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Burns submitted his

proposal to the California Energy Commission (CEC), which suggested that he do "something entirely different from what I'd proposed. They wanted to see us put together a package-delivery vehicle, like a UPS truck or something like

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Burns conceded the point, he couldn't imagine getting a group of students to work on a UPS truck. The compromise he offered was to equip his test vehicle with a power plant robust enough so that the lessons learned in developing it could later be applied to a heavier vehicle. "It helped me justify the fact that we were going to develop a hot rod," Burns explains.

In the end, the CEC awarded Burns's team about \$285,000; less than half what Burns had asked for, but enough to proceed. The commission also gave a half-million-dollar grant to Andrew Frank's team at UC Davis, which planned to retrofit a Ford Taurus to make it more fuel-efficient. Burns disapproved of the approach. "It was wrong to use public money to help fix the flaws in a vehicle that a billion-dollar company couldn't get right the first time," he said. "Why would I want to do that? I can't really design the vehicle to do its best work."

Burns knew that starting from scratch on the hybrid car would mean he and his students would have to solve more problems. "But then you learn the real things you need to learn, the things no one can teach you," he believed. "The things that only the complete system engineering can give back to you."

Burns says it wouldn't have been possible for him and his students to handle the challenge without a powerful computer program that enabled the San Diego State team to design their car on a computer, then evaluate, analyze, and modify ideas before the students ever began buying and assembling components in the real world. "We used techniques that at the time

many large companies still had not adopted," Burns says. "That gave us advance knowledge of whether there was any chance our designs would work and where the real difficulties were going to be. We could make sure we could afford things. Make sure everything fit. Perform lots of checks, like: Where is the center of gravity of this vehicle?" On a computer, Burns's team could assess how the car would behave and handle. Before the advent of such software, automotive engineers had to build their creations first and then see how they drove: "Some really bad vehicles have been built that way. And they had to take the

torch to them and try to make them better. We never had to go through that because we managed the process with the best professional tools and technologies — extraordinary for a university at the time."

As the design process unfolded, Burns and his students began shopping for key components. They needed a fuel-efficient engine with enough power to cruise



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down the freeway while turning a motor that regenerated electricity in the batteries. Those two tasks would require about 35 to 40 horsepower. They wanted an engine that was being mass-produced, so that they wouldn't have to worry about availability or reliability. "That narrowed the choice down," the professor says. "There were only three candidates."

One was a marine diesel engine. A second was being produced for an experimental aircraft. The final possibility was a turbo-charged directinjection diesel engine

being developed by Volkswagen, which had resolved to produce a vehicle that could go one hundred kilometers on just three liters of fuel. "That works out to be 79.92 miles per gallon," Burns says, "almost the same as what we were working toward."

Burns knew of "people who would say the emissions from diesel engines are something we couldn't live with." Diesels produce more oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter than do gasoline engines, and in the U.S., oxides of nitrogen and particulates are the pollutants people

have most deplored, "especially air-resourceboard members who run the air policy in urban areas." (Outside of the United States, automakers had focused their attentions on carbondioxide emissions, which are thought to be a major cause of global warming.) Burns was confident that the new designs would soon make diesel engines far cleaner. "We said to ourselves, 'There will be people in Europe who are going to solve some of the [diesel] emissions issues." He explains, "And in fact the Europeans are solving those

problems as we speak."

It was important to Burns that the car use a fuel "that you could get at a pump — because the majority of people won't buy a vehicle that you can't readily obtain fuel for." But one of his team members "made it her mission to remind us that there were biofuels out there, and they were going to come on strong." As a result, the team began to count on using a biofuel (such as soybean oil) at least part of the time. No modification of the diesel engine would be necessary to do that. "Most oil crops will burst into

flame if you compress them and heat them up. And that's all you're doing. That's what an engine does."

Having settled on VW's new technology, the San Diego State team had to order an entire Lupo (as the German vehicle had been christened). It cost \$15,000, "Relatively expensive for the kinds of benefits it gives you in fuel economy," Burns says, adding that the "square, funkylooking microcompact" accelerated like a turtle. "We've got those kinds of cars around, and Americans don't want to buy them. They're not fun to

look at. They're not fun to drive. They don't go fast." Still, the team hoped that, once they'd extracted it from the Lupo and transplanted it into their car, the German engine would have a different life.

Next, Burns and the students had to make a decision about the type of electric motor they would use. Since electric cars have traditionally gotten their electricity from batteries, and batteries produce direct current (DC), electric cars traditionally have used DC motors. These have some drawbacks when compared to motors that

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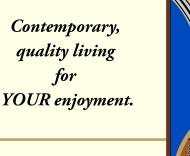
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ing electricity or they're spin, "just like a flywheel." That third, neugenerating it - and recharging the batteries tral mode is especially slows down the car. desirable, Burns says: Electric-car makers "We like to let the motor were stuck with DC freewheel sometimes. motors until the late The batteries might 1980s, when someone already be full. So what finally developed an effido vou do then? Do vou cient way of transformhave to go back to driving the DC current from ing electric?" The lighter batteries into alternating weight and higher power produced by an alternatcurrent. Motors that use this technology have ing-current motor were three modes of operaadditional enticements.

> Having identified the motor and engine they wanted to use, Burns and his team had to figure out how to get the machines to work together and turn the car's wheels. In a standard gasoline-engine

powered automobile, the engine's crankshaft connects to a transmission and drivetrain. Thus, normal transmissions only accommodate one input — from the engine. "Methods for mechanically combining motor torque and engine torque were very limited," Burns says. One solution was to let the engine drive the front axle, while having the motor drive the rear one. "This is called a groundcoupled hybrid," Burns explains. "You combine the thrust that each produces by having it drive separate sets of wheels." But having two separate drivetrains makes the whole car much heavier (and less fuel efficient), and the car's traction can be trickier to control.

Instead Burns and the team opted to develop a transmission that would take the two input torques and create one output torque. "That creates a true parallel hybrid," Burns says. In this arrangement, the electric motor can also act as a starter and a generator, eliminating the need for separate components. "It's a simpler design overall."

Designing the transmission was a fairly straightforward engineering problem. "It's not an amazing concept," Burns says. "There have been devices on farm tractors and other heavy equipment for eons that would take



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engine power and split it into two outputs: one to drive the vehicle and one to turn a piece of equipment." Designing a device that did the opposite (combining two inputs into one output) hadn't been done before because there had never been a need, but it wasn't that difficult.

Transforming the computer-based design for the transmission into a physical object was, however, another matter. "We didn't have the equipment to do it right," Burns recalls. The university did possess a computer-controlled mill, which Burns and his engineering students were able to use to carve the four quadrants of the transmission case out of chunks of solid aluminum. "But the bed travel of our mill wasn't big enough to handle each of the pieces at one time. We had to set up and run four times per side [of each quadrant],

then flip it over, and do it again." Instead of 8 machining operations, the process required 32. "That was a lot of work. But we still got it done."

Luckily, the transmission was one of the few items in the car Burns and his students had to make from scratch. They were able to buy brakes and a steering system and other parts — just as big carmakers do. "They're assemblers," Burns says. "They buy components from other companies that make those things cheaper."

But no carmaker today is equipping its production cars with high voltage, and finding the right batteries for their high-voltage creation bedeviled Burns and his students, who wanted their hybrid to be able to travel for 20 or 30 minutes on batteries alone. That's what the consumer wanted, they believed, and moreover,

"as battery storage goes up, fuel economy increases." Lead-acid batteries, the workhorse of the industrial world since 1859 (when French physicist Gaston Planté first dunked lead plates in diluted sulfuric acid and showed that current was flowing between them), could provide sufficient power — but they would burden the vehicle with a lot of extra weight. Burns believes experimental nickelmetal hydride batteries would have been much lighter, but since they weren't commercially available, they would have cost at least \$30,000. "That would have been more than ten percent of our entire budget," Burns says too big a bite, given the team's limited means. So he and the students resigned themselves to stringing 28 of the leadacids into a ponderous 360-volt package.

And yet, of all the challenges Burns and his team faced, the greatest was fitting all the parts they'd assembled into the sports-car-sized vehicle they'd envisioned. They began by looking for the best position for the batteries: Since the voltage would be dangerous to anyone coming in contact with it, Burns and his students liked the idea of confining the batteries to an "energy-storage pod" that could be sealed shut. If any problems with the electrical system developed, the pod could be unbolted and replaced with a substitute while the package needing servicing was attended to, making the car far easier to maintain.

But where to put the 650-pound energy-storage pod? "Plenty of vehicles have gotten built with so much battery mass in them in such unlikely places that they

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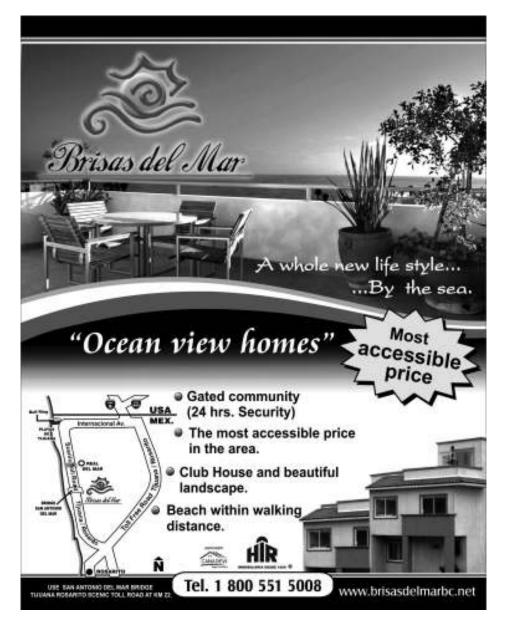
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handle like a tank," Burns says. The professor cringed at the thought of such a compromise. "Some people look for excellence in one thing, but a vehicle is not just one thing," he says. "To be credible, it has to do well in many categories. If a compromise is going to be made, you make the smallest one vou can. You don't take a whole category and not meet it. In our case, if it was going to have 250 horsepower, we wanted it to handle well and be fun to drive."

To deliver the handling Burns demanded, the development team had to keep the mass of the car low, which Burns and his students accomplished by placing the engine, transmission, and motor over the rear axle — the standard location for engines in exotic sports cars. The bulky battery pack could then be built into the base of the front of the car, a position that would optimize the handling while minimizing the batteries' undesirable properties. "They're heavy, and they take up a lot of volume, and they're lethal, and in a crash you don't want them flying up in your face."

Next, the team had to get a body for the car. They settled upon a kitcar builder in El Cajon who manufactured bodies and frames for people to put their own engines in. "He was willing to build us a custom body variant of something he was already building," Burns says. "It was called the Riot." It had an open top, a design that wouldn't deliver the best handling. But the team members figured they could make the structural frame stiff enough to compensate for that.

The students modeled the Riot's body on their computer-aided design system, then restyled it. "We made it wider and changed the headlight treatment, put cuts in different places, and put doors in it. We added some other visual details that were useful to us." While the manufacturer made those changes, the students continued to work on

fitting everything into the geometric volume represented in their digital models. "We had to grow the rest of the frame and subsystems into that space," Burns says. "And of course a driver had to fit in there,

and the wheels had to be a certain distance apart, and we were planning for tires of a certain width, and the engine and transmission module and motor had to fit in there." Room also had to be reserved for adding the other experimental components Burns wanted to test in the future, and the team had to ensure that the car would be functional and structurally sound without the body, so that they could start building it

before the completion of the eye-catching outer shell. "We just wanted [the body] to look good and be racy and be ready when we were ready."

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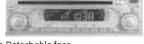
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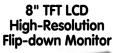
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did he actually get on the job," Burns says. He was also disappointed with the finish. According to Burns, the builder told him, "Well, you asked for it in gel-coat. It's in gel-

"No," Burns replied.

"I specifically said I wanted it paintable."

"It's paintable."

"No, I don't think you get it. It's not goodenough quality. It looks like crap. If I paint that, it's going to be wavy and

The professor says some workers at an auto body specialty shop in El Cajon finally helped him and some students refinish the surface. "We had to do a lot of painstaking work to make it look beautiful."

By that time, other problems had surfaced. Volkswagen was wrangling with the German government over tax credits for its fuel-efficient new car, so the Lupo's introduction was delayed for six months,

and the vehicle Burns ordered didn't arrive until the end of 1999. "As far as we know, we had the first one imported by anyone who was not affiliated with Volkswagen." The Lupo's late arrival threw the whole effort off schedule. Burns had used up the last of the \$285,000 he'd received from the state energy commission by March of 2000, but the car was far from complete.

To make matters worse, most of the students who had started on the project when it began had drifted away. Only one, Norm Lamar — the student who had served as the chief designer — refused to abandon the cardevelopment effort. In the end, Lamar moved into the professor's house. "He didn't want to leave the project, and it wasn't done. He and I gutted it out for nine months. We worked on this the rest of that year, all through the summer and into the fall." The car ran for the first time on electric power on the first day of classes in January of 2001.

But for the next nine months, the engine itself refused to work. In October, Burns finally trucked the car up to Fontana and raced it in the Michelin Challenge at the California Speedway. He'd recruited a few more student volunteers by then, but one inadvertently switched the wires that fed the fan that cooled the motor. "So during the Michelin Challenge, our motor inexplicably overheated and shut down. Five or six times. A couple weeks later, the motor controller caught fire.

"These things happen," Burns adds.

By May of 2002, the car was fixed and ready to compete once again, this time in a multiday road race called the Tour de Sol that began in Washington, D.C., and

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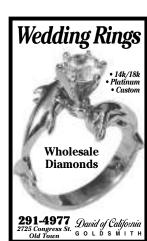
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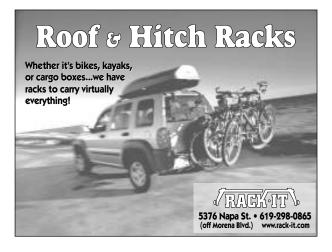
ended in New York. But in this race, water sabotaged the Enigma's chances, when rain pouring through the open top caused some of the onboard computer equipment to fail.

A triumph of sorts

finally came a few weeks later, when Burns took the car to Sacramento. "Originally we were going to meet with two or three people from the California Energy Commission," he recalls. "They wanted to look at

it. In the end there were, like, 45 people on the street, blocking traffic. We've got pictures of people randomly pulling up, stopping their big, gas-guzzling SUVs, and saying, 'Wow! Where can I get one of those?"





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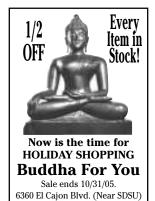
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embroiled in an electric energy crisis, and Burns felt demoralized. "Who wouldn't be?" he asks, then amends the statement: "Every time I would get down about it, there'd be some new student or new volunteer who would get so excited by the concept of a real solution that they could be part of." That would rekindle his enthusiasm, he says. "That made it worth it."

Early in 2004, a colleague told Burns about the Challenge X competition, which sounded like a perfect project to work on with a new group of students. He submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy in which he argued that San Diego State should be allowed to participate. The structure of the contest would make it a different enterprise than the one his students had engaged in while designing the sports car. Instead of a blank sheet of paper, they would start with a computer model of a 2005 Chevrolet Equinox. It has an average EPA fuel-economy rating of 23 miles per gallon, so part of the challenge would be to boost that to at least 32 miles per gallon, a 9mile-per-gallon increase. Teams would also be awarded points for minimizing harmful emissions.

They could try to achieve those goals using any technology they wanted. "In the hopes of getting high fuel economy or really low emissions or both, other people might be putting a fuel cell in their vehicle or have a ground-coupled hybrid or be working on a mild hybrid [like the Honda Insight]," Burns says. He knew that the other teams would include a number of engineering powerhouses, and Burns couldn't imagine competing head-to-head for the highest possible fuel economy. But in poring over GM's rules for the competition, he detected "a real premium for amazing performance."

The prejudice made sense to Burns. "GM has made their stock in trade putting horsepower under hoods, right? I saw the sensibilities [of the contest organizers] being much more attuned to a high-horsepower version of the Equinox." Burns's own passion was "to help push the market open

for vehicles that have the power and performance people want to buy. If you put an anemic, slow, stodgy power plant in one of these vehicles, maybe you could get 45 or 50 miles per gallon." That would be impressive, Burns acknowledges. "But I wouldn't buy the thing. There'd be no purpose in me going to the showroom to look at a car like that. Zero to 60 in 17 seconds would not do it for me." Instead he believed he and his students could transform the Equinox into a machine that would get at least the minimum amount of additional fuel efficiency required but would also have triple the horsepower it started with. "We want to go from zero to 60 in just under 5 seconds."

In early May of 2004, Burns learned that the local campus had been selected, and he

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flew to Washington to pick up a check for \$10,000. "I was told point-blank that the reason we were included was because of what we'd done with the Enigma," he says. He and his students had already

demonstrated that they could deliver a high-performance, high-horsepower but fuel-efficient vehicle. They had also modeled and tested their ideas on a computer, which GM was requiring. "The program asks

all the teams to go through a process very similar to the way in which GM designs its own vehicles," Burns explains. "They have a structured method for bringing ideas to reality." The professor points out one consequence of GM's requiring this from the contest participants is "they get to recruit people to come work for GM. They're already kind of ready to walk the GM walk. Which is not a bad thing. If you put two

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During the past 18

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"It's been a lot of

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planning — and proving to General Motors that we have the skills to succeed," says the team's student leader, Frank Falcone. "They said, 'Give us the specification of the vehicle you're going to build.' That's a document that basically outlines: This is a car that weighs this much, goes this fast, gets this much fuel economy, and so on." Later, Falcone says, the teams will be graded on how closely they hit their specified targets.

"We've had to explain how our component selection will live up to our vehicle technical specification," the student leader continues. "We've also had to show them proficiency in the tools they've given us—everything from the [computer-aided design] tools to the vehicle-simulation tools to the programming tools. For example, they've said,

'Show us you know how to program an engine controller, that you understand the logic it takes to operate this." Throughout the year, the students provided this documentation in a series of reports that culminated in a megareport on May 23. Falcone describes it as "the report that says, 'When you give us a car, this is what we're going to do and how all this is going to be accomplished."

Tall, and powerfully built, Falcone has an air of authority that seems remarkable in a college student — until he tells you that he's 31. It took a while for him to find his calling. Although he studied auto mechanics at Vista High and rebuilt countless engines, he also loved playing guitar. After graduating from high school in 1992, he got a job working for a Carlsbad company that

builds robotic fluid dispensers for the electronics industry, first as an assembler, then as a technical writer, and finally as a laboratory technician in the company's research and development department. He took music classes at night at the community colleges and formed a band, the Lobster Tank Divers. "I thought about being a business major, but I was tinkering with stuff in the lab and tinkering with my cars. One day I went [he slaps his head], 'What am I thinking? I'm an engineer!'"

He switched majors and started taking math and science classes.

One day, an engineering instructor from Palomar took Falcone on a tour of San Diego State, and Falcone saw Burns's sexy red sports car. "It peeled out, and I was, like, 'Wow. That's plain cool.' The deal was

sealed. That's when I said, 'I don't care what it takes — somehow I'm going to work on that car.'"

Falcone enrolled full-time at SDSU in the spring of 2002, but by then all the development work on the car had been completed. Furthermore, "I was an underclassman," Falcone says. "You have to get up to the junior or senior level before you know enough to do anything with it." But when he heard about the Challenge X, he volunteered to help out, and he's become so caught up in the project that he decided to pursue a master's degree in mechanical engineering, in order to stay at State after his May 2005 graduation. "I want to see it through to the end."

According to Falcone's estimate, he's been devoting at least 30 Challenge X project. "It's almost a full-time job for me," he says. "Sometimes it's 40 or 50 hours. When the work has to get done, those of us like myself are here to get it done, no matter how long it takes to do it." But, "It's fun, to be honest," he adds. He looks a little sheepish but plows on. "I just like it. Here you're working on something that's cutting edge, so everything you do is new. It's creative. You're constantly solving problems that you're encountering for the very first time. You are actually working on something that can make a realworld, positive difference."

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Falcone thinks some of the other students he's working with may be inspired by other factors. "Some are car guys. They like it because they're working on a car. They

just like engines." For others, though, the idea of "writing fossil fuels out of the energy equation" is a powerful incentive, he says. "Everyone's got their niche."

The team's morale received a boost in June, when Burns journeyed to Detroit and received word that the group would be proceeding to the next phase of the competition. In August, they took delivery of the Equinox. In year two, Falcone says, the goal is to get a mock-up of the reengineered vehicle running. "It doesn't have to be pretty," he adds. Because the SDSU team hasn't managed to raise much money to support the project, it may have to use heavy lead-acid batteries (like the ones in the Enigma), and the added weight might force the team to do without four-wheeldrive capacity. "We'll

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- Are on a stable diet, exercise, and medication regimen to control your diabetes

Qualified participants receive all study-related care and study medication at no charge and may be compensated up to \$575 for time and travel.



### Creepy, crawly legs?

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

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational medication for Restless Legs Syndrome or "RLS."

Eligible participants must be 18-75 years of age and 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.

For more information on these and other clinical studies, call (toll-free):

877-927-5337

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leave out the air conditioning," says Burns. "We might take the windows out. We might take the seats out. We really need to shed mass." But all of this won't matter, Falcone says. In the second year, "We can try to fund-raise like crazy, and then in year three, we can get better batteries. Year three is about making it look like a finished product."

Money will be the grease that lubricates whatever work remains to be done. Burns says the engineering college has promised at least to match the \$10,000 in seed money provided by GM last year. And GM is also giving each team \$25,000 worth of parts from the company's stock inventory. "But often the components that you want are not GM components," Burns says.

"I've been on TV three times asking for help. But not much has happened," he complains. "I mean, surfing's great, but it's not a job base. This is one of the hottest places in America for aftermarket automotive activity. Speed shops and race shops and engine builders they're all over the place in this county." A few donations have trickled in, but nothing approaching the \$150,000 that other teams are raising.

Compounding the team's difficulties, Burns says, San Diego State's engineering department has forbidden Burns and his students from contacting a number of potential sponsors. "There are larger programs. Bigger fish," he explains. "I feel like an army commander who's holding the gun with the

bayonet but no bullets and being told, 'Go slay the enemy.' Sure, we have a chance. We could get lucky. But I don't like to be lucky. We have the ability to win this competition, but it will take the investment and involvement of other people to make it happen."

To spark that involvement, Burns's students are pinning a lot of their hopes on the Enigma. They've rebuilt the transmission to strengthen it and replaced its aging batteries. "A decision was made that this car would be put back together and put on the road the right way," says Falcone. "When it's running up and down the freeway and people can see it, that's what'll make an investor say, 'Wow! Maybe it's worthwhile to open that wallet up a little.' We need to be able to

take someone for a ride. That's what sells cars." Falcone says the students have even been talking about taking it on a coast-to-coast ride without stopping for gasoline. There's room in the back to store extra fuel. It would be a stunt, Burns says, but it might be an attention-grabbing one.

Burns reflects for only one or two beats when he's asked what difference it will make if the San Diego State team wins or loses the Challenge X competition. "There are people who won't buy a hybrid until an American car company makes one," he says. "There are people who will not buy a hybrid until it meets their power requirements. There are people who won't buy a hybrid because they've never seen one that they would be caught dead in." Winning the contest would work toward

eliminating all three hurdles to hybrids winning wider acceptance, he argues. It could demonstrate "the power potential is there." That in turn may get "people to think and react and move towards a solution, and that pressure will allow the people who run bigger car companies to respond to it. If there's no demand, it's hard to come up with a supply. But if you can artificially create demand by informing, educating, and thrilling the public, that has some influence. It's the only influence that I feel we can have right now."

The likelihood of hybrids becoming commonplace on the roads of America is something that's "driven by politics," the professor reflects. "It's driven by the price of fuel. And I suppose in some sense it's driven by the mythical practicality

of fuel-cell vehicles." He thinks if fuel-cell vehicles ever become a reality, the first ones that will go on the market will resemble the Volkswagen Beetle or Rabbit, in terms of performance. "And most people wouldn't take that," Burns predicts. Making them more powerful won't be a simple matter either, like making the cylinders bigger in a gasoline engine. "You'll really have to redesign them for higher power. It will be like having to do the job over again." Until that happens, if cars are going to be hot rods, they're going to be hybrids," he says. If you want excellent fuel economy and "you're still going to pursue the American dream of free and easy driving on the highway with gumption under your right foot, you're going to need a hybrid." ■

— Jeannette De Wyze

#### RESEARCH STUDIES

# 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 1-877-92-SLEEP 1-877-927-5337

### Are you a <u>Type 2 Diabetic</u> having problems controlling your blood sugar?

If so, you may be able to help out with a clinical research trial studying the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medicine.

If you qualify, you will receive all study-related care and study medication. Financial compensation for time and travel is also provided.

For information, please contact:

Mary Lou Fuller, RN 858-613-2965 ext. 251





### Schizophrenia Research Study

OFS OFTIMUM HEALTH SERVICES 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
- 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

For more information or to see if you or someone you know qualifies, please contact Innovations in Behavioral Health: 888-586-6362

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## Insomnia?

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:

- 65 years of age or older
- 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.

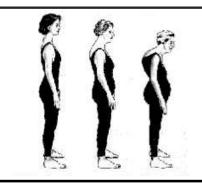
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### **Postmenopausal** Women **Needed For Research Study**

**Attention:** 

What the development of osteoporosis and height loss with age looks like

Radiant Research San Diego is evaluating an investigational medication for low bone mass in postmenopausal women. We are looking for postmenopausal women who may be interested in participating in a one year study for the potential treatment of low bone mass. A bone density scan will be offered to determine if you have low bone mass.

### To possibly qualify you must be:

- At least 5 years since last period
- In good health
- Not on Fosamax or Actonel for more than 1yrs
- Between the ages of 45-75

If interested in learning more, please call Mon-Fri at:

619.209.6555

9665 Chesapeake Dr., Suite 200, San Diego, CA www.radiantresearch.com

### Study will include:

- · Bone density scans
- Physical exam
- Blood & urine test EKG
- Calcium & Vit-D supplements
- Spine x-rays Stipend



### **BIPOLAR DISORDER DEPRESSION SCHIZOPHRENIA**







Researchers at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital are currently enrolling subjects into inpatient and outpatient studies. Eligible participants will receive all study-related care at no cost, and will be reimbursed for time and travel.

For more information, please call the Clinical Research Center at (858) 694-8350.

> Clinical Research Center SHARP Mesa Vista Hospital

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### **Is That Vaginal Infection Back Again???**

### ...Time For A Different Approach...Research Study

A 9-month clinical research study of an investigational medication is underway for women with recurrent bacterial infections of the vagina. Bacterial Vaginosis (BV) causes a foul-smelling, creamy and often irritating discharge that can recur even when diagnosed. If you are a woman who is frustrated with numerous doctor visits and medications that only help for a short period of time, you may be interested.

To possibly qualify:

- 1) Females, 18-45 years of age
- 2) Recently treated for BV or with symptoms at present
- 3) Have had at least 2 documented episodes of BV in past 12 months

Qualified participants receive at no cost:

- 1) Study-related exam and consultation with a board-certified OB-GYN
- 2) Pap smear, cultures and study medication
- 3) Compensation for your time and travel

Interested, call Laurel at:

619-521-2830

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## A DARK NIGHT IN TIJUANA

It had been five years since I had toured the bars, discos, strip joints, and dollar-a-dance whore emporiums of Tijuana. I had been writing a novel back then, and I wanted to walk in the footsteps of my character, who was looking for a missing person. The idea this time would be, in a sense, looking for Tijuana itself, or rather the heart of Tijuana's Saturday night.

I had a pocket full of money and a native guide named Fernando Castro, who parks cars at the La Valencia Hotel in La Jolla. Fernando is 28. He grew up in TJ, and it was still his favorite place to bar-hop. Fernando speaks Spanish a lot better than I do, and he's big. About six feet, 200 pounds, with close-cropped hair, a neck as thick as a fireplug, and an earring stud in his left ear. Fernando is quiet and not the smiliest guy I've known. Overall, he gives the impression of a man you could hit with a lamp post and it wouldn't ruin his night. I liked these qualities in someone I'd be drinking with at three in the morning in Zona Norte.

Fernando came by my place in North Park about 6:30. To the south, the half-moon hung like a blade in a darkening indigo sky. I threw an overnight bag in the bed of his Toyota truck and hopped in next to him. He had the Pretenders' *Learning to Crawl* on the tape deck. In the headlights of oncoming cars and by the reflected light of the dashboard, he looked grim, as if we were on our way to identify a body instead of checking out nightlife south of the border.

Fernando and I hadn't ever really talked to each other. We had shared a restaurant booth with some mutual friends one night. Mostly, I had just seen him around, parking cars.

"You married, Fernando?"

"No. I got a kid though, a boy. His name is Fernando too. He's five. I see him on the weekends."

"Yeah. Same with me. So, ah... nobody's gonna miss you,



you don't get back till 4 a.m. or whatever?"
"Nope."

From the speakers, Chrissie Hynde was singing about how she went back to Ohio, but her city was gone.

At the border, we were waved through. Talking, we missed the *Centro* turnoff and came up on TJ from the west, from the Ensenada road. First Avenue was jammed with people, as if some huge evacuation was taking place, a sudden, desperate population flow. Of course, that's exactly what's going on any night

of the week.

Smoke from the taco carts — vendors frying carne asada and scallions, carnitas, tortillas, pork rinds, tongue, and goat's head — mingled with dust and clouds of exhaust from junk cars burning oil. It all rose skyward toward the gathering cloud layer lit from below by the neon of the strip along Revolución to create a roiling, murky ceiling.

Tijuana used to be much funkier. The main drag, tourist row — basically, Revolución, from First Avenue to Avenida Agua

Caliente — is now a roughly equal balance of slick and sleaze. Just five years ago there was more dust and garbage. The place still has an immediately foreign feel to it — you don't feel like you're just out of town, you definitely know you're out of the country. But in recent years, the impression of TJ being some thirdworld version of an American city has become more pronounced.

Lately, I haven't had occasion to spend much time in TJ. The changes seemed sudden. I was curious about

RESEARCH STUDIES



## Do you feel like you're on an emotional rollercoaster?

**Bipolar disorder** is a condition in which your mood goes from extreme happiness to deep depression. Without medical intervention these feelings make it nearly impossible for people experiencing bipolar disorder to find a sense of order in their lives.

PCSD-Feighner Research is conducting a medical research study for adults 18 and older who have bipolar disorder. Study-related medical evaluations and study medication are provided at no charge. Reimbursement may be available for time and travel to visits

If you or someone you love suffers from bipolar disorder call us today for more information:

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### Muscle Pain in the Neck, Shoulders, Upper Back?

A new investigational medication for Myofascial Trigger Points (also called "muscle knots" and "neck tension myalgia")

To participate in this research study of a new investigational drug

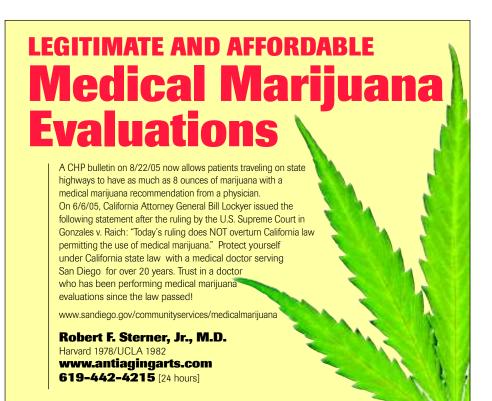
- injected directly into muscle trigger points, you must:
   Have muscle pain for at least six months, but less than 5 years
  - Be between the ages of 18 and 65

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- Be available to return once a month for 4 months for follow up

Subjects enrolled in this study will be compensated for their time. If you are interested in participating in this research study or for additional information, please visit www.trigger-point-injections.com or contact:

#### La Jolla Village Family Medical Group

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### Is your teen or adolescent feeling irritable, sad or down?

Medical Researchers at University of California San Diego are currently conducting a research study for adolescents and teens aged 12–17 with current depression symptoms.

The study drug has already been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use in treating depression in the adult population. The study drug has not yet been FDA-approved for use in adolescents or teens with depression.

### Symptoms may include:

Sad or irritable mood Low self-esteem Sleep problems Social withdrawal Impaired schoolwork Change in appetite

Medical evaluations and the study drug will be provided at no cost. Financial compensation for time and travel costs will also be provided.

For more information, please call: 619-725-3534



PRACS Dermatology is a research organization that specializes in testing skin-related products for safety and effectiveness.

We are currently seeking healthy males and females, ages 18-65, for a study testing anti-inflammatory creams.

Participants are compensated up to \$250 for time and travel to the Rancho Bernardo area.

Call us today for more information on how to enroll and learn about upcoming studies.

(866) 857-7546 toll-free

(858) 217-3100 Visit us at www.pracs.com



### **Diabetes Research Study**

Profil Institute for Clinical Research, Inc. is conducting research with an investigational insulin for people who have



Type 1 Diabetes.

You may qualify if:

- you have had Type 1 diabetes for at least 1 year
- you are age 19-70

Benefits of participating in this study include:

- Study-related medical care at no charge
- Compensation up to \$2500 for time and travel (6 visits requiring 10 hours at clinic)

To learn more about this clinical research study, please call our office at:

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or toll-free

(866) 308-7427

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or e-mail: studies@profil-research.com 855 3rd Avenue, Suite 4400 Chula Vista, CA 91911



### **Concerned About Obesity?**

58 million people in the U.S. are overweight and the numbers are rising.

Profil Institute for Clinical Research is conducting a clinical research study to test an investigational drug in overweight people. We are looking for volunteers to participate in an 11-week study.

### Participants must:

- Be overweight
- Be 30-70 years old
- Not have diabetes
- Be post-menopausal or surgically sterile if they are women

#### **Profil provides:**

- Study-related care at no charge
- Compensation up to \$725



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some of the new joints. They were reminders of time passing at the accelerated rate you become painfully aware of as you approach middle age.

We cruised First Avenue for a hotel room. I told Fernando he was welcome to crash in whatever room I could find. "Okay. Maybe. Thanks."

We drove past Mariachi Square, down First, past El Tony Bar, Cielito Lindo, Hotel San Francisco, the Dragon Rojo Bar, Jockey Club, the Hotel Alaska, the Fantasy Bar. Fernando drove around a few blocks while I tried to find a room. A dozen places were booked up, but on Fourth Avenue, I found a room at the Adelita Hotel. I tossed my overnight bag on one of two single beds with faded roses on the spread and locked the door. Toilet, sink, bed. It was a room.

We parked the truck at the original Tijuana Tillie's on Seventh, the oldest tourist well in town. Four bucks to park all night, another dollar for a tip. It wasn't that long ago that two bucks took care of it. It was about eight o'clock. We walked through TJ Tillie's swinging doors into the saloon, where manic, plodding disco/rap-music blared incongruously in a mostly empty room. Some 45 rpm records hung from the ceiling, along with a few hundred hats. We ordered two Dos Equis and looked around at four American couples, the only other people in the bar. Two were

in, say, their 50s and seemed to have known each other for a long time. The men leaned against the bar and drank while the women sat at a nearby table. One of the men - short, white hair, pale yellow sport shirt over a white T-shirt — was smashed. He didn't let go of his glass of El Presidente brandy, ice, and water while the bartender built him another drink. The one I figured for his wife kept looking sidelong at him and making exasperated faces at her lady friend. The other man, taller, thin, and boredlooking, stared at the silent bank of television sets that had a Cubs baseball game, highlights from the dog races, rock videos, and soccer simultaneously winking and strobing in a dark corner. Were these people retired and traveling? The drunk definitely had that pickled, lost look seen on plenty of retired Americans down here, puzzling over a long career at some job that maybe didn't add up to much.

The two other couples were younger, sitting 30 feet apart. Both girls were young and blond. Their dates were young too. Probably from San Diego or L.A. They drank margaritas, though one of the girls had something that looked like pure red dye no. 2 in a small birdbath of a

Fernando told me that you used to be able to place bets with the bartender on the jai alai games next door. Never had to leave your bar stool. Probably still could. He hadn't done it in a while. "If you came in this place with a tie on at one time, the waiter would come over with scissors and cut it off. The other waiters might come over and hold you while the guy cut it off. Then he'd run around all over the place waving the piece of tie and then pin it somewhere. I never saw them do it with bras and panties, but you used to see a lot of bras and panties hanging up too."

After looking around

### RESEARCH STUDIES

### **Attention Alcohol Drinkers:**

Researchers at The Scripps Research Institute are working to develop new treatments for alcoholism. Volunteers are needed to participate in clinical research testing different drugs: both drinkers who want to stop, as well as drinkers who are not trying to stop.

Qualified participants will be paid.

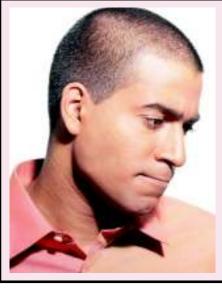
For more information and to find out if you qualify for any of these studies, please call 858-784-7867 or 858-784-7325,

or visit www.pearsoncenter.org for more detailed information.







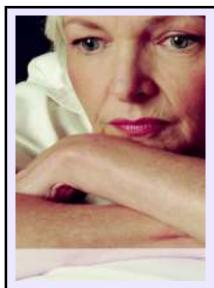


### Bipolar— **Manic-Depressive**

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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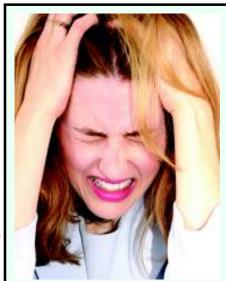
### Mild Memory Loss? You may have mild cognitive

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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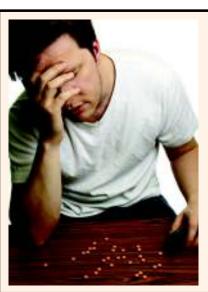
### **Schizophrenia Research Study**

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 clincial 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.

For more information or to see if you or someone you know qualifies, please

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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 OMS

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.

For more information, please call Optimum Health Services at: 888-811-7341 the room, which had an air of a party to which someone had forgotten to invite guests, I asked, "Well, what do you say? Crawl on?"

Fernando finished his beer. "Sure."

We left the drunk American and company and went out through the swinging doors. The low clouds and churning smoke from the taco carts shone purple in the reflected glow of La Vida Disco's mass of aqua and violet neon. Revolución was a river of headlights, taillights, flashing squad car lights flowing between banks of riotous, blinding signs.

"Any suggestions?"

"We could go to La Unicorna." Fernando pointed across the street, "That's like the oldest strip joint down here. I used to sneak in here when I was 15, 16."

We walked down a flight of stairs into nearly total blackness, except for some light bulbs along the back bar to the right and a few tired, redand-blue spotlights playing over a stage in the middle of the room. Onstage was a topless dancer, legs spread, sway-

ing huge hips and a red-pantyclad ass in front of some dim shapes I couldn't make out. Her belly protruded as if she were pregnant. One of the dim shapes suddenly stood up, leaned over, and planted his face between the woman's cheeks. She continued to sway, playing her rear end over the old American. He was maybe 60, thinning gray hair, glasses, and a denim work shirt. He stuffed a bill into her panties, and she pulled them to the side to give him better access. She smiled dreamily as if this were quite pleasant. The old American had a mirthless look about him as he nuzzled her energetically. Four young Mexicans at a nearby table hooted and clapped.

"Hey, are all these dancers fat in here?" I was looking at a woman with hennaed hair in a skin-tight, mock-leopard-skin dress. She had a body like a construction worker who had been unemployed for six months and drank too much beer in front of the television. A Mexican girl with bleached-blond hair, tight, low-cut T-shirt, and blue miniskirt cruised by Fernando.

### If even happy things leave you blue,



## Consider participating if you qualify for our research study on **DEPRESSION.**

Have you or someone you care about been experiencing some or all of the following symptoms for at least a few months?

- Hopelessness
- Sadness
- Loss of interest in daily activities
- Loss of energy
- Difficulty concentrating

If so, people between the ages of 18 to 64 may qualify for a research study of an investigational drug for **Depression**.

All office visits and medical evaluation related to this study will be provided to qualified participants at no charge.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

### **Look Familiar?**

It was 2:15 the last time you looked. That seems like ages ago. Time is at a standstill and all you can do is lie in bed, staring into the darkness. By tomorrow you'll be so tired that you'll fall asleep at your desk, but chances are you won't sleep tomorrow night either.

We are currently conducting a research study of an investigational medicine for insomnia associated with Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD). Participants will receive study-related exams and study medication at no charge. Qualified participants may be compensated. Participants must be between the ages of 18 and 64 and the study requires 8 office visits.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

#### RESEARCH STUDIES

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.

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

For more information, please visit our website at:
bipolardepressionresearch.com
For more information, please contact
Synergy Clinical Research Center:
1-888-619-7272

### **BIPOLAR?**



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

Volunteers at least 18 years of age are needed to participate in a clinical research study testing an investigational use of a marketed drug for the treatment of Bipolar Disorder, also known as Manic Depression.

Patients suffering from Bipolar Disorder must be currently experiencing a major depressive episode.

All necessary office visits, medical evaluations, and study medications will be provided at no cost to qualified patients.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

(619) 688-6565



### PIMPLES TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR FACE?

Affiliated Research Institute is conducting a research study for kids and adults to test the safety and effectivenesss of an investigational medication for moderate to severe acne.

### Qualifications include:

- Kids ages 12 and older AND adults
- Must have at least 20 pimples on your face

#### Qualified participants:

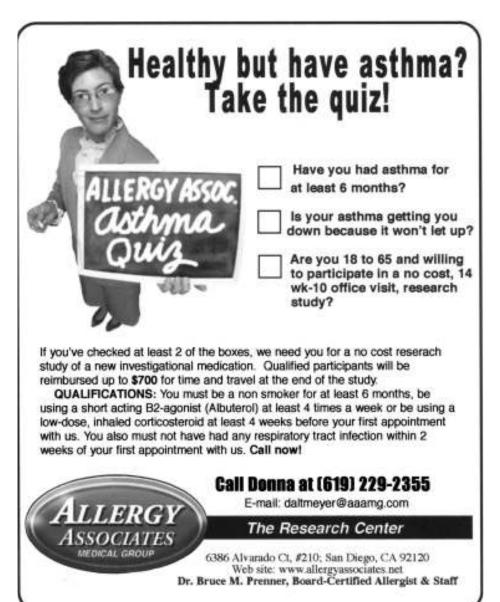
- Could get an investigational combination of two currently marketed acne products in one tube, or a single currently marketed product
- Will receive a supply of study medication
- Will not receive placebos
- Will receive up to \$125

There is no cost to you.



For more information or to schedule an interview to see if you qualify, please contact:

(619) 688-6565



"Buy me a tequila?" she asked. Fernando shook his head. "Two? Three? Four?" Fernando smiled and kept shaking his head. She waved him away and walked on by. Onstage, the woman with the body like an old VW bug was straddling the old gringo, who was now lying on his back on the stage. She squatted over him, swaying, pulled the front of her panties to the side and hunkered down on him. The old guy put both his hands on her small, skislope breasts. He still didn't look like he was enjoying himself. His face, when he surfaced, was set with determination, as if he were performing a damned difficult job that had to get done.

The henna-haired leopard-skin woman came over and asked if we'd buy her a tequila. "Sure," I said before Fernando could cut her off. "Sit down." She collapsed like an avalanche of flesh next to him. She asked for a cigarette, and I gave her one. She called the waiter over, and the girl who had asked for a tequila saw this. She came back and sat down next to me.

"Tequila?"
"Sí. ¿Como no?"

The waiter brought three. Both girls had a finger of Coke in shot glasses as chasers. The tab was \$12. "What's your name?" I asked the blonde next to me.

"Marabella." The other girl introduced herself as Elena.

"Are you going to dance?" I asked Marabella. It might be worth sticking around for. "No," Marabella said. "I don't dance here."

"You dance someplace else?"

"Sure. For fun. I don't like to dance like this for work. Elena dances here." She gestured at the large woman next to Fernando. I wondered how much of Elena's dancing the structural integrity of the building could take.

"But you're working, right?"

She nodded and looked at the winking red light on my tape recorder.

"¿Reportero?"

"Sort of. Escritor, sí."

"You going to say something bad about me?"

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that?

"I don't like that." She pointed at the recorder with her chin. "It's more better you turn it off."

I turned it off, and Marabella told me she would be working all night, until about 5 a.m. She charged \$40 for "one time." Or more if...she indicated the possibilities of special requests. I said, "Well. I'm working too. Maybe we'll come back later. It was nice to meet you, Marabella, Elena." Fernando and I stood, and they both got up without saying anything or looking at us. They went off in two different directions, Elena to the back to change and go onstage and Marabella to wander the shadows behind the boys who had come in while we were talking.

We cruised on down Revolución, pausing at the entrance to Rio Rita's. From the door at the bottom of another set of steps, like the ones at the Unicorn, whistles blew, horns sounded, music pumped deafeningly, and the shouts and wails of dozens of voices in unison rose up the stairwell. "Sounds like some kind of mass exorcism going on in here," I said. Fernando glumly nodded, as if to say, "Ah yes, the public exorcisms on Saturday night, a primitive practice of my benighted people."

But what he really said was, "Those are American kids down there."

Rio Rita's is a long, low-ceilinged room that stretches back half a block beneath the building above it. A bar that can seat two dozen people is on the left. Looked like four bartenders back there. The place was packed. Inside, the temperature rose ten degrees and the humidity twice that. The air was dense with teenage sweat.



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It looked like maybe 300 eighth-graders had liberated a nightclub and were greedily guzzling themselves into oblivion with evil-looking drinks and buckets of ice and beer. These kids weren't that much older than my sixthgrader son. Screams were coming from one group of tables pushed together, where a dozen kids with complexion problems, cracking voices, braces, and homework assignments hanging over their heads were dementedly cheering on a waiter who had grabbed hold of a girl, maybe 16, by the bottom of her chin. In his other hand, he held a plastic squeeze bottle filled with a foul, brown concoction, and he arced a stream of it into her baby-bird-like mouth. Around her, friends screamed and counted down from ten to zero, confusedly, in both Spanish and English. It took them about 15 seconds to get from ten to two, and the girl sputtered, spraying a few of her friends. Two waiters stood by, one blowing a whistle, the other sounding an air horn. Another waiter wrapped her mouth with a towel and then proceeded to shake her head like a maraca. The girl's eyes glazed over, closed. The waiter let her go, and she opened her eyes, smiling under the peer pressure.

I asked a passing waiter what was in that squeeze bottle. "Tequila, Coca...yo no sé." I watched the bartenders for a while and saw that they emptied unfinished drinks margaritas, daiquiris, whiskies, Kahlua, everything — into a gallon wine bottle with a funnel at its mouth. I had a feeling that was the special squeeze cocktail the kids were being served.

The U.S. Navy was pretty well represented in Rio Rita's, judging from the haircuts and tattoos. I asked a guy who looked to be in his late 20s, maybe early 30s, sitting with two girls who looked 17 or 18, if I could join them for a while, ask them a couple of questions.

The guy was from Ocean Beach, a remodeler. He had grown up, in part, in Tijuana, and though he wasn't Mexican, his Spanish was excellent. The girls said they were 20 years old. Okay. Both of them were plump with baby fat. Where were they going tonight?

One of the girls said, "We'll hang out here for a while. Then we'll go to Tequila

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Sunrise down the street. It's great. They have a volleyball court in there." She meant Tequila Circo, not Tequila Sunrise.

And what she was drinking? It was that same chemical red stuff I had seen at TJ Tillie's. "Sex on the Beach," she said and smiled both proudly and shyly at the same

I asked the remodeler where he hung out in TJ these days, besides Rio Rita's.

"This place is changing

so fast; there's always a new club every time you come down here. I just walk down the street and whatever's happening..." he shrugged.

Any one place he recommended over another? "Well, since I'm from the old school, Mike's and the Aloha Club. Then there used to be this place, the Long Bar." I remembered the Long Bar very well. It was one of my favorites too. We talked about how the place had become a disco with a slide in it, like a

kids' playground with booze. But that was exactly what this place was too. All it needed was a sandbox and some hopscotch squares on the floor.

I rejoined Fernando at the bar and we decided to mosey. We walked southwest to the Long Bar, just for the hell of it. Inside, it was renovated in a nouveau-deco style, or whatever you call that sterile, almost menopausal combo of pink, chartreuse, charcoal, and rose. The crowd inside — and there was a crowd — was welldressed Mexican kids about the same age as their norteamericano counterparts down the street. Instead of straw hats with pastel Corona bands, Corona Beach Club T-shirts, iridescent Bad Boy shorts, or those tight black bicycle pants and Reeboks, these kids all had impeccable coifs, shined shoes (stockings, heels, and skirts on the girls), and tasteful but unapologetically displayed jewelry. They liked to party in classier surroundings than the cat-box atmosphere of Rio Rita's.

We didn't even have a drink; we decided to press on toward the heart of Saturday night in Tijuana, though I suspected we had stumbled

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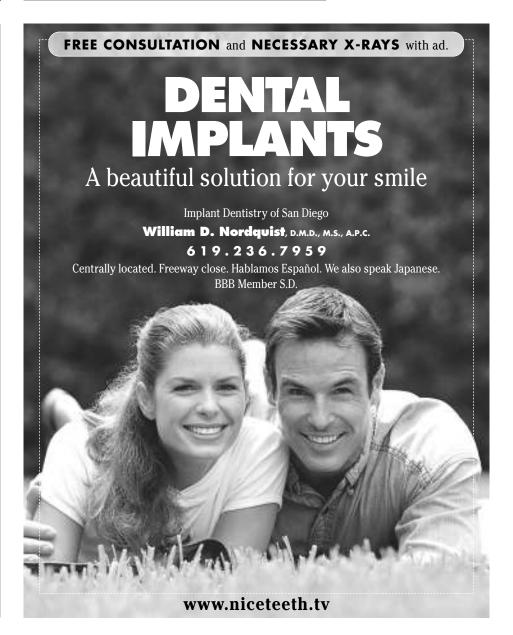
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onto it back at the Unicorn.

It was still early, only about 9:30. We toured a few more discos and a dark, nearly empty bar with a few quietly drinking Mexican men and some hookers. One of the women was sitting in the lap of a black man. Her tank top was rolled down beneath her large, brown nipples, and the black guy was staring at them uninterestedly. If he looked bored, the woman was positively comatose with ennui. There was something funereal about the atmosphere that reminded me of bars in New York where junkies would hang out drinking Cokes and waiting to score. Something in the dead-fish eyes of the bartender, the hooker, the black man, and the doorman made me immediately numb and depressed. The guy at the door asked me what I wanted.

"Pussy?"

"You go down the street. This place is for Mexicans. Go down there." He pointed vaguely back the way we had

"Sure."

The night was already humid, and every time we entered a room, the sweat would stand out on my face and soak my T-shirt. It occurred to me that we might have looked like a couple of cops: Fernando with his hulking form and deadpan resignation — eating something hard to swallow, the look you see on cops too often - and me talking into my little tape recorder like a radio transmitter.

In Mariachi Square the norteño music vied with rockand-roll coming from the Rincon Bar. It was still too early to head across the street, into the Zona Norte, I figured. The Zona's Indian beggars; the kids darting in and out of barrooms, selling flowers or Chiclets; the drunken campesinos in their cowboy hats, stretched out on sidewalks and in doorways; the manic desperation of shop merchants barking insistent invitations to bargains — none of it seemed festive, exotic, or charming. Years ago, I saw all this with the eyes of a novelist and drank it in for material. Great stuff. Now I just saw a lot of people trapped in the little box of Coahuila with no way out.

We got in a cab and told the cabbie we wanted to go to Plaza Rio Tijuana, across the traffic rotary from the Tijuana Cultural Center. It's a shopping mall built along the lines of, say, Seaport Vil-

lage. Very high cuteness quotient. A thousand well-dressed, upper-class Mexicans wandered through the little alleyways, sat at café tables, indoors and outdoors. Shoe boutiques, gift shops, and clothing stores were mostly closed, but the dozen or so cantinas and restaurants were open and doing a brisk, trade. Flamenco music, yuppie jazz from Joe Mamas (the keyboard player looked like Neil Simon, the drummer looked like the Hillside Strangler), disco, Greek music, and rock and roll struck at the air in dissonant competition. Fernando and I weaved through the crowd and sat at a table outside a Spanish restaurant and we ordered coffee. We watched a belly dancer in front of the Greek place, and then a guy came out and danced like Zorba on the sidewalk. He placed a chair on top of a table, then a carafe of water on top of the chair, and proceeded to lift the whole thing, table and all, with his teeth. He spread his arms out and danced gracefully in a small circle. My teeth hurt to watch

We milled around for another hour or so, watching the Mexican yuppies, and decided they weren't any more interesting than American yuppies. "Come on, Fernando. Let's go down to Coahuila. What time is it?"

"Eleven."

"Well, the Plaza Río Tijuana ain't the heart of Saturday night in TJ. Maybe Pasadena. I don't even recognize this place as Tijuana."

"Yeah, it's pretty nice." We grabbed another cab, went back to Revolución, and ended up at another topless

bar, La Bambi. We didn't have to descend into the place, just push aside some greasy, leatherlike curtains. Cigarette smoke hung in the air like curdled, grey milk. Music, Mexican disco, heaved and thrust into the room like some fascist, brainwashed Muzak. A woman onstage tottered on high heels and launched bruised, pale thighs over the heads of sailors and Mexican pollos marking their time. Doing The Big Wait: like guys doing short time in jail, or soldiers on a 24-hour pass in Bangkok or Olongapo. Why did everybody in this town look like he was waiting for something?

The host of the evening, a gray-haired merry widower of a Mexicano gentleman, ushered Fernando and me to the very best seats. Raised a little from the tables on the

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floor, a good view of the dancers, up away from the rabble. "Tequila y dos cervezas, por favor." A hooker named Claudia came over and said she'd like a tequila too. She showed me her breasts. "Very nice," I said. "Sort of globular without being too ponderously pendulous."

"Yeah," she agreed. "Peekshures!" She snapped an imaginary lens up to her eyes with her fingers. "Polaroids. ; Qué

"Yessiree. Yo sabe." I tried to leer appreciatively, gave it up, and drank my tequila.

I saw the Old Gringo. The Old Muff Diver. The same guy from the Unicorn, stuffing bills into the dancer's G-string. He had moved up

the street in a progression of joints, still nuzzling, doggedly working his way through the thatches of womanhood on display in town, on a mission from some joyless demon inside himself.

Claudia left. She heard me when I said I wasn't springing for Pasión Insatiable, Polaroids, or "Fucky Sucky." Again \$40.

A couple of guys were seated next to us. Navy, I figured. One guy was a very spiffy dresser. Charcoal jacket and matching shirt buttoned to the throat. "Hi!" I greeted him.

"How's it goin'?"

"Want some of this tequila? I got a bucket of it, but Claudia didn't drink hers,

and I'll be blind if I drink all that."

"No. thanks. I don't drink that stuff. Got a beer?"

"Yeah, I got a beer too. But that's mine."

I whipped out the little recorder with the red, stuttering light. "You in the Navy?" I asked him.

"I couldn't say."

"You're not sure?"

"What difference does it make?"

"None. What's your name?"

> "I can't talk to you." "Why?"

"I'm with CID." Central Intelligence Division.

"Oh. Well, you look like a CID guy. Nice clothes. You'd think the CID would get guys that don't look like...CID

"I look like CID?" He seemed pleased.

"Shit, yeah. No offense, but you definitely got that look."

"Yeah, I guess so. My name's Darryl." He extended

I shook it and said, "I won't use it. Your name."

"Right. Right. Call me something else.

"I promise to. Maybe Larry or something."

"Okay. How about Desmond? Could you call me that?"

"No problem. Poof! You're Desmond."

"Good. Good." I asked Desmond about TJ and how he liked to tour the town on his time off. He ran a commentary on the dancers and how he couldn't talk about the other stuff. Panama and Noriega, sensitive stuff. "That's okay, Des, I'm not interested in that."

"That dancer up there, Lucy. She's nuts about me."

"Yeah, she gives you those looks, man."

"I mean she really likes me. You know? Don't you love it?" He grinned.

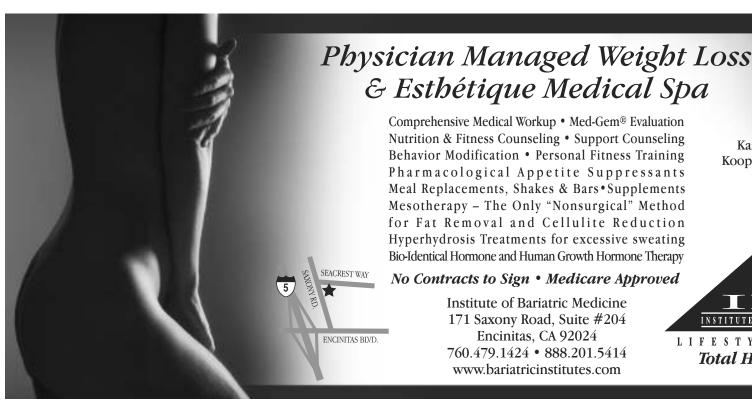
"Yeah," I said. "I do." I grinned back, but it wasn't the same grin.

Walking over to the police station on Eighth Avenue, Fernando and I threaded our

way through squad cars parked at angles in the middle of the street. No traffic could move down that block. The policia municipal vehicles composed a herringbone gridlock. Cops leaned against their cars or carried cuffed prisoners up the station stairs. Some cops sat on a bench along the sidewalk, leaning against the station wall or against the columns rising from the edge of the sidewalk. Here, they laughed, played pocket pool, smoked Del Prados or Fiestas while they cut deals with arrestees, prospective inmates.

I walked over to a cop on the sidewalk. He had some scars at the corners of both eyes, probably from boxing. Boxing is very big down here.

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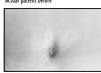


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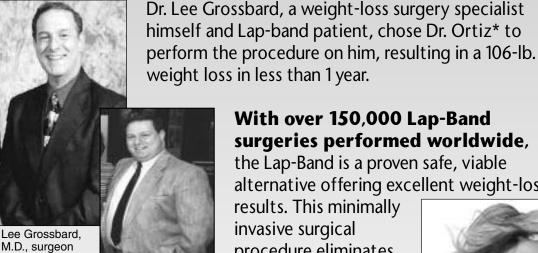


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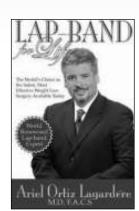
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I asked him what kind of problems he sees down here on Saturday nights. "You got a problem?" His smile disappeared, and he looked much meaner.

"No, I have no problem. I'm just curious; I'm thinking of writing a book. What kind of stuff do you see on Saturday nights...or any night?"

"Oh, it's a very hard job. Especially Saturday, even the other nights. You know the drunk people fight and use the knives." As if in illustration, two cops guided a handcuffed prisoner to the station door. He was bleeding from cuts on his arms and face. They didn't stop to bargain. He was going in. Period. "You have robberies too."

"Armed robbery?"

"Yes. But knives, not guns. Mexicans like knives better. They're cheaper, more personal. I'm talking about personal robberies."

"Homicides?"

"Of course. Drunk peoples in the bars. I told you. Somebody gets drunk, they don't like somebody, they have a knife...." He shrugged.

"How about Zona Norte, Coahuila? Is it dangerous?"

His smile was back now. "Yeah. That's where we get our best problems."

One a.m., and we're heading south again on Revolución. A line stretches for half a block. Mostly young Mexicans. All of them waiting to get into Las Pulgas. It means "the fleas." I had seen more people between the ages of 15 and 25 tonight than I had in a month.

Fernando and I spoke about Tijuana as a Mexican city. "It's not a Mexican city," Fernando was saying. "It's an American city. We call it San Diego's other cheek." He slapped his rump. "This place wouldn't exist at all if it weren't for the U.S., for San Diego."

Leaning for support against another vendor's cart was a junkie doing that gravity-defying nod only junkies can perform. His clothes were

stiff with filth. One hand rested on the edge of the cart, his feet back, his head down as if he were a faith healer trying to heal the taco cart. His knees buckled, he swayed, but he never fell. Fernando was still talking. "Tijuana is basically an American product. Like Chryslers...or Cheez Whiz."

About the popularity of disco in Mexico, Fernando said, "Yeah, it's definitely that or norteño or cumbia." The latter style is from farther south, around Monterrev. The difference is in the percussion, the number of drums, and whether or not there's an accordion. Accordions are norteño's earmark.

But Fernando had a bizarre scrap of one of TJ's urban legends to recount. It was told about several different discos, depending on who you asked.

"It was around the time of John Travolta, and Saturday Night Fever, and all that. It seems there was this guy who looked exactly like Travolta — in that white suit and everything. He was dancing really hot with this girl.

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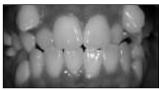


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They cleared a space around them, just like in the movie. All of a sudden, the girl notices and everybody else sees that this Travolta-type guy has one rooster-claw foot; the other foot is a goat's hoof...and he's not dancing on the floor. He's like up in the air. The girl screams and flips out. She runs away into the bathroom, but when her friends follow her in there, she was gone. No one ever saw her again. Disappeared. They locked the doors so the guy couldn't get away, but he disappeared too. I heard it was the Aloha Club." Fernando grinned for maybe the third time in the evening.

There are few Americans down in Zona Norte. I didn't see one for the rest of the night. Fernando and I spent the next two hours in the Delicias Bar, Copacabana, La Charrita, and La Adelita.

Basically, Coahuila is where you go if you want to get laid or meet up with a *pollero*. You can dance with the whores for a dollar. I tried it with one older woman. She looked 50, but she was probably not much older than me.

"You go upstairs? Ba-boom? Ba-boom?"

"I just want to dance. I like the music."

"Ahhh...." She looked disgusted and waved me away. No time for dancing.

There was no romanticism here. The idea of being in some third-world bastion of amorality and exoticism, like Cairo or Calcutta, was hard to maintain with the smell of urine and tequila, perfume and cigarette smoke from the almost uniformly chain-smoking hookers. It just seemed crowded, desperate, gaudy, and sad. In Richard Rodriguez's book Mexico's Children, he calls Tijuana "...a metropolis crouched behind a hootchykootch curtain." He adds that "[Tijuana's] history is a matter of matchbook covers and cocktail napkins."

Vincente Fernandez, Mexico's most popular singer, crooned from almost every sound system within blocks. All through the night, the taco vendors worked beneath bright racks of lights, chopping meat, tossing handfuls of onion and cilantro onto

folded tortillas fried on portable grills with a tireless, rapid rhythm. Along the border fence, a few blocks away, restless shadows paced the ridge beyond the trampled fence, silhouetted starkly by La Migra's new klieg lights. It was reminiscent of World War II movies like Stalag 17 or The Great Escape or news footage from the Berlin Wall in the '60s. Everywhere, people slept on the cracked, trashstrewn sidewalks, in doorways, in cardboard refrigerator or washer/drver boxes. Children cried, Fernandez crooned, drunks babbled, young men flushed with cerveza shouted too loudly at the whores who continued to chain-smoke and look on all of it with inert expressions or a quick smile that would flare like a match flame and go to ash again in the time it took to inhale.

Fernando and I walked uphill, away from the carnival-in-hell atmosphere. We sat in the bar at the Hotel Nelson until 3 a.m. Fernando spoke to me in his low, soft voice about how, two weeks ago, he had broken up with

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his girlfriend of two years. Ah, that explained the look. But by now I was wearing that look too, only mine came from the parade of poverty and the lingering image of those klieg lights and silhouettes along the border that I could still see when I closed my eyes and held the bottle of beer to them, rotating its cool surface over my forehead.

"She was 19, and she was always on me about hanging out with my friends and stuff. She always was making me promise that I'd be true to her, and I was, man. Absolutely. Now she found some guy." He went on a little about his feelings for her, and I sympathized. I told him I probably couldn't have been true to someone at 19 if I tried. All those hormones. This probably didn't help much. He spoke about his childhood in Tijuana.

"I remember my dad got me a bicycle one time, but my mom wouldn't let me keep if because it would only get stolen in TJ. She made me keep it at my grandma's in San Diego. I didn't get to use it too much.

"Sometimes I would ditch school and go to the border and help the ladies with their bags, groceries and stuff. Help them carry them from the border back into town or whatever. I'd make \$15 or \$20 a day sometimes.

"We used to spy on the prostitutes in the neighborhood. Me and my friends would hang around them, 'cuz we liked some of them. And then when they'd get some business, you know, they wanted us to go away, but we wouldn't. This one girl next door we really liked. We didn't want her to go away, upstairs with the guy. So she would give us all a kiss on the mouth so we would disappear. We would climb up on the roof in the place next door and open up these wooden windows, like a trap door on the roof, and we would peek in and watch. Sometimes she'd catch us and yell at us, get all embarrassed, and cry."

His parents worked in a laundry in San Diego. They both had green cards, but when Fernando's younger brother was born, his mother quit to stay home. "They were gonna take her green card away 'cuz she wasn't working. They wanted her to get a passport. So we had to move real fast. We moved to National City, and I didn't like it. Everybody had cars. Nobody walked or rode bikes. It wasn't like being in a neighborhood anymore. Nobody liked me because I was a Tijuanero."

Fernando and I parted company at about 3:30. I crawled back to the Adelita Hotel and fumbled with my key in the lock. Voices, radios, someone arguing, a dog howling outside, and traffic noises, taxi horns all lulled me to sleep. It was just like New York. I didn't even take off my shoes, and I left the light on

I woke up at eight o'clock. My tongue felt like roadkill wrapped in sandpaper, and my head rang like a room full of telephones. I stared for a minute at an oil painting print hanging out of its frame, buckled from water damage. It was a snow-covered mountain scene with fallen aspen

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I tried some coffee at the Cafe Palacio, but I had trouble chewing it. After listening to a couple of sad Mexican songs on the radio, I got up and followed a flow of people dressed in Sunday finery. They were all heading to the Catedral de Guadalupe on Avenida Benito Juárez. Next to the vaulting, twinspired church was the school where Fernando went as a kid when he wasn't ditching. I walked the steps, through the crowd, and dipped my hand in holy water at the entrance, crossed myself and entered the church. I hadn't been inside a Catholic church for maybe 20 years. The cloying smell of women's perfume and incense made me nostalgically dizzy.

The church was jammed with people, standing room only in the back. The priest said the Mass in Spanish, and it was close enough to the Latin I remembered to send me further down memory lane. The priest faced the congregation. He held a chalice toward the ceiling. Bells rang at the altar. Everyone stood. I could see fresh flower arrangements at each pillar from front to back. Gold-leaf paint trimmed the rococo work on the columns. Another bell rang and everyone sat. Four young men, acolytes or altar boys with well-combed, fashionable haircuts, passed baskets, and most everyone contributed something.

I swayed on my feet where I stood. The air seemed close and lacking in oxygen. A one point, everyone turned to the people nearest them and smiled, shaking hands. I shook hands with several strangers. This was a new one on me. When did they start doing this? I stayed only a few minutes. I felt like a fraud.

I got in a taxi and told the driver, "La linea a San

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He chatted away happily in Spanish that was too fast for me and dropped me off near Colonia Libertad. I walked past shacks with plastic tarp roofs and gutted burned-out junk cars staring sightlessly through broken windshields like the corpses of extinct, metallic saurians. Entering the U.S. through the customs building is like entering some spartan, proletarian shopping mall. I got on the trolley and headed back to San Diego. We passed the Exxon Valdez on our way through the shipyards.

My roommate met me at the door as I shambled past him. "You look like shit. How was Tijuana?"

"Bargains galore," I mumbled. "Everything must go...act now...one size fits all...the sale never ends."

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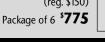
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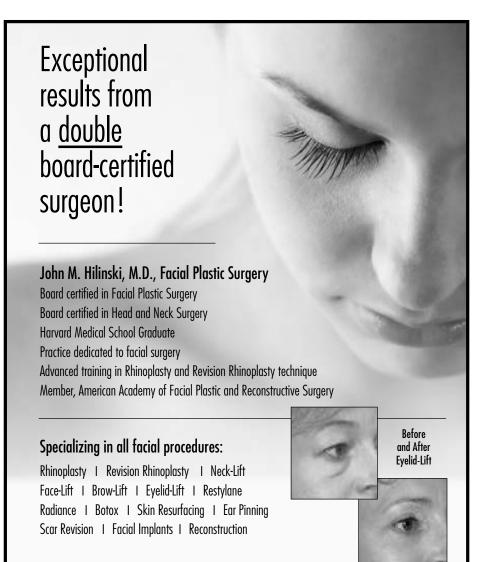


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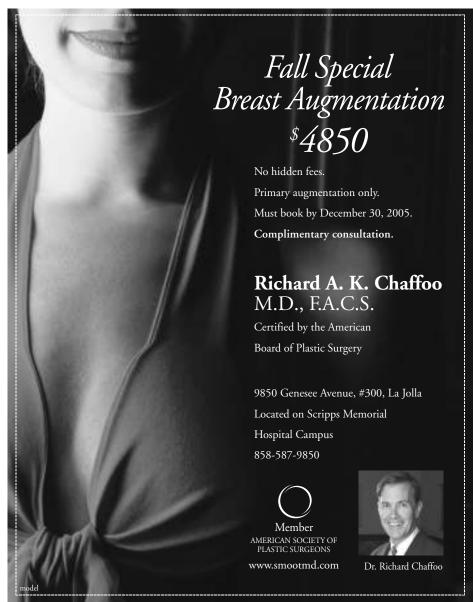
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A hot, dreary Sunday, August of 1983. The orchard is empty on Sundays; the men head out to Matics' Field, not far from the grove or the market, and those who are too old to play baseball or soccer watch from the sidelines, washing down their pistachios or *camarones* with

beer. I was working then as a clerk in the Pala Vista Market, on the eastern end of Valley Center. The market, built in the '40s, still had only a single ceiling fan to circulate the heavy air, and even the walls seemed to sweat between the cracked plaster. It was my job to restock the freezer with ice. A voice called out to me in Spanish, "¡Hola, amigo! Un veinticuatro de Budweiser, más frio, por favor." I was preoccupied and about to tell my "amigo" to get his case of beer out of the front cooler like everybody else, but his manner was so pleasant that I vielded and went to the back cooler where the

beer is coldest. He wasn't a tall man; his cowboy hat tipped back, showing an arc of black hair low on his forehead. All his features seemed to push up against that hairline in a big smile. As I handed him the case, we broke into an amiable conversation. His name was Alfonso, age 35; he spoke no English, and, although he didn't say and I didn't ask, he was one of the many Valley Center orchard workers who didn't have green cards. Could he return the favor by inviting me to dinner at his camp? Out of curiosity as well a growing sense of rapport, I accepted.

We met again on Friday afternoon. I followed his pickup out past the end of Vesper Road near Route 6, then down dirt roadways and through the groves to a clearing. A trailer rusted beside two shacks that were probably once tool sheds. Now they housed eight men. I set

my case of beer on an old refrigerator while Alfonso smashed jalapeños with the bottom of a jar, adding onions, tomatoes, lemon, and salt. While he made salsa, his young cousin, Adolfo, prepared a fire over an open pit. We roasted thin slices of beef, wrapped them in warmed tortillas, and covered these with salsa. At dusk more families arrived until our number grew to 30. We ate and sang, and late into the night, I climbed with a group of the men to the top of a hillock above the camp. I told them I was glad to have come, and they agreed. The small fiesta we'd had that night was a good one, they said, almost like home.

That first "fiesta" was my introduction to a culture that was living and working all around me, but one I had never acknowledged. And through that year and the next, I came to know Alfonso, not as an inhabitant of one

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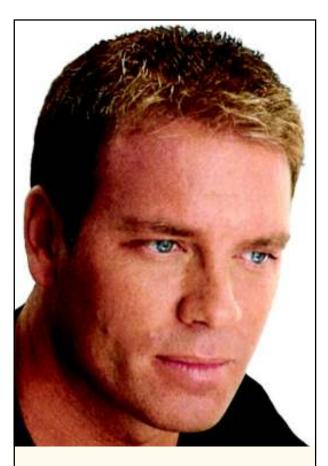
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of the county's murky social substrata, but as a man whose life was split between two lands. I also understood that the way he lived in Valley Center gave only a partial picture of the man; to understand my friend fully, I wanted to see him elsewhere — sitting on his porch, in the front of his house, after a late dinner prepared by his wife.

Alfonso spoke often of San Diego, his hometown in the state of Jalisco, more than 3000 miles to the south of our own San Diego. For 16 years he had been traveling to Valley Center to work, and before that, to Fresno, and each year he left the U.S. to spend four months at home. Over the next months, he often asked me to visit him in Mexico during El Fusion, the weeklong January fiesta. He reminded me that it would be much more impressive than those we had shared at the camp, with "más

musica, más cerveza, más feliz, combate de gallos, mucho baile, mucha comida, y señoritas.'

One night last November I sat with Alfonso under the glare of a single bulb in his camp shed and listened as the downpour hammered against the tin roof. Alfonso was leaving for the winter, and a number of his friends and relatives had stopped in for a final toast. The men huddled around the table, drinking café con vino, talking about their village of San Diego and the January fiesta. Jose, a young nephew, brooded; he had recently married and wanted to be home for his first anniversary. But, he said, staring deeply into his glass, he could not take the time off from work. I tried to be optimistic. "Trabajando todos los tiempos es malo,"

He looked up. "Tú vas?" he asked.

Alfonso rushed into the conversation, repeating his long-standing invitation."¿Cúando tú vas a San Diego? Por comida? Nada. Por sueño? Nada. Por cerveza? Nada. Mi casa es su casa.



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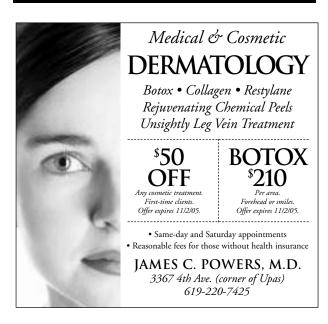
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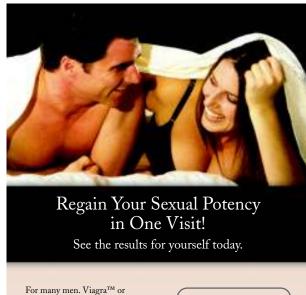
I wanted to go. I wanted to see the town they had reminisced about for long hours. I wanted to do the things they had talked about doing. And I wanted to expel my turista conceptions of Mexico, which tended toward postcard scenes of seaside resorts and border towns. San Diego, Jalisco, would be just one small village in the interior. But there I already had friends. "Yo

voy," I said, and smiles filled the room.

I waited two days in Tijuana for stand-by space on a flight to Guadalajara. We landed in the capital in the early evening; a two-hour bus trip would take me to the end of the transit line — Jiquilpan — but I remembered the warnings about nighttime travel. I'd never get a taxi from Jiquilpan for San Diego after dark; and bandidos are a danger to strangers in Jiquil-

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pan. Moreover, they told me, no "white guys" had ever even been to San Diego, and I might be suspected of coming to town to kill someone. Heeding such caution, I spent the night on a couch in the Guadalajara airport and caught a morning bus headed for Jiquilpan in the eastern hills. Three hours later, we reached the end of the line. I found a taxi driver, and although he wasn't quite sure where San Diego was, he was certain we'd find it. We headed off deeper into the mountains, up some 20 miles of dirt roads, asking at each settlement for directions. And suddenly we were there.

San Diego, Jalisco, and its environs has a population of some 3000 people. The roads are unpaved, and the fronts of the houses

is housed in one milk-processing plant. The sole landmark in San Diego is a long wall, 20 feet high, stretching some 100 yards across a wide field. The wall had once been that of a hacienda

#### San Diego has no bars; people meet in the shops for beer.

extend to the very edge of the streets. The houses themselves are uninviting, with few windows through which to glimpse the world either within or beyond the walls. The town's main industry

(villagers say it is 150 years old) used as a fortress during the Mexican War for Independence. Now it hides the town dump — piles of trash, animal carcasses, human excrement. San Diego was quiet; the only sign of El Fusion was in the blue-and-white streamers that draped from roof to roof over the street.

The first person I saw looked like Alfonso and, in fact, was a cousin of his by the name of Fidel. Fidel owned a cheese business, and when I met him, he was unloading cheese rounds from the back of a truck onto a curbside scale. A second man approached me, and when I told them who I was, Fidel sent a young boy off with the news and

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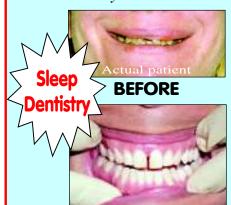


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the other man hastened to fetch a chair for me. Not long after, two of Alfonso's brothers came down the street in a four-wheel-drive. They were, they said, to take me out to La Máquina, the small rancho where Alfonso and some 12 to 15 other families lived. But we had only gone as far as the cen-

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ter of town when Alfonso himself came barreling along in his pickup. We got out of our vehicles and embraced.

Back in Valley Center Alfonso dressed for watering the groves: rubber boots, work pants, T-shirt, and a hard hat. Today, he wore pressed gray cords, a gray western shirt with gold

jacket, and a gray cowboy hat. As he raised his arms to hug me, the jacket lifted, revealing the butt of a pistol tucked into his belt. Explaining that the festival had just ended, he demanded to know why I was late. I recounted the travel delays. "It's no problem," he told me in Spanish. "Tonight there will be a party in Guadalupe. Now we'll go have a beer." With that casual rescheduling of plans, we headed for our drink. San Diego has no bars; people meet in the shops for beer. Alfonso led me to one nearby; he wrapped his jacket around the pistol and handed the bundle to the proprietor, who set down two Superiors, a sliced lime, and a

horseshoes emblazoned on

the pockets, a maroon ski

Romero, a friend of Alfonso's, insisted that we

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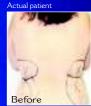
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lunch with him. Although the cheese and the pork were enough for me, we left and hiked the short distance to Romero's, where his wife set out a meal of rice, pork, and tortillas. I had almost finished when I began to wonder about all the pork I'd been eating so casually. My American friends had warned me to watch out for the food, but once here, I had resolved not to be unduly paranoid. That is, until Romero's sister walked into the yard with a full pail of fresh milk. I stood up and shook her hand, and I extended the customary pleasantries. But she only stared at me, and in that face, framed in a black shawl, I read all her distrust of norteamericanos. Without expression, she asked me if I wanted some milk. I fumbled with the excuse that I'd already had the equivalent of two meals, and when I turned to Alfonso for help, I saw the odd twist of the lips and the glint in his eye, as though he and Doña Amalia were in some conspiracy to undermine my Yankee prejudices. I gave up. I asked for a glass of her milk, and only then did she smile.

After the meal, Alfonso and I drove out to La Máquina, a small settlement on the outskirts. As we drove, I asked him about the pistol he kept. He dismissed the question with a shrug: there had been a problem with a woman; a man who was now staying in town had tried to kill him once. Alfonso gave a thin smile. Maybe the man, whom they called "Lagunillo," had come back to try again. Alfonso just smiled broadly.

Alfonso's wife and two young daughters were waiting for us on the porch. In Mexico Alfonso was not a poor man; he owned several fields and pastures, which he rented to sharecroppers, and it was his family who, generations before, had founded La Máquina. He lived in a threeroom adobe house (two bedrooms and a kitchen socializing took place on the patio and porch), painted a sea-green color and bordered with a band of red along the bottom of the wall to where the blue-tile floor led out to the patio. Seated around the patio,

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we could see almost all of La Máquina. Across the stream, which ran in front of his property, stood other houses where his brothers and nephews lived. Dogs and chickens wandered in and out of Alfonso's house, and under the tile roof, above the ceiling, the loft was filled with a year's supply of corn collected from his tenants. But his pride was the coop of fighting cocks that he kept at the end of the patio. Yes, he said, the birds had done very well at El Fusion. He had won a lot of money.

Within minutes of our arrival, and before I could protest, his wife Maria

emerged with a chickenand-tortilla lunch. When I offered to bring her a chair so that she might join us, she shrugged off the idea with a short laugh and returned to work. In the nine days that I spent with Alfonso, I saw women eat with men only at a festival in Guadalupe, when families were visiting together; even then, only the female guests ate in male company. The women of the house remained in the kitchen, venturing out only for a drink and conversation after dinner.

When we finished what was my third meal of the day, Alfonso's family and I

hopped into the truck for the 15-mile drive to Guadalupe, a pueblo of some 900 people, and the first night of the three-day Festival of the Virgins. We stopped along the way to pick up José, who had come for his anniversary after all, and in Guadalupe had another dinner with friends. It seemed that everyone I met either worked or had a relative who worked in the U.S. Alfonso's cousin Fidel had spent 16 years there, busing tables, doing landscaping, construction, or factory work. He had been home for the last seven years, and has no plans to go back to the U.S. But it was a fact of life, they all told me, an economic necessity. When a young man married, or reached the age when his family needed his

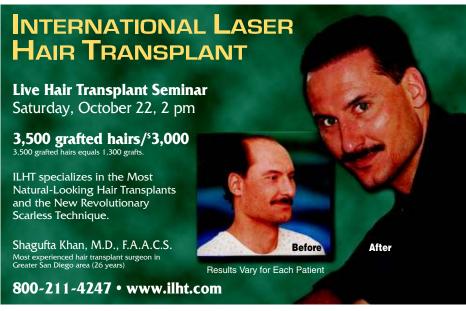








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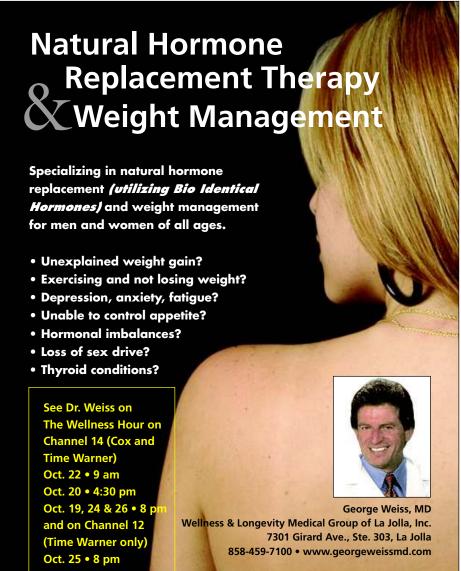
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support, he headed north. There were no exceptions.

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We spent long evenings around dinner tables, drinking vino mescal and teasing, talking about politics and love and the scarcity of work in Mexico. Alfonso agreed that it would be better for Mexico to develop

more employment, but others shook their heads, saying, "La politica en Mexico es muy bandida." Their opinions of U.S. politics were not much higher. They asked me about Reagan, and not sure how to reply, I ventured, "Es medio bueno, medio malo." Sí, they said, good for you, bad for the Latinos. They were embittered by U.S. readiness to defend Latin-American countries from all comers, including the very citizens of those countries." Castro y Reagan quieren todas las americas," one man declared.

Alfonso had asked me to stay an extra day for the baptism of his godchild in San Diego. We drove to town early and dropped into the pool hall for a snack. Alfonso walked among the tables, talking to a few of the men, and after a moment excused himself and went outside. When he came back, the pistol was tucked

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under his jacket, and he told me that "Lagunillo" was one of the men he had just spoken to. I asked him, "Perhaps he is no longer a problem for you?" He replied, "Chansa sí, chansa no, pero no quiero más problema." The problem itself fit nicely into the norteamericano cliché of Mexican machismo, and were it not for the fact that a murder had already been attempted, one might almost regard it as cavalierly as Alfonso tried to do when I had first asked him for details. Simply told, one man had what the other considered to be three more women than he knew what to do with, so the second man decided to help himself to one of them. The cuckold found the lovers in flagrante delicto, and the war was on.

But today Alfonso was merry as the baptismal rites began. After the service everyone filed out, and all the godfathers threw bolo, or good luck pesos, into the crowds of children who waited at the base of the church steps. We returned to La Máquina for a baptismal party that graduated into a farewell party; I was leaving the next day, and a number of the men would be returning to *el norte* the following week. We sat around Alfonso's table, as we had done nearly every night, toasting friendship and the battle against distance and time that separates us all. Every few minutes we raised our cups to something new, and then we'd switch topics until someone decided to drink a toast to it. There were so many salutes to happiness and truth that we didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Maybe, I thought, if we kept the party going, none of us would ever have to leave.

A week after my return, the feud between Alfonso and "Lagunillo" erupted into a shoot-out in the town's pool hall where I had seen them exchange words. Alfonso was grazed in the scalp; his opponent, who apparently also carried a gun in readiness, was wounded superficially in the chest and leg. The word in the orchard is that "Lagunillo" is back in California now, and he's just waiting for another chance at his rival. ■

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citronella; we tried garlic. We ate so much garlic we couldn't stand each other, but it didn't work with the mosquitoes. The only thing that worked was DEET." DEET, diethyl-meta-toluamide, is a strong chemical used in some insect repellants. "It's almost radioactive. It ate into my watch crystal, but here I was, putting it on my skin, and it worked."

The mosquitoes were able to circumvent the repellant. "Mosquitoes would fly into the van and wait in the shower stall, knowing that was where you'd wash off the DEET. They would also hide under the toilet seat, knowing there were places on your body that you just couldn't put DEET."

Despite the fact that they had been married for seven years, the Ligatos discovered much more about each other after a short time on the road. Ligato sums it up: "Three years of living in a van are like dog years for a marriage."

"I learned that he is a control freak," says Bejarano-Ligato. "I guess it was camouflaged by life. It was the van that made me realize this. It was his car before the trip. During the trip I couldn't get near the steering wheel. It was like, 'Don't touch! No, no, no!' I felt like this woman from the 1950s, like *Driving Miss Daisy*. He would never allow me to drive, and I was really surprised by that."

Bejarano-Ligato was surprised by the loss of her "deeply ingrained inhibitions" as well. In the past she could not bring herself to use any restroom outside of her home. "You should see me now. Through the trip I had to go in holes in the ground [or] stop on the side of the road where there were no trees — not even a twig to hide behind. That is one of the things I never thought I would get over." While abroad, the Ligatos encountered a man who claimed he had been traveling for three months and had not once "gone to the bathroom" in that time.

Traveling through Africa, a continent he had only previously read about, was eye-opening for Ligato. "I was very interested in HIV; you read about it all the time. AIDS is almost synonymous with Africa." Often, when he would ask someone what it was like to live with the deadly disease, his question would be answered and then countered with a question regarding the U.S's problem with obesity. "On TV and in the English newspapers in Africa almost every day there is a story about obesity in America." Ligato found it interesting how Africans equate the two life-threatening conditions. "There are



Amanda, Richard on Easter Island

many people here in the U.S. — who are polite and don't say it — but I think they believe, 'Those damn Africans, they can't control themselves.' I think those Africans are thinking the same thing the other way around."

The habits of some cultures were difficult for Bejarano-Ligato to accept, like the attitude towards trash in Latin America. "No matter what time of day it was, [people] would roll down their windows — no matter what kind of trash they had — they'd throw it out the window. A diaper, a liter of soda...it just never stopped. We would always know when we were getting close to a city because the litter would greet us."

Now that they are home, the Ligatos wish to continue living the simple life they experienced on their journey. "We realized how few possessions we need to be happy,"

says Ligato. "We don't have Internet; we don't have a cell phone or television." In answer to how they were able to afford such a venture, Ligato responds, "We saved everything Amanda made for six years. It went direct deposit into the bank and we never looked at it. That's how we bought our freedom."

— Barbarella

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#### BAJA

"Susurros Bajo el Agua," Moisés Zamora reads from, signs his new book, Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636.

**"A Musical Joke"** is presented by Orchestra of Baja California in concert, Thursday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). \$15 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

"Joke" is repeated when or-

chestra performs Friday, October 21, 8 p.m., at Teatro del Estado. Free. 011-52-686-553-6950. (MEXICALI)

Flamenco Guitar Music by Vicente Amigo, Thursday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Teatro de la Ciudad. 011-52-664-687-9636. (ENSENADA)

Orlando "Maraca" Valle and Orchestra perform Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at CEMAC, City Hall. 011-52-661-612-6760.

**Tijuana Beer Fest** — with breweries represented from Germany, Mexico, and United States — opens on Friday, October 21, 5 to 9 p.m. (with Mexican breweries only), at Caliente Race Track; \$10 U.S. Festival continues on Saturday, October 22, 1 to 11 p.m., and Sunday, October 23, 1 to 4 p.m., on Avenida Revolución. 011-52-664-682-8745. (TIJUANA)

"Songs Through History" highlighted when Cuauhtemoc Moctezuma Orchestra takes stage on Friday, October 21, 8 p.m., at Calafia Bullring. 011-52-686-557-1417. (MEXICALI)

**African Festival** with percussion and dancing by African Showboyz is Friday, October 21, 5 p.m., at Multiforo ICBC (Paseo Centenario, Zona Río). \$5 U.S. 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

"Art, Culture, and Traditions Festival," Friday through Sunday, October 21–23, at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida del Agua #777). 011-52-664-701-4345. (PLAYAS DE TILIIANA)

**Bolero and Flamenco Music** performed by Diego El Cigala, Friday, October 21, 8 p.m., at Tijuana

#### OUT & ABOUT

BOLEROS AND FLAMENCO MUSIC by Diego El Cigala, Friday, October 21, Tijuana Cultural Center.

(SEE BAJA)



Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río). Tickets to "Lagrimas Negras": \$40, \$50, \$60 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**Tequila Festival** with more than 300 different tequilas showcased Friday–Sunday, October 21–23, on Avenida Revolución. 011-52-664-684-0537. (TIJUANA)

Renowned Cuban Musician Israel "Cachao" Lopez plays mambo music, Saturday, October 22, 9 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Tickets: \$35, \$40, \$50. 011-52-664-687-9636. (IJJUANA)

**Author** Daniel Reveles signs *Tequila, Lemon, and Salt,* Saturday, October 22, 2 to 5 p.m., at Bar Di-

ana (Calle Cardenas #35). Free. 619-258-4911. (TECATE)

San Felipe October Off-Road Poker Run, Saturday, October 22, 8 a.m. Routes, fees: 011-52-661-612-2525. (SAN FELIPE)

**Tijuana Grand Prix,** Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, starting at 8 a.m. each morning, at Zona Río 3rd Etapa. 619-303-5899. (TJUANA)

Orchestra of Baja California plans classical music concert on Saturday, October 22, 7 p.m., at Sagrada Familia Catholic Church. 011-52-665-564-1483. (TECATE)

**Moderatto** plans rock concert, Saturday, October 22, 8 p.m., at Calafia Bullring. 011-52-686-557-1457. (MEXICALI) Raphael in Concert, Sunday, October 23, 8 p.m., at Teatro del Estado. 011-52-686-554-6419. (MEXICALI)

Raphael also plans concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 and 26, 8:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street; 011-52-664-687-9636). Tickets: \$50, \$55 U.S. (TIJUANA)

Ticuan Folkloric Ballet performs Mexican dances, Sunday, October 23, 5 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). \$8.50 U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**"Fiesta Viva,"** industrial, tourist, and commercial expo with music, food, and entertainment continues through Sunday, October 23, at Manzana 8. 011-52-646-172-3022. (ENSENADA)

Children's Mountain Bike Ride, Sunday, October 23, 10 a.m., for those 3–18 years old. Routes: 011-52-664-684-2959.

**Siberian State Ballet** performs Monday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., at Teatro de la Ciudad, Ensenada; and on Tuesday, October 25, 8 p.m., at Teatro del Estado, Mexicali. 011-52-664-687-9636. (ENSENADA, MEXICALI)

"Cervantes and Don Quixote"—lecture by author Antonio Navalón in commemoration of 400th anniversary of the masterpiece, Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Tijuan Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

**Raphael in Concert,** Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 and 26, 8:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street; 011-52-664-687-9636). Tickets: \$50, \$55 U.S.

**"Ethnic Relations** and Multiculturalism in Mexico City" presented by Cristina Oehmichen Bazán in Reading Room at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street) on Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

**The Drama** *Extras* is presented Wednesday, October 26, at Teatro del Estado, Mexicali; and Thursday, October 27, at Teatro de la Ciudad, Ensenada. Play begins at 6 and 8:30 p.m. both nights. 011-52-664-687-9636. (MEXICALI, ENSENADA)

Cinema Festival, showcasing electronic music and films, is Wednesday, October 26, 6 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

#### **OUTDOORS**

Leaves Are Beginning to Turn in coastal San Diego County's riparian woodland and oak woodland habitats. The summer-green crowns of willows and sycamores are already fading to yellow and brown. Beneath the oaks, the deciduous poison oak is flushing red. Good places for autumn walks this month and next include San Clemente Canyon (Marian Bear) Park adjacent to Freeway 52, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve north of Mira Mesa, and Wilderness Gardens Preserve east of Pala

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**Learn to Monitor Water Quality** in local streams during workshops hosted by Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation and Carlsbad Watershed Network, October 20-22, 9 a.m to 3 p.m. Free for North County resi-

dents. Registration: 760-598-7783.

(NORTH COUNTY)

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

Halloween Pumpkin Carving and scarv stories by storyteller Linda Whiteside promised on Saturday, October 22, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve (19324 Santee Lane). Bring a pumpkin to carve, carving tools, flashlight, lawn chair or blanket. Donation: \$1 per child under 13, \$2 for adults. Reservations: 619-956-4707. (VALLEY CENTER)

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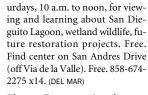
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Rediscover Escondido during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, October 22, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Enjoy Autumn Colors on nature walk led by trail guide, Saturday, October 22, 8:30 a.m., at Kumeyaav Lake Campground in Mission Trails Regional Park (Two Father Junipero Serra Trail). Learn about native plants, animals, history, ecology. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Discover Wildlife in Navajo Canyon during family day, Saturday, October 22, 2 to 5 p.m. Guided tour, junior naturalist event by San Diego Tracking Team, trail beautification. Wear sturdy, closed shoes, hat; water, tools provided. Find Navajo Canyon trailhead at 6801 Easton Court. Free. 619-265-2676. (NAVAJO)

Volunteer Work Day at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. to noon. Remove non-native plants, rake, sweep, accomplish all manner of tasks at "preserve in the making." Free. Supplies, directions, required reservations: 619-682-7200. (VISTA)

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#### **ODISSI DANCE FESTIVAL**

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of Otay/Sweetwater National Wildlife Refuge during outing hosted by Chula Vista Nature Center, Saturday, October 22, 8:30 a.m. Free. Required reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Mission Bay Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper on Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m., on bayside of Santa Clara Court. Free. 619-758-7743. (MISSION BAY)

An Expert Birder from Audubon Society leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road), Free, Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

**Explore Middle Peak** of Cuyamaca Range with Canyoneers on Sunday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Look for vegetation growing after 2003 Cedar Fire. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (CUYAMACA RANCHO STATE PARK)

Torrey Pines Trek hosted by Walkabout, Sunday, October 23. Two-hour walk through Torrey Pines Reserve starts at 8:30 a.m. in front of Torrey Pines Lodge (use Torrey Pines Golf Course parking lot). Free. 619-231-7463. (LA JOLLA)

Look for Osprey and Wood **Ducks** with Audubon Society birders at Santee Lakes, Wednesday, October 26. Easy hiking on level ground. Join group at 8 a.m. at parking area between first and second lakes within Santee Lakes Regional Park. Directions: 619-280-7710. Vehicle day-use fee. (SANTEE)

**Edible and Medicinal Plants** and their historic usage examined when naturalist Irene O'Neill leads easy two-mile hike in Daley Ranch on Wednesday, October 26. Meet at 9 a.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive, 760-839-4680, Free. (ESCONDIDO)

**Escape to the Natural Beauty** of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, with secluded native plant communities such as oak riparian, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and chaparral. The 750-acre openspace park features ten miles of trails, primitive picnic areas, mountain viewing points. The reserve is found on Harmony Grove Road near Elfin Forest, open daily

from 8 a.m. until around one halfhour before sunset. 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

#### DANCE

Bellydance Showcase by Laura, Leilainia, Mimi, and Sabrina, live music by Middle-Earth Ensemble, Thursday, October 20, 8 p.m., at Claire de Lune Coffeehouse (2906 University Avenue). Donation: \$5. 619-688-9845. (NORTH PARK)

"Movin' On" presented by Mojalet Dance Collective and SDSU School of Music and Dance, Friday through Sunday, October 21-23, 8 p.m., in Dance Studio Theatre (ENS-200) at San Diego State University. Program includes Lichtungen; Somebody, Somewhere; Distant Nights/Joyful Days. \$14 general. 858-679-0979. (SDSU)

Rotary Waltz taught during beginner-friendly dance on Friday, October 21, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. Free. All

ages; partners not required. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK) Contradance to music by Hey

Wire, calling by Martha Wild, Friday, October 21, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street). Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. \$7. Wear soft-soled shoes. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Romanian Line Dance Workshops planned by Daniel Sandu, who hails from Bucharest, Romania. Take classes by Sandu on Saturday, October 22, at Folk Dance Center (4569 30th Street, suite A). "Funky" Romanian dances at 2:30 p.m.; dinner break at 4:30 p.m., "traditional" Romanian dances at 6 p.m., dance review, request dancing 8 to 11 p.m. Workshops: \$7 each, \$6 for party. 619-281-5656. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Busy on Saturday? Sandu leads Romanian couples dance workshop, Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m., at Balboa Park Club (at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way). \$5. 619-278-4619. (BALBOA PARK)

Yaelisa and Caminos Flamencos perform October 22 and 23 at

Turquoise Cafe Bar Europa (873 Turquoise Street). Yaelisa is joined by guest artist Juan Ogalla from Sevilla; music by Jason "El Rubio" McGuire, Chuscales, Manuel de la Malena, Jesus Montoya. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. \$10. 858-488-4200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**All Things Swing Dance Event** with music by Sue Palmer, workshops, dancing, performances, games on Saturday, October 22, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Intermediate "drops and slides" workshop: 7:15 p.m.; beginner class: 8:30 p.m.; open dancing 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Dance only, \$13; additional fees for classes and workshops, 619-291-3775, (ENCINITAS)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, October 22, 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)

Odissi Dance Festival with 13 dancers and musicians, Sunday, October 23, 4 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Ensemble led by Guru Gangadhar Pradhan, Aruna Mohanty. Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 seniors, \$10 for those six—twelve. Reservations: 760-436-8277. (SDSU)

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 Judee Pronovost on October 23. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. \$6 per class; \$20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

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

**Salsa Central** dance party, Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., in Mission Room at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). \$5. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

Dance Dedicated to Works by Merce Cunningham and John Cage presented by UCSD Music Department and X-Drop dance company, Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$10 general. Suggested reservations: 858-822-3547. (LA JOLLA)

Swing and Ballroom Dance Party, Wednesday, October 26, 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.

Israeli Folk Dancing is offered every Thursday at San Diego Jewish Academy (11860 Carmel Creek Road). Beginners: 7 p.m., intermediate/advance: 8 p.m. Open dancing until 11:30 p.m. \$6.760-631-0802. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**Ocean Wavers Square Dance Club** offers new ABC square dance program every Thursday, 7 p.m., at Vista Townsite Community Center (642 Vista Village Drive). No experience necessary. All ages. \$4. 760-941-1099, 760-726-7059. (VISTA)

#### FILM

"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)

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discussesTony and Me: A Story of Friendship at San Diego Jewish Book Fair, Thursday, October 27, Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center.

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Hitchcock is showcased for Cinema Under the Stars, Thursday through Saturday, October 20–22, 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the 1951 flick at 4040 Goldfinch Street. \$12. 619-295-4221. (MISSION HILLS)

"Everyone Their Grain of Sand" by filmmaker Beth Bird is showcased for "Open Screening Night," on Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Film chronicles struggles of citizens of Maclovio Rojas in Baja as they battle state government. Bird will be on hand for screening. Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (GOLDEN HILL)

"The Real Dirt on Farmer John" screens Friday, October 21, 7 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Documentary is "epic tale of maverick Midwestern farmer" who "transforms his world amidst a failing economy, vicious rumors, and violence." Producer Teri Lang will introduce film, attend post-screening question and answer period. \$7. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

The Legal Quest for Barry Bonds's 73rd Home Run Ball is chronicled in *Up for Grabs*, screening at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (2121 San Diego Avenue), Friday, October 21, 6 p.m. Documentary followed by panel discussion with director/ producer Michael Wranovics, others. Free. 858-729-8969. (OLD TOWN)

¡Cine Club! Monthly Latino Film Festival continues with "Cortos Mexicanos" on Friday, October 21, 6:30 p.m., in P-32 at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Short films screening include La Historia de Todos, Conejo, M, Genesis 3:19, Mas por tu dinero, La Guerra, others. Free. In Spanish and English with English subtitles. Free. 619-230-1938 x101. (SAN MARCOS)

**"Fame Chimica"** by P. Vari and A. Boccola screens in Italian with English subtitles, Friday, October 21, 7 p.m., at Italian Community Center (1669 Columbia Street). \$2. 619-237-0601. (LITILE ITALY)

The Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films plays music and screens "silent" films on Saturday, October 22, 3 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Audience helps with sound effects. \$5. 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

**"Secret Cinema Salon,"** Sunday, October 23, 7 p.m., at Media Arts Center San Diego (921 25th Street). Rare and notable films from past, present, future of world cinema screened, then discussed. Requested donation: \$5. 619-230-1938 x 125. (GOLDEN HILL)

The Documentary This Is What Free Trade Looks Like: The NAFTA Fraud in Mexico, The Failure of the WTO, and the Case for Global Revolt screens Sunday, October 23, 7 p.m., at Kung Food (2949 Fifth Avenue). Writer, director Amory Starr on hand for discussion following film. Donations for Via Campesina. 619-298-7302. (BANKER'S HILL)

The "Spiritual Road Movie" Le Grand Voyage by Ismael Ferroukhi screens — in French and Arabic with English subtitles — for Film Forum on Monday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

A Buster Keaton Celebration is set for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane). See Steamboat Bill, Jr., on Wednesday, October 26, 6 p.m. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

"Commune," a documentary film by CSU, San Marcos faculty member Jonathan Berman, features Peter Coyote and Michael Tierra. Film chronicles group of young urban artists and activists who move to California wilderness to "create a new world." Free. See flick in room 240 of arts building; find campus at 333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

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"Gringo in Mañanaland" by independent filmmaker and UCSD professor emeritus Dee Dee Halleck screens for "Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self" film series, Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10. 619-696-1966.

"Peace, Propaganda, and the Promised Land — The U.S. Media and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict" screens for American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and ACLU, Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Hotel (8110 Aero Drive). Donations accepted. 619-840-1945. (CLAIREMONT)

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

#### **LECTURES**

"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.

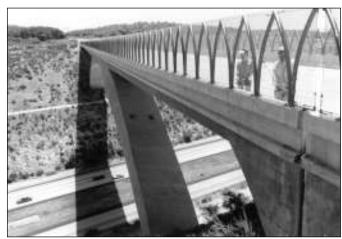
"Working for Peace, Living for Justice: Women PeaceMakers' Stories from Cambodia, the Philippines, Uganda, and Zimbabwe" discussed by panel on Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m. 619-260-7509.

**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)

#### ROAM- -RAMA

#### A GUIDE TO UNEXPECTED SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND I BY JERRY SCHAD

Pright sunshiny mornings and cool air make this autumnal time of year pleasant for a lazy Sunday morning or afternoon of road biking. Forget the coastal bike routes if you've had it with noisy traffic and stop lights. Instead, try this inland route along some of North County's more lightly traveled rural roads.



West Lilac Bridge over I-1:

Inland biking almost always involves significant elevation changes, and the route described here is no exception. You'll both gain and lose a cumulative 1300 feet of elevation on the 17 miles through avocado and citrus country and over the landmark West Lilac arched bridge spanning

Interstate 15. For most riders, any road bike or mountain bike with a low set of gears should suffice. Be sure to take along a filled water bottle, wear a helmet, and allow enough time — about two hours for a casual athlete.

San Luis Rey Downs, a large country club off Highway 76, just east of Bonsall (12 miles east of I-5 at Oceanside and 8 miles west of I-15), is a convenient place to begin. Start pedaling east on Camino del Rey, which follows a broad valley called "Moosa Canyon" on old maps. A reservoir for emergency water storage has been proposed for the upper valley. The lower valley is dotted by spacious country estates, many with horse corrals. After four miles, the easy, rather flat riding ends as Camino del Rey crosses under Interstate 15 and meets Old Highway 395. Turn right, climb moderately for about a mile, and turn left at Circle R Drive.

On Circle R Drive the uphill grade intensifies. You look upon scattered homes and a golf course down in the valley below. With much heavy breathing, you inhale the scent of the wild sage and chaparral as the road curves into a more

pristine stretch of terrain.
After some long minutes
of labor, you arrive atop a
rolling plateau dotted with
small ranches. Just
beyond a particularly steep
pitch ahead, Circle R Drive
turns abruptly left (north)

dotted with avocado and citrus orchards. When you reach the high bridge over Interstate 15, take time to stop and examine its structure. Looking through the expansion joints at either abutment, you can spot

#### **ESCONDIDO AND FALLBROOK**

Pedal through avocado and citrus groves between Escondido and Fallbrook.

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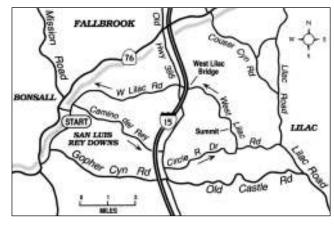
Biking difficulty: Moderately strenuous

and intersects with West Lilac Road. Keep straight, taking the branch that leads north and west back toward Bonsall.

In the next mile, you reach the last significant summit. From then on, the ride amounts to an almost effortless, breezy spin through rolling landscapes

the heavy cables that help support the hollow bridge.

In the final miles of descent — west of Old Highway 395 — see if you can spot the ocean in the distance. In a few minutes, you'll be on flat land next to the San Luis Rey River, close to your starting point.



#### 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 Mira-Costa 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)

"Health Tips for the Adventure Traveler" imparted when Dr. Victor Kovner discusses risks of traveling to developing countries, Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Adventure 16 (4620 Alvarado Canyon Road). Free. 619-283-2374. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Intro to Touch" presented during Happy Hour Lecture, Thursday, October 20, 6 p.m., at San Diego Humane Society (5500 Gaines Street). Technique offers "hands-on approach to the care and training of our animal companions." \$10. Reservations: 619-243-3424. No pets. (LINDA VISTA)

"Thomas Paine: Common Sense for the Modern Era" is subject for symposium on October 21 and 22 at San Diego State University's Montezuma Hall at Aztec Center. Renowned Paine scholars, authors, museum directors will take part; exhibit of Paine's personal artifacts also featured. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. on Saturday. Free. 619-594-2412. (SDSU)

"Patagonia: A Hiker's Paradise" presented by "hiker without borders" Christa McReynolds for Sierra Club, Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., in auditorium of San Diego Zoo's Otto Center (left of zoo's main entrance). 619-585-3773. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Rain, The River, and the Arundo" — biologist John Boland discusses how record rainfall of past year compares to historic rainfall data, how Tijuana River was influenced by rainfall, how Arundo donax (giant reed) spread in valley on Friday, October 21, noon, at Tijuana River Estuary Visitor Center (301 Caspian Way). Free. 619-575-3613. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

#### South Asian Art Symposium

in conjunction with "Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks in Indian Painting," October 21–23, at San Diego Museum of Art. Sessions include: "A Millennium of Iconoclasm? Re-Use in South Asia during 1st through 12th Centuries," "Peripheries and Enclosures in South Asian Temple Architecture," "Current Approaches to Rajput Painting," many others. Fee: \$30 per day, \$80 for all three. Details, registration: 619-696-1969. (BALBOA PARK)

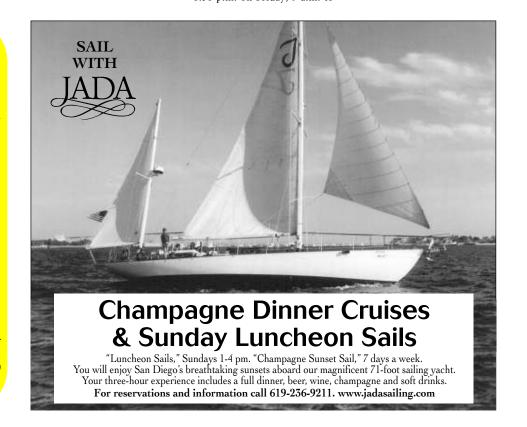
"Protecting Your Liver From the Holidays" presented by Rose Stanfill for Cadent Cross Institute, Saturday, October 22, 12:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-299-2897. (HILLCREST)

Sample Teas of India and Coffee Blends during tastings on Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 2 p.m., at Peet's Coffee and Tea (350 University Avenue, 8843 Villa La Jolla Drive, 7845 Highland Village Place). Free. 619-296-5995. (HILLCREST, LA JOLLA, TORREY HIGHLANDS)

**"Bugs!"** Can't live without them. Field biologist Michael Klein speaks for Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Saturday, October 22, 7:45 p.m., at Los Peñasquitos Ranch House (12020 Black Mountain Road, behind Canyonside Park, at Mercy Road). Free. 858-538-0935. (RANCHO PENASOUITOS)

Water-Wise Gardening and Compost Education taught by certified master composters, Sat-





urday, October 22, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Free. Required reservations: 760-436-7986 x216. (EL CAJON)

"Beginning Fiction" classes for those "who have stories to tell but aren't sure how, or where, to begin" by Midge Raymond commence Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m., at Hi-Way Haven (466 North Pacific Coast Highway 101). Class continues through November 19. Fee for four weeks: \$105.760-942-4367. (IEUCADIA)

# **13th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference** is Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Diego State University's Aztec Center. Panel presentations, discussions of papers, poetry, fiction, artwork.

Lecture by San Diego Union-Tribune columnist and author Richard Louv (Last Child in the Woods) at 1:15 p.m.; SDSU faculty panel at 9:30 a.m., student panels follow. Free. 619-594-5200. (SDSU)

Invention Marketing is focus when Matthew Yubas (*Product Idea to Product Success*) speaks Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m., in second floor meeting room at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. Reservations: 619-238-6630. (DOWNTOWN)

**Use Native Plants for Fire Resistance** and drought tolerant landscaping after Greg Rubin speaks for Friends of Hellhole Canyon Open Space Preserve, Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m., at Val-

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ley Center Community Hall (28246 Lilac Road). Free. 760-749-5320. (VALLEY CENTER)

Parrot Education and Adoption Center offers seminars on variety of topics on October 22 and 23. "Parrot Safety" is subject at 1 p.m.; learn about "Avian Diseases: The Four Ps" at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

"Avian Nutrition" illuminated on Sunday at 1 p.m.; followed by "Behavior Problems" at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Classes offered in room D-6 at Marina Village Conference Center (1936 Quivira Way). \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Reservations: 619-287-8200. (PACIFIC BEACH)

#### Prepare for Día de los Muertos during papier-mâché skeletonmaking workshop on Saturday, October 22, 12:30 p.m., at Back from Tomboctou (3564 Adams Avenue);

\$20. Sugar skull workshops at

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 22; and 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 23. \$15. Reservations: 619-282-8708. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"What About Education?"
SDSU professor Leif Fearn
"teaches teachers to teach children," and he'll address Association for Rational Inquiry, Sunday,
October 23, 7 p.m., in Joyce Beers
Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Donation. 619-421-

5844. (HILL CREST)

**Get the Skinny on Dyslexia** during workshop on Sunday, October 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway). Panelists include speech therapists, reading specialists, vision therapists, educational, occupational therapists. \$15. Registration: 619-295-3722. (MISSION VALLEY)









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Writers Workshop for Adults and Kids in conjunction with Art of the Book Festival, Saturday, October 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Gem and Mineral Building (123 West Alvarado). \$25. 760-723-0233.

"Europe's Angry Muslims" examined by Cal Watson for North County Coastal Forum of the World Affairs Council, Monday, October 24, 10:05 a.m., in secondfloor activity room at La Vida del Mar (850 Del Mar Downs Road). Free. 858-487-4635 or 858-759-1202. (SOLANA BEACH)

Ponder a New Airport during forum hosted by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Monday, October 24, 6 p.m., at Westview High School Performing Arts Center (13500 Camino del Sur). Presenters include Steve Dryer, Morris Vance, Thella F. Bowens. Free. 619-400-2882. (RANCHO PENASOLIITOS)

**Pulitzer Prize-Winning former** Washington Post journalist Haynes Johnson discusses his new book, The Age of Anxiety: McCarthyism to Terrorism for UCSD's Revelle Forum, Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Neurosciences Institute (10640 John Jay Hopkins Drive). \$35. Suggested reservations: 858-534-3400. (LA JOLLA)

**Give Effective Speeches** after Bill Wexler from National Speakers Association Hall of Fame addresses Atheist Coalition of San Diego, Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at North Park Recreation

# Poetry |

#### TWO POEMS WITH CHICKENS IN THEM

#### The Red Wheelbarrow

so much depends

a red wheel barrow

glazed with rain

beside the white chickens.

William Carlos Williams



#### nobody loses all the time

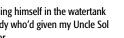
i had an uncle named Sol who was a born failure and nearly everybody said he should have gone into vaudeville perhaps because my Uncle Sol could sing McCann He Was A Diver on Xmas Eve like Hell Itself which may or may not account for the fact that my Uncle

Sol indulged in that possibly most inexcusable of all to use a highfalootin phrase luxuries that is or to wit farming and be it needlessly added

my Uncle Sol's farm failed because the chickens ate the vegetables so my Uncle Sol had a chicken farm till the skunks ate the chickens when

my Uncle Sol had a skunk farm but the skunks caught cold and died so my Uncle Sol imitated the skunks in a subtle manner

or by drowning himself in the watertank but somebody who'd given my Uncle Sol a Victor



Victrola and records while he lived presented to him upon the auspicious occasion of his decease a scrumptious not to mention splendiferous funeral with tall boys in black gloves and flowers and everything and

i remember we all cried like the Missouri when my Uncle Sol's coffin lurched because somebody pressed a button (and down went my Uncle

and started a worm farm)

- e. e. cumminas

Center (4044 Idaho Street). Free. 619-342-7388. (NORTH PARK)

"Using Land Records in Genealogical Research" chronicled when Penny Feike speaks for North San Diego County Genealogical Society, Tuesday, October 25, 10 a.m., in Carlsbad City Council Chambers (1200 Carlsbad Village Drive). Free. 858-509-4937. (CARLSBAD)

Mountain Bike Basics dispensed Tuesday, October 25, at REI

Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Wednesday, October 26, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Basics of biking, proper gear, techniques, local places to explore. Free programs start at 7 p.m. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"How to Write Your Short Book Fast" led by author and "book coach" Judy Cullins, Tuesday, October 25, 2 p.m., at La Mesa Enrichment Center (8450 La Mesa

Boulevard). Free. 619-466-0622. (LA MESA)

"Soundscapes of Modernity: Architectural Acoustics and the Culture of Listening in America 1900-1933" presented by history professor Emily Thompson for Humanities Dialogues series, Wednesday, October 26. Lecture followed by comments by theater professor Shahrokh Yadegari. Talk starts at 7:30 p.m. in room 106 of Pepper Canyon Hall at UCSD.

Free, 858-534-0999, (LA JOLLA)

"All About Orchids" is subject when Bob Hodges speaks for Ikebana International, Wednesday, October 26, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. Ichivo demonstration by Haruko Crawford follows. 760-728-5586, Free, (BALBOA PARK)

"Can True Democracy Exist in a Capitalistic Economy?" Explore the answer, Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free, 619-295-7911, (HILLCREST)

"Table Decorations from the Garden" demonstrated and created when Mission Hills Garden Club meets on Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street), \$10, 619-295-2702. (MISSION HILLS)

"Mortifications of the Flesh: The Performance of Violence and Articulations of Race on Cops;" Theresa Cenidoza Suarez on "Constructions of Filipino Masculinity Among U.S. Navy Families in San

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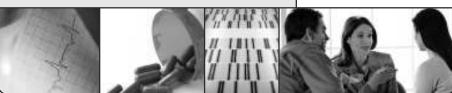
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Diego"; and Julietta Hua on "Women's Rights as Human Right?" Lectures start 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, in room 107 of Social Sciences building at UCSD. Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

"Retrofitting Your Garden to Low-Water Use" discussed by landscape architect Dan Carney, Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuvamaca College Drive West). \$10. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

Theologian, Art Historian, classicist Otto Mower will "delve into the mind of Rembrandt and address why the artist chose" certain apostles to portray in his paintings, Thursday, October 27, 12:30 p.m., for "Art in the Afternoon" series at Timken Museum of Art. Free. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

Bharatha Natyam Is a Major Classical Dance of India, with two aspects: nritta (pure dance) and abhinaya (expressional dance). Malavika Sarukkai explains how these aspects and symbolism work together during lecture-demonstration on Thursday, October 27, 1 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art \$10. 619-696-

Clean Air Club meets to hear Colin Young, chairman of American Lung Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Thursday, October 27, 2 p.m., in lounge at Westminster Manor (1730 Third Avenue). Free. 619-544-0640. (DOWNTOWN)

The Top Female Endurance Cyclist in the U.S. is said to be Monique "Pua" Sawiki. Learn how Sawiki prepares to race at highest levels, tips on taking "it to the next level," improving overall endurance during slide-illustrated talk on Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

A Sharing and Problem-Solving Meeting is planned when Scottish Interest Group of British Isles Genealogical Research Association meets on Thursday, October 27, 10 a.m., San Diego Family History Center (4195 Camino del Rio South). Free, 619-465-7326. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Día de Muertos" examined by Elena Poniatowska, Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$20 general. 619-260-4090. (LINDA VISTA)

#### **IN PERSON**

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,

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-

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

"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)

Busy author plans discussion and signing on Friday, October 21, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Gi-





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Bokovoy also appears Saturday, October 22, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5821. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

"Life Is Short and I'm Not," written and directed by Todd Stirling Brown, presented Thursday-Saturday, October 20-22, at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). \$15. 619-584-3593. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**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)

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)

One, Two, Three, What Are We Fighting For? Country Joe McDonald will probably pose this still-pertinent question during concert hosted by AcousticMusic-SanDiego, Friday, October 21; Peter Mulvev takes stage on Saturday, October 22. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"The Diary of Anne Frank" is presented by Children's Creative and Performing Arts Academy high schoolers, Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 7 p.m. Find school at 6365 Lake Atlin Avenue. \$5. 619-697-7724. (SAN CARLOS)

Compositions by South African composers Abdullah Ibrahim, Winston Mankunku Nikosi, Zim Ngqawana, and Harry Miller on tap when David Borgo

FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

<u>OUT & ABOUT</u>

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

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and companions perform in concert, Friday, October 21, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Poet, Musician, Sculptor Ricardo Mendoza presents poetry and ten bronze sculptures, Friday, October 21, 7 p.m., at Chicano

Perk Café (129 25th Street). Also on tap: Gene Perry, Shannon Bates. Donation. 619-702-5414. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Southern California Thriller-Writer Gregg Hurwitz signs and discusses Troubleshooter at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard) on Friday, October 21, 7 p.m. Free. 858-268-4747, (CLAIREMONT

brates one year anniversary with events hosted by Anna Joy Springer on Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., at Arts and Entertainment Center (3026 University Avenue). "Wildest queer and feminist performance series" and open mic boasts Skim and Butchlalis de Panochtitlan." Donation: \$5-\$7 (no one turned away for lack of funds). 619-549-2031. (NORTH PARK)

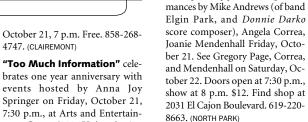
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Latin Harp Night with performances by José Smith, Cesar Daniel Lopez, Carmen Elena Barreiro, hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, October 22, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$15. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

"Juan Soldado: Rapist, Murderer, Martyr, Saint" signed and discussed by author Paul J. Vanderwood, Saturday, October 22, 4 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). How did a confessed rapist/murderer come "to be venerated as a miracle-working saint"? Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Mainstream" Comedy show with three comics, Saturday, October 22, 8 p.m., at 4th & B (345 B Street). Free. 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

"Word" Anti-Social Writers Party "in celebration of take back your time day," Saturday, October 22, 6 to 10 p.m., at Rebecca's Café (3023 Juniper Street, at 30th Street). Music by Steph Johnson Band. \$10. 619-233-3792. (SOUTH PARK)

Graphic Novel Author and Artist visits Mysterious Galaxy Books to sign and discuss Queen Bee, Sunday, October 23, 2 p.m. Find Galaxy at 7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard; 858-268-4747. Free. (CLAIREMONT)

"Love in All Its Forms," musical by André Nerman and Manon Landowski from Paris is presented in French on Sunday, October 23, 1 p.m., in Maher Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Excerpts from texts by Courteline, Sacha Guitry, Colette, Jacques Prévert; songs by Yves Montand, Edith Piaf, Francis Blanche, others. \$20 general. 858-824-6694. (LINDA VISTA)

 $\textbf{Neil LaBute's} \ \textit{Bash}, loosely based$ on Greek myths, is said to feature "unblinking portraits of the complexities of evil in everyday life." Staged reading by Carlsbad Playreaders, Monday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775







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**Enormous Loss** has recently been experienced by the six people presenting monologues, Monday, October 24, 8 p.m., at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Monologues are culmination of therapeutic writing workshop. \$25.800-594-8499. (DOWNTOWN)

"One World — One People — Celebrating World Cultures" presented by soprano Ayse Underhill, pianist John Danke for Fall Chamber Concert Series, Monday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Program includes pieces by Mozart, Britten, Ginastera, folk songs from Mexico, Turkey, Israel, Ireland, Japan, Spain, Philippines. Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

**Open Mike Poetry** hosted by Pattie Wells, Monday, October 24, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:15 p.m. Free. Bring a poem for publication consideration. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Her Father Was Saddam Hussein's Personal Pilot; palace insider Zainab Salbi was later sent to America for an arranged marriage to avoid Hussein's "growing affection." Now dedicated to helping oppressed women around world, Salbi signs and discusses Between Two Worlds, Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Pre-Halloween Show** hosted by Comedy Grill — with comics Mitch Feingold, Tim Palmer, guest Scott Bowman — Tuesday, October 25, 8 p.m., at Rosie and Joe's Grill and Cantina (7986 Armour Street). No cover. 858-550-8088. (KEARNY MESA)

**Fantasy Author** R.A. Salvatore signs, discusses *Promise of the Witch King*, Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., at Mysterious Galaxy Books (7051 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). Free. 858-268-4747. (CLAIREMONT)

Romance-Suspense Fiction Author Christina Skye — author of 21 novels, two novellas, five nonfiction books — will discuss her books (including *Code Name: Baby*), career, and genre on Tuesday, October 25, 1 p.m., at Romance World (854 Jackman Street; 619-588-5494 or 619-588-1061). (EL CAJON)

Skye will also appear to sign and speak, Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1905 Calle Barcelona). Free. 760-479-0242. (LA COSTA)

**Photographer** Antonin Kratochvil is on hand on Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Zelman/Foley Studios (2308-C Kettner Boulevard). His latest book: *Vanishing*. \$15 general. 858-481-5111.

Three-Time Emmy Award Winner Jack Klugman signs *Tony and Me: A Story of a Friendship,* Thursday, October 27, 7:30 p.m., for San Diego Jewish Book Fair at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). \$22 general. Reservations: 858-362-1348. (LA JOLLA)

**The Beauty and Depth** "of every part of the world" is documented in the 240 photographs contained in *Wide Angle: National Geographic Greatest Places.* Author Gerd Ludwig discusses and signs books, Thursday, October 27, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

**Author** Michelle Whitedove signs and discusses *She Talks With Angels*, Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center Mall (5500 Grossmont Center Drive; 619-667-2870). Free. (LA MESA)

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)

Who Is California's Poet Laureate? Al Young plans poetry reading for Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series, Wednesday, November 2. Young's volumes include Heaven: Collected Poems, 1956–90; The Blues Don't Change; he's worked as screen writer with Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, Richard Pryor. Reading starts at 7 p.m. in room 2203 of Malcolm A. Love Library at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-4991. (SDSU)

"The Truth (With Jokes)" told by author, comedian, radio host Al Franken in his new book, which he'll discuss and sign for Warwick's Book on Friday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Details: 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)



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#### **SPORTS**

Light the Night Against Crime, now in its 19th year, 5k run/walk starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way, Bring a flashlight and wear a costume! 619-298-7400. Race-day registration: 5 p.m.

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

The 17th Annual Arturo Barrios Invitational is Sunday, October 23, at Chula Vista Marina. Roster includes 5k run, 10k run, North American 5k team Championships, fiesta kids' races, 858-450-6510. (CHULA VISTA)

Lake Wohlford Express Ride hosted by Sierra Club bicyclists, Sunday, October 23. Steep grades, brisk 47-mile semi-loop ride starts at 8:30 a.m. at Kit Carson Park (3333 Bear Valley Parkway), Bring money for snack stop at Bates Nut Farm. 858-452-6237. (ESCONDIDO)

Walk to D'Feet ALS is Sunday. October 23. The 3.1-mile walk starts at 9 a.m. at DeAnza Cove. Pledge, 858-271-5547, (MISSION BAY)

Take an "Up-Down-and-Around Ride" with Bicycle Touring Society bicyclists, Tuesday, October 25. The 35-miler

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San Diego Chargers meet up with Eagles in Philadelphia, Sunday, October 23, 1:15 p.m. Game broadcast on CBS. Tickets for home games available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS).

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)

#### SPECIAL

The 122-Foot Privateer Lynx arrives in Oceanside Harbor on Friday, October 21, 5 p.m., firing from her main battery of sixpounder cannonades and twopounder swivel guns. While in port, educational tours offered Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 general, free

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#### Mira Mesa Monster Manor runs 7 to 10 p.m., October 21–22, October 27-31, at Target shopping center (8235 Mira Mesa Boule-

vard). Tickets: \$9, benefiting Mira Mesa community Fourth of July festivities. Also on offer: "Lite Fright, A Treasure Haunt," daytime version

of manor for children up to 12 years old. Hours: noon to 4 p.m. October 22, 23, 29, 30, \$5. 858-693-8536. (MIRA MESA)

Play Duplicate Bridge every day of week except Thursdays and Sundays, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). \$2 per play. 619-296-4274. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Exhibit of work by Charles Curtis and champagne, hors d'oeuvres reception, Friday, October 21, at Eduard — A Taste of Europe (1392 East Palomar Street. #305). Food prepared by Chef Ron Oliver of Marine Room, \$38, Seating times, reservations: 619-934-9622. (CHULA VISTA)

Fall Home Show, October 21-23, at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Vendors offering all manner of home items. Free admission. Show opens at 10 a.m. each day, closing at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. on Sunday. 800-999-5450. (DEL MAR)

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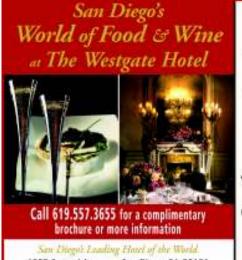
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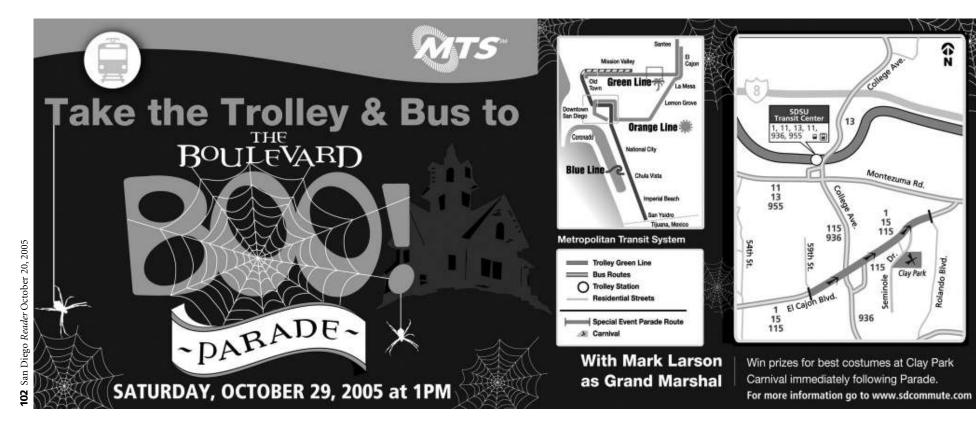
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Point Loma Village Cultural Faire, Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Cañon and Scott Streets. Live entertainment, kids' area, local artists exhibiting their creations, carnival, food court. Admission: free. 619-222-7991 or 619-200-8200. (POINT LOMA)

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**Psychic Fair and Metaphysical** Conference, Alexandra's Book-Store, Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, noon to 6 p.m. Tarot, palmistry, numerology, other psychic arts featured; \$20 per reading. The shop is located at 3545 Midway Drive, suite G. 619-298-3422. (SPORTS ARENA)

The House of Turkey  $hosts \ lawn$ program at International Cottages, Sunday, October 23, 2 p.m. Music, dance, cultural costumes. Free. 619-234-0739, (BALBOA PARK)

"The Art of the Book Festival" filled with books, art, music, cuisine, is Sunday, October 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in parking lot of Fallbrook Library (124 South Mission Road). Book-binding demonstrations; rare, collectible, first edition books; silent auction, plein air art show, more. Admission is free, 760-723-5132 or 760-728-2373, (FALLBROOK)

Bridal Bazaar, Sunday, October 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Wedding products and services from over 200 exhibitors, fashion shows (11:30 a.m., 1, 2:45 p.m.). \$10. 760-334-5500. (DEL MAR)

Cajon Classic Cruise Halloween Show, Wednesday, October 26, on Main Street, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. "Costumed classic cars," trick-or-treating for kids 12 and younger. Free. 619-401-8858. (EL CAJON)

"Bats in Your Belfry," head into "haunted halls" of Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discover Center for program on Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m. Dick Wilkins of Bat Rescue will "dispel the misconceptions about these misunderstood mammals," lifestyle and anatomy of bats, talk about rabies virus. Bats on hand to see. Trick or treating for kids. Find center at 1580 Cannon Road (at Faraday). Free. 760-804-1969. (CARLSBAD)

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Learn About "Bridge Garden" **Project** led by Friends of Normal Heights Canyons during community issues dinner, Wednesday, October 26, at Normal Heights Community Center (4649 Hawley Boulevard). Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (\$7), speakers at 7 p.m. (free). 619-281-9678, (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

"Portugal" provides focus for Tower After Hours series at San Diego Museum of Man on Thursday, October 27, 6 p.m. \$20 fee includes Portuguese food and drink. Reservations: 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

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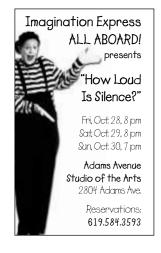
p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday, Wednesday, Sunday; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Hotel hours: 7 to 11 p.m. Thursday, Wednesday, Sunday; 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

The Haunted Trail, an "all-outdoor haunted attraction," is open 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday; 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. Find trail at Marston Point (Sixth Avenue and Juniper Street). (BALBOA PARK)

All continue through Monday, October 31. Tickets: \$12.99. Not for those under 10. 619-696-SCARE.

"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)

Ride the (Spooky) Giant Dipper, decorated through Monday, Octo-



ber 31, with spooky music, themed decorations, surprise in tunnel. \$5. Find the coaster at Mission Boulevard and West Mission Bay Drive. 858-488-1549, (MISSION BEACH

The Big Boys Toys Show hits Del Mar Fairgrounds, November 4-6. Show features "greatest products and services for men, including cars, home entertainment products, extreme sports, motorcycles, aeronautics," more.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. \$10 general, free for those under ten. 858-586-1202. (DEL MAR)

#### FOR KIDS

Meet The Polka Dot Ghost when Big Joe Productions take stage at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, October 23, Find out Who's Afraid of Peter Pumpkin in performances by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, October 26-30.

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)

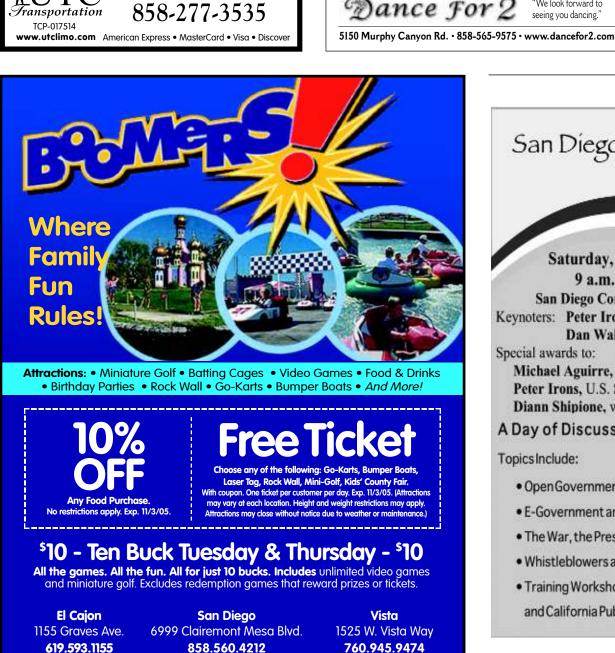
"Zombie Prom," it's not just another day at Enrico Fermi High in next production by San Diego Junior Theatre, October 21-November 6, in Casa del Prado Theater. Fast-paced musical is recommended for those eight and older.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Performance on October 29 is ASL interpreted. Tickets: \$9 to

\$12 students/seniors

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\$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-8355. (BALBOA PARK)

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

ber 21–30, at Museum of Photographic Arts. Short and full-length feature 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 one year 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)

Musicals for Children...By Children, singers, dancers, and actors aged 8–18 perform in Christian Youth Theater productions. *Aladdin* and *Once Upon a Mattress* open Friday, October 21, at locations across county, continuing through October 29. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$10 for kids 3–19. Reservations, locations: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (SAN DIEGO COUNTY)

Meet "The Millionaire Mentor to Teenagers," Gregory Reid, during grand opening events on Saturday, October 22, noon to 5 p.m., at I Am Foundation (1010 Prospect Street, #102). Storytime at 3:30 p.m. for those four to ten years old. Vendors. Free. 858-454-7010. (LA JOLLA)

**First 5 for Kids Expo,** Saturday, October 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Jackie Robinson Family YMCA (151 YMCA Way). Activities for kids, health and safety information for parents, entertainment. Free. 619-594-7307. (SAN DIEGO)

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, en-

joy 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)

**Author** Kerry Madden (*Gentle's Holler*) presents writing workshop for children sponsored by Warwicks' Bookstore, Saturday, October 22, 1 to 3:30 p.m., at La Jolla Library (7555 Draper Avenue). Free. Required reservations: 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

**Ghouls and Boys** invited to Haunted Halloween at Birch Aquarium-Museum, Thursday through Saturday, October 27–29, 6 to 9 p.m. Costume contests, crafts, "spooky, slimy science activities." \$13. Find the Birch at 2300 Expedition Way. Reservations: 858-534-7336. (LA JOLLA)

#### MUSEUMS

(Art museums are listed in

**Bancroft Ranch House Museum** houses indigenous Indian artifacts

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

Barona Cultural Center and Museum is located at 1095 Barona Road; 619-443-7003 x2. (LAKESIDE)

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

The museum features surfing artifacts and memorabilia — such as surfboards and clothing — of local legends Phil Edwards, John

"L.J." Richards, and Peter Johnson, and Duke Kahanamoku. The museum is located at 223 North Coast Highway; 760-721-6876. (OCEANSIDE)

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

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Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps

who provided air support, from the propeller-driven fighters and bombers of the 1940s to the modern jets and helicopters currently in use. Static displays of a variety of aircraft are included, along with equipment, insignia, paintings and photographs, scale models, and a research library. The museum is located in building T-2002, at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. 858-693-1723. (MIRAMAR)

**Gaslamp Museum of Historic San Diego,** glimpse San Diego's colorful past at the museum, where displays highlight Wyatt Earp's San Diego days, the Peg Leg Gold Legend, the first maps and photographs of Old Town and "New Town," early military history, the naval disaster in 1923 at Point Honda, and more. Find the museum at 413 Market Street (between Fourth and Fifth Avenues). 619-237-1492. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

Heritage of the Americas Museum, more than 100 Chinese jades of the Late Neolithic (4300-2500 B.C.) through the Ming periods (1368-1644 A.D.)









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# Reading

#### **Chicken: The Dangerous Transformation of America's Favorite Food**



By Steve Striffler Yale University Press, 2005; 208 pages; \$25

#### FROM THE DUST COVER:

Anthropologist Steve Striffler begins this book in a poultry processing plant, drawing on his own experience there as a worker. He also reports on the way chickens are raised today and how they are consumed. What he discovers about America's favorite meat is not unpleasant but a powerful indictment of our industrial food system. The process of bringing chicken to our dinner

table is unhealthy for all concerned - from farmer to factory worker to consumer.

The book traces the development of the poultry industry since the Second World War, analyzing the impact of such changes as the destruction of the family farm, the processing of chicken into nuggets and patties, and the changing makeup of the industrial labor force. The author describes the lives of immigrant workers and their reception in the small towns where they live. The conclusion is clear: there has to be a better way. Striffler proposes radical but practical change, a plan that promises more humane treatment of chickens, better food for the consumer, and fair payment for workers and farmers.

#### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

An extraordinarily powerful indict-ment of the U.S. chicken industry. This book will do for chicken what Fast Food Nation did for

- Marion Nestle, Safe Food: Bacteria, Biotechnology, and Bioter-

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:** University of Arkansas associate

versity of Michigan, UCLA, and The New School for Social Research. At the latter he received his Ph.D. He has spent several summers working on the floor in chicken processing plants.

professor of anthropology Steve

Striffler was born in Ann Arbor,

Michigan, in 1967. His parents

were in graduate school - his

father studying plasma physics

and his mother, speech pathology — at Ann Arbor at the time

of Steve's birth. When Steve was

five, his family moved to the D.C.

suburbs. Striffler attended D.C.

schools. His father became a pro-

fessor at the University of Mary-

land, and his mother taught at

Striffler attended the Uni-

Georgetown University.

#### **A CONVERSATION WITH** THE AUTHOR:

"How did an anthropologist get interested in chickens?

"My first book was on the banana industry in South America. So I've been interested in questions of food and labor and U.S./Latin American relations for quite a while.

"I had a post-doc at Yale for a year after I got my Ph.D. When I came here for the job interview, I was struck by the poultry houses all over the landscape. I was surprised by there being so many Latin Americans here. I had a stereotypical image of this part of the world. I learned that Latin Americans in this area were working in the poultry industry. I already knew a little bit about poultry because the contracting system in poultry isn't that different from bananas. It was a natural thread: there's food, there's labor, there's U.S./Latin America issues."

"How small towns like Galax, Virginia, seemingly overnight, become populated by Latin Americans come to work in poultry fascinated me."

"It's astounding. The numbers in terms of percentages are outstanding even in major urban areas, but when you go to smalltown America, four or five thousand Latin Americans can transform the region. This has happened throughout Middle America and the rural South. Some of the push-and-pull factors that made this happen are these. The push factors were definitely things going on both California and Mexico. You have an ongoing economic crisis in Mexico intensifying during the early to mid-'80s. At roughly the same time things are getting tougher on immigrants in California. Something close to a million immigrants leave California in a decade and most aren't returning to Mexico; they're coming to the U.S.

"I already knew a little bit about poultry because the contracting system in poultry isn't that different from bananas."

are included in "The Stone of Heaven: The Enduring Art of Jade Age China." From ancient times, jades in China were treasured as talismans, worn on the body either as final adornments in death or as ornaments in life. See a rare and valuable jade burial suit of the Han dvnastv (206 B.C. to 221 A.D.), one of only about two dozen that have been excavated in China. The suits were made of more than 2000 square and rectangular plates of jade sewn together with threads of

gold, silver, or bronze (depending upon the status of the wearer).

n g o i n g The museum features art and artifacts from South and North America, concentrating on the utilitarian and decorative artistry of crafts workers from ancient cultures. The museum also features wings dedicated to natural history, archaeology, education, anthropology, and fine art. Find the museum on the Cuyamaca College campus, 12110

Cuyamaca College Drive West. 619-670-5194. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Heritage Museum, an interpretive wall, replicas of the early post office and general store, and a school room are part of this museum. A mural painted by Michael Strong depicts six periods of Poway's past. Find the museum in Old Poway Park, at 14134 Midland Road; 858-679-8587, (POWAY)

Heritage Walk Museum, the museum includes the restored Vic-

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

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

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

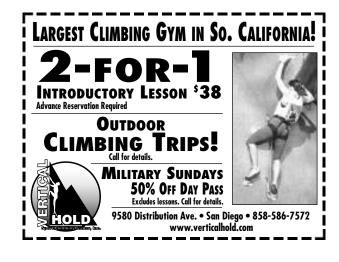
La Mesa Depot Museum, located in a restored 1894 wooden train station, exhibits include original telegraph and telephone equipment, pot-bellied coal stove, period furniture. The adjacent freight train display features 1923 steam locomotive, 1957 refrigerator car, restored 1941 caboose. Find the museum at La Mesa

Boulevard and Spring Street. 619-465-7776. (LA MESA)

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

Museum of History and Art, ongoing exhibits explore the over-











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South and Middle America. The South is going through a relative economic boom, a period when folks who had been doing low-wage labor in chicken- and meat-processing plants are starting to get out of those jobs and into other jobs. So there's this push out of California and Mexico. At the same time there's a growing need for low-wage labor in the U.S. South.

"Also, Central America, from which now come a growing percentage of the immigrants, is definitely a major factor. In northwest Arkansas, the immigrant population is roughly 75 percent Mexican, and most of the rest of the Latinos are Salvadoran; they're being driven out by civil wars in Central America. Many pass through California first or Texas. I did work in North Carolina, and it's heavily Guatemalan, and for reasons not unrelated to U.S. foreign policy."

'How does an immigrant, legal or illegal, who is following crops in California learn about chicken?"

'At least from some of the folks that I interview, they are always looking for something

better. They would hear rumors about, 'Hey, you can go work in chicken in North Carolina or Georgia or Arkansas.' They had this image of taking care of chickens on the farm."

"Like our grandmothers did."

"Yes, exactly in that way, which is still the case in most of Latin America. This move to chickens began in the mid- to late '80s. The first few people come. In most cases, they get jobs within a week in poultry processing plants, jobs that are difficult, but compared to difficult jobs in other places, have certain advantages.

"For instance, they're more or less all year round. You can settle down. It makes the family possible in a way that it wasn't in California. They have indoor jobs year-round, and they're able to bring their wives who are able to get jobs in the poultry plants as well. You have two incomes in an area that has a cost of living a fraction of what it is in most places in California. They're buying houses, which was inconceivable in California for these folks. So it has attractions."

I asked about the professor's

work in poultry packing houses.

"I got a job in two different poultry plants. I started doing interviews with workers outside the plants before I did that. The interviews were good, but they lacked richness, in part because I didn't have enough information to ask the right questions.

"I was interviewing workers and they said, 'The best way to learn about it is to work in a plant.' It seems obvious now, but of course it didn't occur to me, I have to admit, until they said it. I went and got the job.

"There is something to be said for doing the work and experiencing what it means to be one person who must do the job of two people, for instance, which I recounted in the book, All these things that people talk about you do not understand on some level until you do it yourself.

'I think Americans almost can't even imagine these places. There's this sense of this far-off, horrible place where you have poor immigrant people doing this work that we can't even envision. There's some truth to that. I'm not saying that that's not part of the story. But there's also

a part of the story where you have people that are extremely proud of their jobs, people who work very hard. I think that's part of the point also - to see these workers not as exotic people that we should pity, but as real people."

"People my age and older at least have memories of eating chicken fresh from the farm. These people comment on how different chicken tasted then. Many of my generation and generations older than mine have never tasted Chicken McNuggets, for instance."

"I think you're right. As I point out in the book, there is a group - folks under 30 - who find it difficult to imagine chicken in another form besides the McNugget, or a strip or a buffalo wing or something like that.

"As for fresh chicken, if you've traveled outside the U.S., particularly in the third world, chicken is tougher and stringier, but it also has flavor, unlike our chicken. When major poultry companies were trying to open markets in India, they had little luck. In India they like to see the chicken alive before they buy it,

"All these things that people talk about you do not understand on some level until you do it yourself."

and that's a problem. The other problem was they would eat the chicken and they'd say, 'This is the blandest stuff we've ever had."

"How can a person guarantee that a chicken ranges freely and is dealt with in a properly dean wav after its death?"

"In some ways the answer is, 'You don't.' That's one of the problems of our system in terms of having a rigorous system of labeling that gives the consumer a history of the product that they're eating. In the case of meat, you have to trust the company that you're purchasing it from. I think at this point it's largely a matter of trust. There isn't a system in place where things are monitored in a significant way.

"What chicken do you and your wife eat?"

"We don't have a lot of options. Tyson dominates the market in this area. Some supermarkets in this area sell what is called Smart Chicken. Sometimes we buy chicken from a store that sells organic chicken, but the thing I like about Smart Chicken is that it's within the price range of normal chicken. It's more expensive, but it's not four or five times more expensive. Essentially the difference between Smart Chicken and other brands is, as I mention in the book, that it's air-chilled as opposed to

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all history of Coronado, Navy and Army, Tent City, and the Hotel del Coronado. Find the museum at 1100 Orange Avenue. Call 619-435-7242 for further information. (CORONADO)

Museum of Making Music, the past 100 years of American music and music making are highlighted at the museum, with over 450 vintage instruments, hundreds of audio and video clips, and an interactive stage. Find the museum at

5790 Armada Drive; 760-438-5996. (CARLSBAD)

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

Memorial Exhibit is dedicated to Tibbs, a local resident who was a world-champion rodeo rider. The Bancroft Memorial Rose Garden is on the grounds. Rare documents, historical exhibits, books, photographs, and a research library are also part of the complex.

Find it all at 645 Main Street. 760-789-7644, (RAMONA)

San Diego Aerospace Museum, the technological advancements made in aircraft propulsion over the last century are showcased in "100

Years of Aircraft Engines," including a functional reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer Engine; a Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled Merlin V-12 that powered the Spitfire and P-51 Mustang fighters; and a rare German Junkers Jumo 004, one of the world's first operational jet engines.

Concurrently, see "The History of Commercial Aviation in America." A new section of the exhibit celebrates the 40-year history of PSA, with original graphics, a re-creation of the airline's first ticket booth at Lindbergh Field, and uniforms and memorabilia donated by former employees. Ongoing.

"P-51 Mustang" celebrates the legendary Air Force fighter used during both World War II and Korea. The museum's Mustang is painted in the red-tail livery of the Tuskegee Airmen, who distinguished themselves flying bomber escort and ground attack missions during World War II.

The museum offers exhibits of

over 65 aircraft — including an RQ-1K Predator UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) on indefinite loan from the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which "saw action over the Balkans in the late 1990s"; a replica of Spirit of St. Louis, a Fokker Scourge (or Fokker Eindecker E-III), a World War I Spad VII, flight deck of the USS Yorktown, and a Lockheed Blackbird spy plane — 1400 scale models, 10,000 aviation-related

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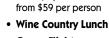
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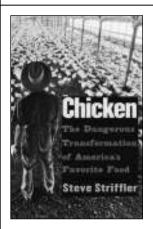
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## Reading



water-chilled."

"I think people have no idea how filthy the waste is from most chicken plants."

The degree of pollution, said the professor, "should become part of the history of the chicken in terms of where it came from, what it was fed, under what conditions it was raised, under what conditions workers worked, but also the environmental effect should be given. What's the his-

tory of the plant from where the chicken came? How much waste is being dumped into rivers. into these waste lagoons that are supposed to be treated? The system for monitoring this is extremely weak as is the system for enforcing it, which is exceptionally weak in the sense that the fines aren't even sufficient to make companies change their behavior. In many cases, companies find it less expensive to continue polluting, racking up the fines, paying them, and then getting government subsidies in other ways."

"Does chicken get a lot of government subsidies?"

"They receive subsidies through federal school programs to purchase food. All meat-raising is subsidized in the sense that the production of corn is highly subsidized, and that's a major source of feed. Industrial agriculture, in general, is well-subsidized by the government.

"How do we harness the chicken and transform it into something that at least potentially is beneficial instead of being now increasingly harmful? That's the irony the book hinges on in many ways: something that

emerges as a relatively cheap and healthy source of animal protein becomes over several decades unhealthy in so many different ways.

"The food industry as a whole is in trouble. We don't have a good sense of what we're putting into our bodies, and we don't know the long-term effects of some of these additives and chemicals.

"Part of the chicken's success is that it's almost infinitely flexible. Compared to red meat and pork, you can slice chicken and dice it into virtually any shape. It's particularly good at absorbing injections that make it taste different."

Professor Striffler's job at the plant was breading chicken parts that were partially cooked so that a restaurant could "quickly dump the meat into the deep fryer and heat it up."

"How did you feel when you would come home from work?"

"It was exhausting. I had everything going for me. I went in there physically quite healthy, didn't have a family I had to take care of, but I still was bone-tired. It makes it hard to have a normal life in any way. I also would wake up in the middle of the night, and it would feel like my hands were going to explode, like they were bloated. That was of course from clenching these bags of breading all day long. So it certainly takes a toll on your body. People that do the same job, particularly in the plant and particularly the most repetitive jobs, you don't do those jobs without developing some repetitive injury.

"Beef and pork are more dangerous in terms of the catastrophic types of accidents that happen, in part because they're dealing with such large animals. But in terms of repetitive motion, chicken is a particularly rough industry."

"Do you think that it brutalizes people to kill like animals all day?"

"I'm not sure, but my sense is that 'No' is the short answer. When you're first brought in to the factory, you take this tour. I don't know if I mention this in the book, but about ten percent of the workers that are given that tour leave immediately. They

"The way we treat these animals may be indicative of the way we're treating each other."

realize when they see it it's not for them.

"In a sense it's extremely repetitive, and you're almost not thinking what the product is. Ninety-five percent of the workers, maybe even a higher percentage, never see the live bird as a whole chicken. All the labor is in further processing. Workers never see blood; we see some guts, but it's relatively sanitized."

"How did writing this book change your life?"

"I came to make connections between what we eat and the way we eat it and how it is produced, how it is processed, how it is marketed. These things are interconnected. Also, in a less academic way, what kinds of alternatives can we come up with? One of the things the book

points to is the extraordinary success of the industry in terms of producing something very cheaply in extraordinary quantities.

"I don't know if this is from my experience of this book or if it's a growing trend. Before I started this book, people would bring up issues of animal rights, and I think I was maybe not entirely dismissive, but I didn't take them particularly seriously, in part because I often am frustrated with those folks in the sense that I'm more concerned with labor, with the farmers, with the people and the problems they're having. Now, I think that it's all tied up. The way we treat these animals may be indicative of the way we're treating each other.'

– Judith Moore

items, and memorabilia from Montgolfier hot-air-balloon era to Space Age, along with an International Aerospace Hall of Fame.

The museum is located in the Ford Building in the Palisades area. 619-234-8291. (BALBOA PARK)

The San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum onboard the decommissioned USS *Midway* is open for tours, now berthed at 910 North Harbor Drive. Exhibits include Navy jet simulators, carrier and flight deck touring, captain's sea cabin, pilot house, navigation bridge. Admission fee includes audio guide. 619-544-9600. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Sheriff's Museum, the 150-year history of the sheriff's department is highlighted at the museum, which is located "just feet away" from the original cobblestone jail site, built in 1850. The museum boasts artifacts, photographs, equipment,

uniforms, and vehicles, along with exhibits from each of the departments making up the organization such as crime scene, K-9, court service, detentions, crime lab, bomb squad, and many others. Find the museum at 2384 San Diego Avenue: 619-260-1850. (OLD TOWN)

San Diego Electric Railway Association, located in historic National City Santa Fe Depot (922 West 23rd Street), offers exhibits, video displays, trolley equipment, restored passenger car from National City and Otay Railroad. 619-474-4400. (NATIONAL CITY)

San Diego Model Railroad Museum, the museum celebrates American railroads with "the largest permanent operating model railroad and toy train exhibit" in North America. Four scale-model railroads of the Southwest, the "San Diego County Relief Map" exhibit, and an interactive

toy train. There is a multimedia presentation on railroading, an operating railroad semaphore signal, and interpretive displays on railroads and model railroading.

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

San Diego Natural History Museum, "Backyard Monsters" features giant robotic insects, up to 11 feet high and 22 feet long, paired with interactive learning displays and "one of the world's largest private specimen collections." Visitors may build a bug, create a bug orchestra, take a robotic insect for a walk. Through December.

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

"Earth, Wind, and Wildfire!"

continues through January 2006, exploring powerful forces (such as fire, nature, people) shaping the landscape of Southern California. The exhibit is "designed to raise awareness of the history and inevitability of fire in Southern California's arid and diverse wildlands."

Current "giant-screen films" include *Ocean Oasis* and *Bugs!* 619-232-3821. (BALBOA PARK)

San Dieguito Heritage Museum, the museum offers informative displays on the North County coastal history including Native Americans, early homesteaders, and recent times, as well as photographic collections and archives. Find the museum 561 South Vulcan Avenue; 760-632-9711. (ENCINITAS)

**Serra Museum,** "Commemorating 75 Years: The Serra Museum" is said to "remember the events leading up to the dedication of Presidio Park and the Serra Museum" on

July 16, 1929. The exhibit includes a "visit back in time to 1929."

The museum interprets the Native American, Spanish, and Mexican periods of San Diego's history and contains Spanish Colonial furnishings, art, and artifacts. It's located at the site of the West Coast's first European settlement, 2727 Presidio Drive. 619-297-3258. (PRESIDIO PARK)

Stephen Birch Aquarium-Museum, an aquarium and museum under one roof, the facility is a component of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UCSD. Look for 33 tanks containing marine life of the Pacific Northwest, the California coastline, Mexico's Sea of Cortés, and the South Palcific. One highlight is the La Jolla Kelp Tank, a two-story-high tank with giant kelp plants and nearly 30 species of local marine life. "Earthquake! Life on a Restless Planet" explores earthquakes and

their impacts on life. The Lynne and Howard Robbins Shark Reef Exhibit features a 13,000-gallon shark tank with black tip, white tip, nurse, and wobbegong sharks.

The aquarium is located at 2300 Expedition Way (off North Torrey Pines Road, south of La Jolla Shores Drive). 619-534-FISH. (LA JOLLA)

Wells Fargo History Museum,

the museum features a working agents' office staffed by guides in period costumes and contains a working telegraph for visitors to send and receive messages. Short films on California and Wells Fargo history; a gold display, part of the collection assembled by Wells Fargo agent Samuel Dorsey at the end of the 1800s; an exhibit of Concord Coach #251, a restored stagecoach built in 1867; and the Davies watch. The museum is located in the reconstructed Colorado House, at 2733 San Diego Avenue. (OLD TOWN)





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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).

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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)

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.

Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Fridays, Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, through October 30, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: \$26-\$40. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

"October" and "Symphony no. 11" by Shostakovich are promised, along with Schumann's 'Cello Concerto," when cellist Lynn Harrell joins San Diego Symphony in concerts, October 21-23. These "Jacobs' Masterworks" concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$20 to \$85. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego County Recorder **Society** convenes for instruction and playing, Friday, October 21. Beginner instruction at 6:30 p.m., guest conductor Richard Glenn leads group at 7:30 p.m. Tierrasanta Recreation Center, 1120 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (two miles east of I-15). 619-334-1993. First visit free. (TIERRASANTA)

Norwegian Musicians Iver Kleive (organ) and Knut Reiersrud (guitar) perform for pipe organ concert series on Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m., at First Church of Christ Scientist (8262 Allison Avenue). Free. 619-442-8201. (LA MESA)

"Music of the Masters" promised in concerts by Mira-Costa College's North Coast Symphony Orchestra, October 22 and 23, in MiraCosta College Theater (One Barnard Drive). Program boasts works by Dvořák, Rossini, Smetana, Bliss. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$10. 760-795-6815. (OCEANSIDE)

Beethoven's "Symphony no. 5" and "Slavonic Dances" by Dvořák promised when Palomar Symphony Orchestra performs October 22 and 23 in Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar College (1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$12 general. 760-744-1150 x2453, (SAN MARCOS)

The Teeny Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films plays music and screens "silent" films on Saturday, October 22, 3 p.m., at Museum of Making Music (5790 Armada Drive). Audience helps with sound effects. \$5. 760-438-5996 x212. (CARLSBAD)

Fauré's "Requiem" promised when Palomar Chorale joins choir at United Methodist Church (490 South Melrose Drive) in concert, Sunday, October 23, 4 p.m. Program includes "Melodious Accord" by Alice Parker. Offering. 760-726-0442. (VISTA)

Selections by C.P.E. Bach. Scarlatti, Prokofiev, Liszt promised when pianist Mykola Suk performs for Lake San Marcos Chamber Music Society, Sunday, October 23, 2:30 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). \$22. Reservations: 760-945-3446, 760-630-4360. (LA COSTA)

Music by California Composers is emphasized in Noise at the Library series, commencing with Noise Ensemble concert on Sunday, October 23, 7:30 p.m., at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). Program includes pieces by Thea Musgrave, Ronald Roseman, Rosalind Page, others. \$15. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

"Guitar Fantasy for Two Guitars," Robert Wetzel and Fred Benedetti plays selections by Albinoni, Sor, Albeniz for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, October 23, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

North County Showcase with symphony and chamber music ensembles from University of San Diego, Sunday, October 23, 4 p.m., at San Rafael Catholic Church (17252 Bernardo Center Drive). USD Choral Scholars, music faculty, alumni will also perform. Free. 858-487-4314. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

"A Cook's Tour of the Organ" is theme when former civic organist Jared Jacobsen presents concert in Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, October 23, 2 p.m. "Program will showcase some of the unique tone colors and mechanisms" of instrument, Free, 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Glorious Music for Vocal Quartet" by J.S. and P.D.Q. Bach, Handel, Mozart, Brahms, Schubert, Strauss, Vaughan Williams, Barber, and others promised when Vocal Quartet at First United Methodist Church of San Diego performs, Sunday, October 23, 7 p.m., in church sanctuary (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. Childcare by reservation. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

"One World — One People — Celebrating World Cultures" presented by soprano Ayse Underhill, pianist John Danke for Fall Chamber Concert Series, Monday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Program includes pieces by Mozart, Britten, Ginastera, folk songs from Mexico, Turkey, Israel, Ireland, Japan,

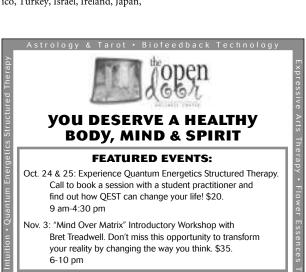
Spain, Philippines. Free. 619-691-

Works by Bach, Debussy, Schumann may be heard when violinist Päivikki Nykter and pianist Cynthia Darby perform, Tuesday, October 25, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. \$8 general. 858-534-4830.

Palomar College Faculty Recital announced for Concert Hour series on Thursday, October 27, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Early Music Concerts by Nota Bene, Thursday, October 27, 12:15 p.m., in French Parlor, Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Concert is repeated on Saturday, October 29, 8 p.m. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

"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 7 p.m. on Wednesday; at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; at 2 p.m. on Saturday; 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: \$19-\$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)



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#### GALLERIES

**New Paintings** by Stephen Pentak open with reception on Thursday, October 20, 6 p.m., at Susan Street Fine Art Gallery (415 South Cedros Avenue). Closes Sunday, November 27. 858-793-4442. (SOLANA BEACH)

"The Peace of Torrey Pines," Pat MacGillis's mixed media paintings exploring "ways of seeing our local natural environment" are on view through Friday, December 23, at Artist Space Southfair (2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard). Reception: Saturday, October 22, 6 p.m. 858-259-0589. (DEL MAR)

A Traditional Ofrenda (altar) is on view in celebration of Día de los Muertos at Expressions of Mexico Gallery (1122 Cesar Chávez Parkway). Exhibit of 40 original ceramic skulls by 15 local artists, crosses, papier-mâché calacas, boxes, more. Opening reception for artists is Saturday, October 22, 5 p.m. 619-232-1699,

619-232-1793. Through Friday, November 11. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**Russian Artist** Sergey Smirnov exhibits new oil paintings at Fingerhut Gallery (1205 Prospect Street) beginning with opening reception for artist on Saturday, October 22, 7 p.m. RSVP for reception: 858-456-9900. (LA JOLLA)

"Tenth Annual Members Exhibition" by North County Photographic Society is on view through Sunday, October 30, at La Jolla Art Association Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception for artists is Saturday, October 22, 5 p.m. Exhibit continues during November at Solana Beach City Hall (635 South Highway 101), with reception on November 10, 5:30 p.m. 760-752-6375 or 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

"Containing the Spirit — Art of the South Seas" is on view at Sana Art Foundation (131 South Orange Street). Opening reception including dedication of outdoor mural by Philip Matzigkeit is Saturday, October 22, 5 p.m. 760-737-2903. (ESCONDIDO)

"Robin Bright: Recent Works" opens with reception on Sunday, October 23, 1 p.m., at Earl and Birdie Taylor Library (4275 Cass Street). See recently created mixed-media pieces from two distinctly different series: the monochromatic "Hector Vex" and "comparatively baroque" series "Small Towns" through Sunday, December 4, 858-581-9934. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**"Times and Places,"** exhibit of watercolors by Art Sueltz, mixed media paintings by Linda Wood Feldman is on view through October at BorrelliSpace Gallery (second floor, 4411 Park Boulevard). Reception for artists: Sunday, October 23, 4 p.m. 619-549-6196. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

#### 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.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, WriterzBlok is a collective of artists offering youth of Southeast San Diego technical skills in visual arts, opportunities to learn about aerosol painting through educational programs. Through Sunday, December 11, view murals by WriterzBlok's artists in lobby and Fayman Galleries, augmenting their banner project on museum's Jacobs Building construction fence on Kettner Boulevard.

"Fresh, New Art from UCSD" may be seen through Sunday, October 23. Work ranges "from mock documentary to a new take on border art."

Twelve is a new video installa-

tion 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.

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 idosyncratic 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, "Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks of Indian Painting" go on exhibit on Saturday, October 22 and may be seen through Sunday, January 22, 2006. Exhibit features 124 paintings, two bound manuscripts from museum's Edwin Binney 3rd Collection, ranging from 14th through late 19th century. Concurrently: "Indian Colours," exploring materials, pigments, tools, techniques of Indian painting used by South Asian artists to create the intricately detailed paintings on display.

"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.

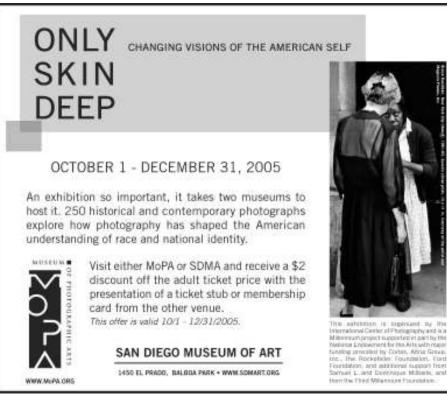
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Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2, 2006

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.

Permanent collection includes European masters, 19th-Century American paintings, and Russian icons. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)







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#### **Late Bus to Babylon**

Local bands Mustache Revolution and Guerilla Transammo chartered a bus to take them up to play the

didn't arrive until after 5:45, which resulted in the bands being late; Guerilla Transammo was supposed to

'When we get to the Cat Club, it was empty except for the bartender, the sound guy, the cigar-smoking guy in the red shirt. We show up with

be onstage at 7:30, Mustache

Revolution at 8:45.

the inside track

Cat Club in West Hollywood on October 8.

"It was a freaking nightmare," says Todd Chandler, band manager of Guerilla Transammo. He says he paid \$972 for the bus, which was scheduled to pick up the two bands and their friends at 4 p.m. at the La Costa Avenue Park and Ride.

"I get a call at 3:50 from the dispatcher who said our bus is still stuck in San Ysidro and they can't get to us until 5:30. I said that isn't going to work." A replacement bus

39 people. We fill the bar, which is about the size of the Casbah. Five songs into the set, the soundman said we were done and we had to get off. Mustache Revolution didn't mind if we stayed on longer, but he said we had to get off."

Chandler says they were especially insulted because the gig was a pay-for-play arrangement; the bands had to buy 40 pre-sale tickets for \$160 from the Cat Club.

"Don't play L.A.," says Chandler. "We packed the place, but the bar treated us badly.... They couldn't wait for the two bands from San Diego to leave. There were some comments made about our fans' behavior, that they had never seen such a rowdy crowd. We weren't that rowdv.

And, about the bus ride... "There was no CD player, no DVD player, and no toilet paper," says Chandler.

Alphonso Hernandez, manager of the bus company, explains: "We had an emergency, and we had to



GUERILLA TRANSAMMO SURVIVES HOLLYWOOD MISSION

switch buses." He says the bands were offered a \$121 cash refund (based on a prorated rental rate) and credit toward future use of a bus.

"That doesn't work for me," says Chandler.

Hernandez says there was

toilet paper and there was no obligation to provide a DVD or CD player. Chandler says there was, and he has the contract to prove it.

Guerilla Transammo appears October 28 at Brick by Brick with 51 Guns and the Hexxers.

— Ken Leighton

Must-See TV? A 32-inch wide-screen TV reportedly received as payola for airplay has apparently led to the firing last week of Diana Laird, program director of

Top 40 hits station "Channel 9-3-3"/KHTS.

An October 11 Clear Channel press release indicated the company was firing two employees involved in the payfor-play scandal that surfaced three months ago; New York attorney general Eliot Spitzer's investigation put

Laird and a New York radio programmer in the crosshairs. Spitzer alleged Laird played Jennifer Lopez music in 2002 after getting a plasma TV from Sony Records. Local Clear Channel vice president Jim Richards

would not discuss Laird's firing.

Richards did comment on an unusual practice involving DJ Cindy Spicer. The practice



SPICER'S VOICE HAS TWO JOBS

of "voice tracking" enables Clear Channel to use a DJ's banter in more than one city. Spicer's voice can be heard working Clear Channel's Star 94.1 and country station KUSS (95.7 FM) simultaneously, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This may be the first time voice tracks of one DI are used on two stations in the same city at the same

"This is a perfectly

normal and reasonable way to increase profits," says Richards.

A female voice answered a call to the studios of 94.1 last Wednesday. She said Spicer "had just stepped out." She said on any given day Spicer would be live at Star and recorded at KUSS, or vice versa. She said on that day Spicer was recorded on Star but live on KUSS. Calls made to KUSS studios throughout Spicer's shift went unanswered.

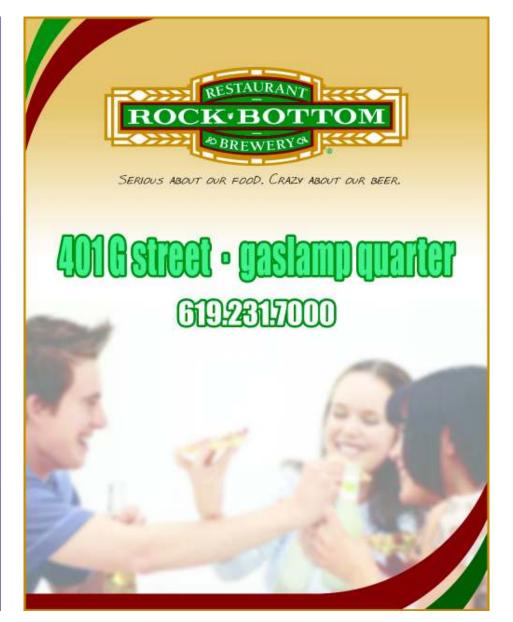
— Ken Leighton

**Natural Selection** Squeezes Ska British ska band Selecter recently played their first San Diego show in over five years at House of Blues. Chris Wise plays percussion in the local ska band Hi-Lites, which opened for Selecter. He has no idea why only 300 people showed up.

"According to myspace[.com] there are over 200 ska bands coming out of San Diego," says Wise. "Where were they? Selecter is a legendary two-tone ska band. We expected more out of San Diego. Maybe the word didn't get out.'

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avoiding ska, the upbeat Jamaican dance music that sometimes seems as hip as polka; a national tour named "Ska is Dead" (featuring the Toasters, San Diego's Buck-0-Nine, and others) seems out to prove it is not.

"Is ska still dead? It



WISE: 10 OR 200 SKA BANDS IN SD?

depends where you are," continues Wise. "[The next night] we opened for Selecter in L.A., at the Knitting Factory, and it sold out. It was so packed, you couldn't walk. Ska won't be as big as it was from '96 to '99, but it is definitely on the rise. But San Diego is more of a small town. It really takes a lot of promotion here to get things going.... Why see a live '80s band when you can go to Club '80s [at Chasers, in North Park] and hang out with your buddies in the patio? I guess we like prerecorded music more than live bands in San Diego."

Wise wonders why myspace lists so many SD bands that claim to play ska.

"I know of about ten." He claims Outer Space and the Fabulous Rudies are going strong and Unsteady and Skanic have been together for over ten vears.

The Hi-Lites appear November 5 at the Ken Club. – Ken Leighton

He/She Said... San Diego native RuPaul is working on a remix album, RuPaul Reworked, featuring a new version of his/her 1992 hit "Supermodel (You Better Work)." "I kind of laid low for awhile during the reign of George Bush," the 45-yearold cross-dresser says via cell phone before an East Coast concert. "It seemed like a good idea, but now I'm ready to put a little fabulous back into people's lives!"

Asked about memories of San Diego, RuPaul laughs.

"It's really changed, okay, but back then [it] was no place to be a boy who likes boys. I used to lip synch to Supremes songs at school, so everyone knew right away I was a sissy."

At Gompers Jr. High School, RuPaul won awards for "Best Afro" and "Best Dancer." After being expelled



**RUPAUL? IS THAT YOU?** 

from Patrick Henry High School, he moved with a sister to Atlanta in 1976.

"I tell people I'm from Atlanta," says RuPaul. "I don't blame San Diego for my parents divorcing or my mom





being on drugs and going on welfare, but that's just there whenever I think about [the city].'

— Jay Allen Sanford

Kill Rock Stars Saves a **Life** Former 4 Non Blondes singer Linda Perry, who grew up in San Diego, wants her 1996 album *In Flight* to get another shot. The record was made after Interscope Records dropped 4 Non Blondes but kept Perry as a solo artist. Perry says they failed to promote the album.

"I was so devastated by that," she told the Washington Post on September 26. "They [the band] were devastated and hate me. Then I make a [solo] record for it to be shelved.... It put me into a near suicidal state when they didn't give it even one little push." Kill Rock Stars will re-release the record next week.

The 40-year-old singer says of her San Diego days, "I was just loafing, partying all the time, and when I hit 20, like, 'Hello, you're supposed to be doing music right now.' Then it was, like, all right, I'm gonna be a rock star.'

Thanks to successful songs Perry wrote or produced for Christina Aguilera, Juliette Lewis, Kelly Osbourne, Courtney Love, Pink, and Gwen Stefani. Perry today drives a new Aston Martin, owns a San Fernando Valley recording studio, and recently launched her own label, Custard Records.

Regarding Stefani, Perry says, "Gwen had friction completely about everything. She had friction about making an album.... I think



PERRY USED TO PARTY ALL THE TIME

she had hesitation about me because she'd never worked with a woman before. Everybody I get who's a woman says they've never worked with a woman before.

Perry plays the Belly Up tomorrow, one of six gigs she's doing to promote the re-release.

– Jay Allen Sanford

**What...No Pampers for** Fergie? When the Black Eyed Peas play Cox Arena tonight, they request the purchaser/promoter "provide at his/her expense an experienced, professional, English speaking, sober

monitor engineer" (with "sober" underlined) as well as a "first class lighting system." Their catering rider requests two pizzas ("one pepperoni, one vegetarian"), fried chicken

pieces"), bagels and cream cheese, some donuts, and two pounds of assorted nuts ("especially cashews pistachios").

("assorted

Before Sheryl Crow plays Copley Symphony Hall on Monday, October 24, she expects her dressing room to have a bowl of tuna salad ("include red onions"), a bowl of candy ("chocolate bars, etc."), a large pack of pretzels, four packs of chewing gum, eight pairs of black 100-percent cotton socks, a pack of Marlboro Lights, and a packet of dissolving vitamins ("C or B12"). She wants a bottle of "good Australian Cabernet' wine, a bottle of "good Merlot," and, since it's

Monday, a bottle of Makers Mark Bourbon. (If Crow's concert falls on a Tuesday, it's gin; Wednesdays, Courvoisier brandy; Thursdays, Champagne; Fridays and

JAY ALLEN SANFORD



FERGIE AT STREET SCENE '05

Sundays call for a bottle of tequila and margarita mix; Saturday gigs require a bottle of Absolut Vodka and a carton of orange juice.) (from www.entertainment-law attorney.com")

— Jay Allen Sanford

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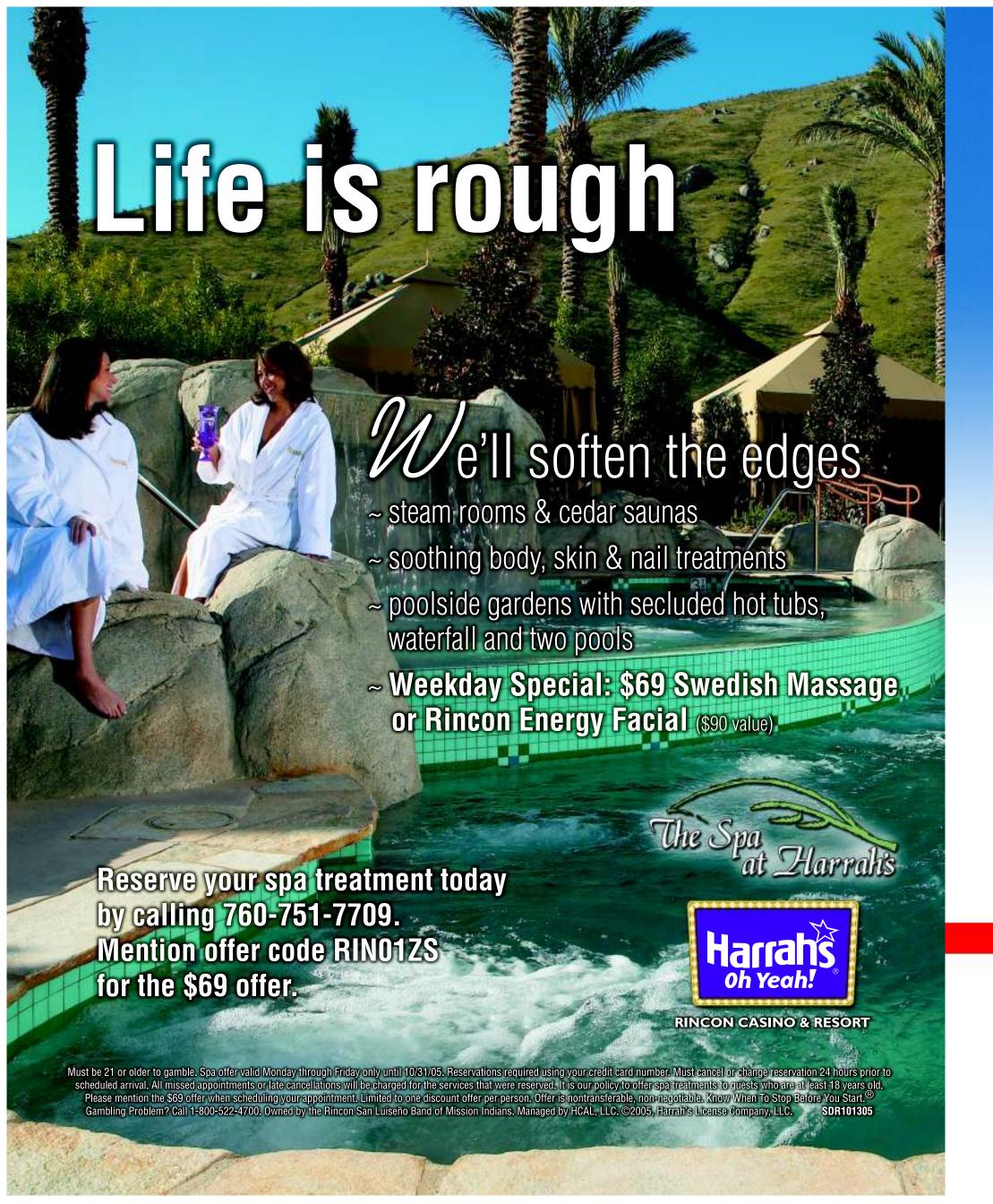


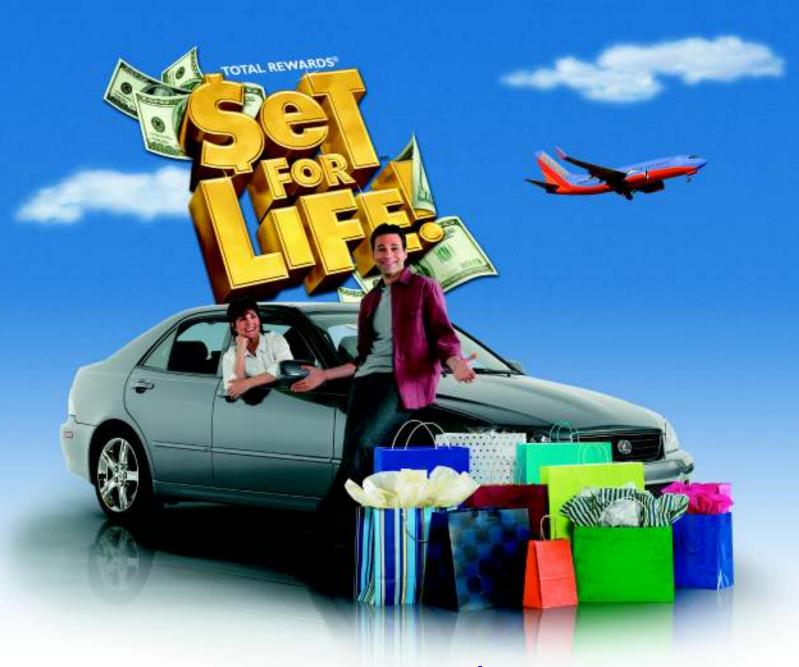
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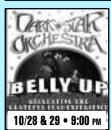


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"We usually have a gong here. We can kick them off stage whenever we want with that."

apanese kids try to put their fingers up each other's rear ends. It's a game called "kancho!" You interlace your fingers except for the indexes and you leave your thumb out as if it's the hammer of a pistol. When you lock on to

your target, you squirrel your pointers up there and yell,

It's quite a shock to American English teachers who move there,

and there's a lot of discussion about it on the Web. I've been reading up on this and forwarding funny kancho stories along to my friends.

So, by the time we'd gotten to Scolari's Office on Wednesday night, we were primed for a night of stupidity.

I was told to check out Scolari's on Wednesdays by Lyz, a hairdresser at the Electric Chair. She said it was hilarious because most of the people in there karaokeing are hairstylists. I wanted to see this for myself, so I called up my friend Ron. He's a stylist who lives on 30th street, a few blocks down from Scolari's.

When I got to Ron's place, I kanchoed him good and noticed he was wearing a tux jacket. "It's the only jacket that'll go with this outfit." In honor of kancho and karaoke, he was wearing a shirt that had cartoon Japanese children reciting emergency telephone numbers; round faces with black hair and slits for eyes with bubbles beside them that read, "0991" with Japanese symbols intermixed.

We must've arrived a bit early for the "Haire-Oke" because when we got there, a thick black woman was jumping up and down on the tiny rickety stage and sing-screaming an obscure punk song. I kept looking around for girls with the latest bobs and cuts and streaks and color, but there were none.

At the bar, we each ordered a drink and kept our asses turned away from each other so as not to be kanchoed. The guy running the karaoke equipment passed the mike to the bartender who grumbled out a decent rendition of "I Just Want to Be Your Fuckin' Teddy Bear, Fuck You Everybody" by Elvis Presley. The song wasn't bad, but the drink was fantastic and strong. Bless his little heart. I think the King would be proud.

Scolari's is set up pretty well. There are a couple dead spots — spots where people won't stand or sit, no matter what. One is right in front of the stage, where the main area for seating is arranged. I was pretty sure it had to do with the sound levels produced by the house system, and my feeling was confirmed.

When a drunken white kid stepped up on stage and the TV screen read "Paradise City: Guns and Roses" everyone in the room cringed. We suspected that the racket was going to be intense because the song requires a high-pitched, screechy

Axl Rose impersonation. We had no idea how bad it was going to be.

The kid with the mullet and molester mustache started belting out the lyrics at full speed, only

slowing down to scratch out a whiny, "Yeah! Yow! Fuck you, North Park! C'mon!" He got behind on a few of the lyrics and in the same tone of voice started making his own up: "Take me dooooOOown! Acerbeglasol! Oh won't you please! Blassermazole!" People scattered from in front of the stage for shelter back by the pool tables and on the other side of the room.

Ron and I looked at each other in shock and horror, our twisted countenances mirroring each other's. Simultaneously, we turned to the bar and started shouting. "Hey, down here, need another round! If I'm going to listen to this, I'm going to need more booze!" The barkeep swung by with cocktails and tried to console us with, "We usually have a gong here. We can kick them off stage whenever we want with that, but I don't know where it is tonight." We poured the liquor in before we paid, wincing at the chemical fumes from the stiff drinks. We laid some money down and turned back around to watch Mullet Boy wrap up his big show.

'Yeah! Woo!" he had abandoned any semblance of following the lyrics and was now caterwauling over the synthetic tunes. "C'mon! Everybody scream and clap! Wooo!" When no one answered him with applause, only blank stares and uncomfortable eye-shimmying, he responded with, "You guys fuckin' suck!"

By this time, the booze had kicked in and I was losing my composure. I yelled back, "Yeah! We suck!" And with a final "Fuck you!" he stumbled off stage and the crowd clapped.

On the way through the poolroom to use the can, I was confronted by a knobby-jawed tweeker. He didn't say anything; he stood in front of me, grinding his teeth, all bug-eyed. Not wanting to get into a pissing match with the 'do-ragged loser, I sidestepped him and made my way to the

Coming back out of the toilet, I peaked out the back door and waved to the smokers. "Hey,

"Hey," they answered in unison. Since I quit smoking, I always feel the need to go back and see



the crowd for old time's sake. No matter what

When I passed back through, I heard the tweeker's old lady start yelling at him, "I'm tired of you..." blah blah blah. I couldn't hear her exact words over the music, but I figured it was every argument had by every tweeky couple in every crap-stained, beer-soaked, broken-glassand-bent-pool-cue bar.

Ron and I turned our attention to the television overhead. I can't remember what program was on...it might have been the news or something only half-interesting. The guy who runs the karaoke equipment saw that we weren't paying attention to his butchering of "I Just Called to Say I Love You" and, while still singing, he came over, reached up, and shut the set off.

Once again Ron and I looked at each other in disgust and then at the guy. "I just called," he sang and sashayed past us. "To say..

Ron looked at me and asked, "Were we just not paying enough attention to him or something?" but by then the swishy little fellow in the beret was already halfway back to the stage.

'Stevie Wonder sold out with that song!" I

Ron looked back at me, astonished at what I'd just yelled, and I said, "What's he going to do? Stop singing? Look how much he loves himself." The booze wasn't just talking through me, it was now hollering at karaoke producers.

Noticing my lack of awareness or social acuity, Ron pulled me out of there. "Let's go. We're a little too drunk to be in here with this going on." Ron pointed to a bull dyke with a pageboy haircut cuing up "Sweet Child o' Mine.

We hit the aisle running, and Ron momen-

tarily forgot our little game and I kanchoed him. "DAMMIT!" he yelled. On the way out, we ran into a group of three girls who were dressed in black sweatshirts, tight blue jeans, and each of them had a skunk stripe of blond down the center of their black hairdos. "Hey! Those must be the hairdressers!" I yelled out, but we were already threading our way through the crowd on our way out the door.

Searching for another bar on a Wednesday in North Park is a crap shoot. We stopped at Shooterz, which was projecting Family Guy against one wall, and the bartender was the only soul to be seen. The Whistle Stop was showing incomprehensible foreign cinema against one wall while the hipsters fluttered and mingled. "Fuck this place," we said, and turned to leave.

"There's Air Conditioned," I said.

"Too expensive," Ron countered.

"Too far."

On the way to Ron's, we settled on Kadan. There were a few more people in Kadan than at Shooterz, but not so many that we didn't each get a big, comfy leather sofa to ourselves. A girl DJ was playing some decent '80s tunes intermingled with mellow electronic, so we stretched out on the couches with a fresh cocktail. The music was soft enough to hear talking, and Ron and I started checking our messages.

My phone displayed an alert: "1 Text Message Received"

I chose the option to read it from the menu. It was from Ron, who was seated next to me. The message read, "KANCHO!"

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Medeski, Martin, and Wood: House of Blues, Thursday, October 20, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

#### **FRIDAY**

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.

#### **SATURDAY**

**Simple Plan:** Open Air Theatre, Saturday, October 22, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

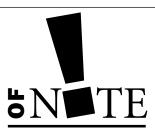
#### **SUNDAY**

Montgomery Gentry: Pala Events Center, Sunday, October 23, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

**Brooks & Dunn** [763]: Coors Amphitheatre, Sunday, October 23, 2050 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista. 619-671-3600 or 619-220-8497.

#### **MONDAY**

**Sheryl Crow** [567]: Copley Symphony Hall, Monday, October 24,



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

One night a few weeks ago I dreamed about the coolest song I had ever heard. I woke up and began looking for a pen to write it down, but by the time I found one I realized the song in my head was "Your Little Hoodrat Friend" by Hold Steady. This surprised me, because I wasn't sure I even liked the song, much less considered it the coolest thing ever written. I'm not much of a classic rock guy, and Hold Steady guitarist Tad Kubler often sounds like he's trying out for an AC/DC tribute band. Then there's vocalist Craig Finn. Like an American version of the Fall's Mark E. Smith, he gives only a nod to melody and a wink to meter and rhyme. He sounds not so much like a singer as a drunken, belligerent poet on open mic night.

But there's something about this band that makes them compelling even when they're a little annoying. Kubler plays classic rock with punk energy. Finn tries to come across as a punk rock anti-intellectual railing against "clever kids." but then he throws in a reference to William Blake. He spits out every line in disgust, but here and there sneaks in something compassionate: "Your little

hoodrat friend makes me sick/ but after I get sick I just get sad." He wallows in the rock demimonde, but keeps returning to the Catholic church and the suburbs. It's as if new New Yorkers Finn and Kubler, formerly of



Minneapolis band Lifter Puller, can't quite get rid of their Minnesotan niceness.

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#### **TUESDAY**

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#### **UPCOMING CONCERTS**

#### **OCTOBER**

Beck [265]: RIMAC Arena, Thursday, October 27, UCSD campus, La Jolla. 858-534-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Gov't Mule and moe [564]: House of Blues, Thursday, October 27, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**David Gray:** Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, October 27, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or

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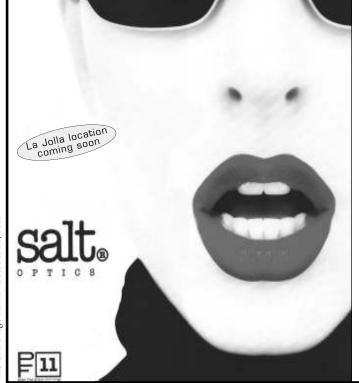
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Judas Priest [558] and Anthrax [561]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, October 29, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

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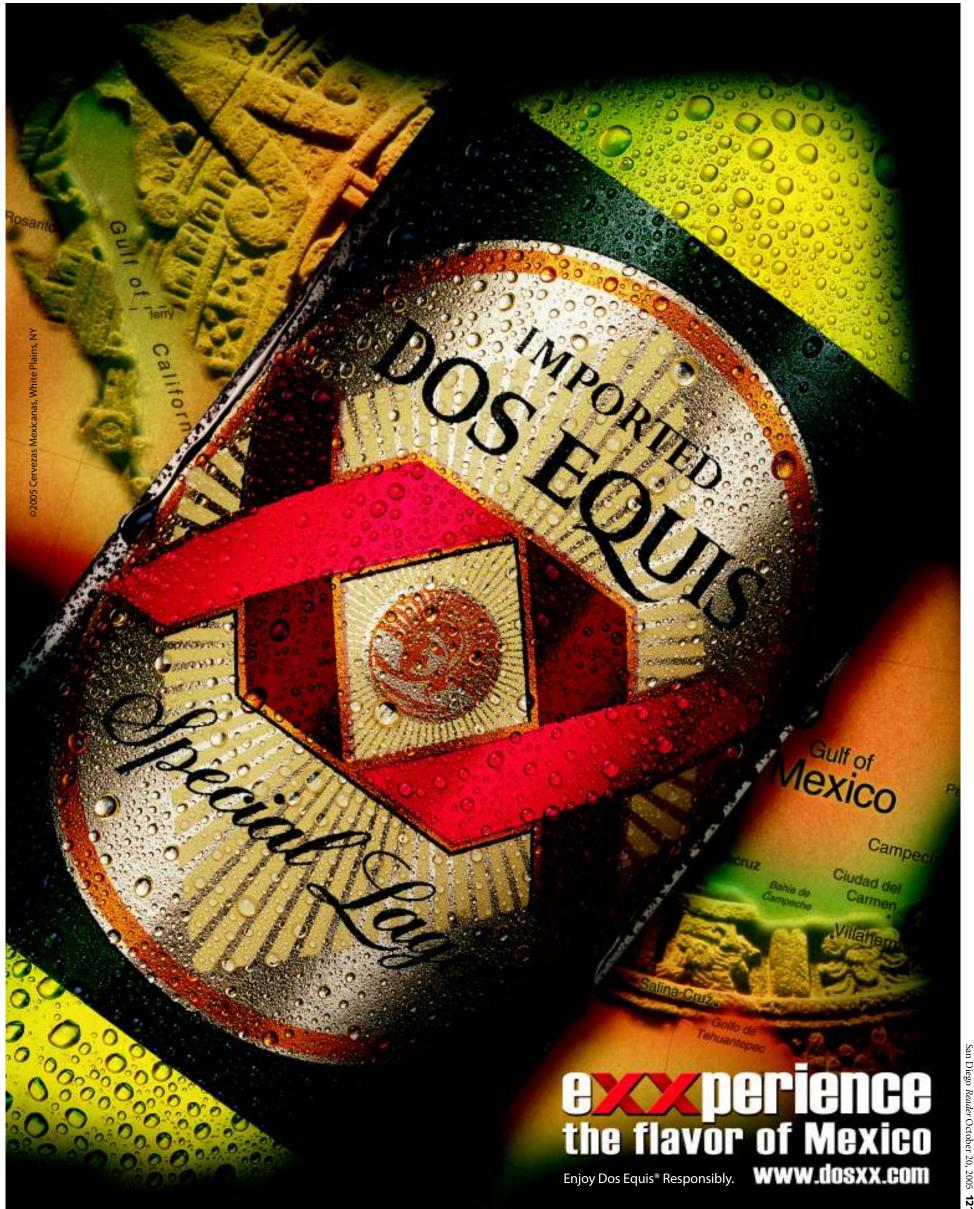
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**Blues Traveler** [459]: House of Blues, Sunday, October 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Marky Ramone [105]: Brick by Brick, Sunday, October 30, 1130 Buenos Avenue, San Diego. 619-275-5483 or 619-220-8497.

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Bauhaus** [228]: 4th & B, Wednesday, November 2, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**The Roots** [267]: House of Blues, Friday, November 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Def Leppard** [523] and **Bryan Adams** [533]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

**Dave Alvin** [818]: Acoustic Music San Diego, Saturday, November 5, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

**Mos Def** and **Talib Kweli:** House of Blues, Saturday, November 5, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**George Benson** [610]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, November 6, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

**They Might Be Giants** [466]: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 8, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Death Cab for Cutie** [392]: Soma, Wednesday, November 9, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-226-SOMA.

**Lisa Marie Presley:** House of Blues, Thursday, November 10, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**B.B. King:** 4th & B, Thursday, November 10, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Daryl Hall & John Oates** *[509]*: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 10, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

**Rolling Stones** [529]: Petco Park, Friday, November 11, 100 Park Boulevard. 619-795-5401 or 619-220-8497.

**Clay Aiken:** San Diego Civic Theatre, Friday, November 11, 1100 Third Avenue. 619-220-8497.

**Arturo Sandoval:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Lou Rawls** [607]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, November 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Damian Marley:** 4th & B, Sunday, November 13, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Staind** and **P.O.D.:** Soma, Tuesday, November 15, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-226-SOMA or 619-220-8497.

**Stryper:** House of Blues, Tuesday, November 15, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**James Brown** [608]: 4th & B, Tuesday, November 15, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Liz Phair** [477]: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 16, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

The Eagles: Cox Arena, Wednesday, November 16, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

> **Poncho Sanchez:** Belly Up Tavern, Thursday, November 17, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

**Rob Thomas** [605]: Copley Symphony Hall, Thursday, November 17, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Relient K: Soma, Thursday, November 17, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-7662 or 619-220-8497.

**Depeche Mode** [476]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, November 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497

**Dandy Warhols** [219]: 4th & B, Saturday, November 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Mel Tillis:** California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 19, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Béla Fleck:** California Center for the Arts, Sunday, November 20, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Nine Inch Nails: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 20, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

**GWAR** [279]: House of Blues, Monday, November 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Slightly Stoopid** [352]: House of Blues, Friday, November 25, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy:** California Center for the Arts, Friday, November 25, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Babyface:** 4th & B, Saturday, November 26, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Slightly Stoopid** [352]: House of Blues, Saturday, November 26, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Jason Mraz [824]: Copley Symphony Hall, Saturday, November 26, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**Dave Koz** *[656]*: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, November 27, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

**Fiona Apple:** House of Blues, Monday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Saves the Day** [218]: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

#### **DECEMBER**

**Bangles:** House of Blues, Friday, December 2, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Gwen Stefani:** Cox Arena, Sunday, December 4, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

**Bob Schneider** [168]: Belly Up Tavern, Sunday, December 4, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-8140 or 619-220-8497.

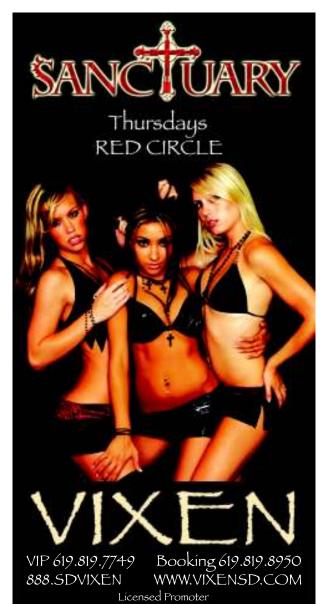
**Dwight Yoakam:** Pala Events Center, Sunday, December 4, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

**Trey Anastasio:** 4th & B, Tuesday, December 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Green: House of Blues, Thursday, December 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Echo & the Bunnymen** [194]: House of Blues, Friday, December 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Agony in Heaven: The Jumping

The Alternatives: Surf N'Saddle

The Appleseed Cast: The Casbah

The Atlas of Id: Epicentre

The Atoms: The Kensington Club

Autumndervish: Hard Rock Café

Awaiting Samsara: Longshot

Azariah's Dream: Winstons Beehive & the Barracudas: The

The Black Letter Days: Brick By

The Blood Brothers: Soma

The Briefs: The Kensington Club The Buzzkill Romantics: The

Kensington Club Cape May [164]: Winstons

Chasing Shadows: The Jumping

Citizen Cope: Belly Up Tavern

The Coffin Draggers: Brick By

Coheed & Cambria: Soma Copia Element: The Jumping Turtle

The Cops: The Cashah

Daphne Love Derby: Soma

Dredge: Soma

The Dying Californian: The Casbah

The Elephants: Winstons

The Evergreens [297]: Brick By

50 On Their Heels: The Kensington

Firstwavehello: The Casbah

Flying Douglas: The Kensington

Forgotten Alibi: Epicentre

Four Eyes: Hard Rock Café (La

The Heartaches: The Kensington

The Husbands: The Kensington

I Am Avalanche: Soma

I Like Girls: Brick By Brick

Invert: The Casbah The Kneehighs: The Casbah

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BY DAVE GOOD

There are babies in the background when I call Country Joe McDonald's Northern California home. We need, I tell him, new weapons to launch against the administration — a protest song for this decade, for this war. That's what Country Joe is good at: protest songs. He was a large part of the soundtrack of the anti-Vietnam war crusades and peace marches of the '60s and '70s. He had a band called the Fish. They told us what was wrong with the world and made us laugh anyway. It turns out that McDonald has just finished a new song. He says he wrote it right after Cindy Sheehan, now famous for her protest campout near the president's ranch, paid a visit to his church.

Country Joe's defining moment may

have been at Woodstock. Wearing a headband and an Army surplus jacket, he led the masses in "Fish Cheer." It was his standard intro into "I-Feel-Like-I'm-Fixin'-to-Die Rag." But this time he had them all spell out the word f\*\*\* instead of fish. "Fixin' to Die" was sung from a young man's point of view to other draftees and took aim at generals and mindless wartime jingoism. McDonald was eventually deemed an enemy of the state, but in truth he was I ask him what it was

like to end up on Nixon's infamous enemy list. He

chuckles softly and talks about the isolation of being a protest singer and of his music coming to symbolize the hard times. "I was motivated by adrenaline, conviction, and anger most of the time, and [the] joy of being part of an incredible era. I didn't pause to think about it very often."

Country Joe's new war protest song

**COSTUME CONTEST** 



takes aim at the Oval Office: "Chicken-hawk draft-dodgin' son-of-a-Bush," he sings, "Look at all the damage you  $\mbox{did}/\mbox{ Done for oil, not}$ in my name.

COUNTRY JOE MCDONALD, Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, October 21, 7:30 p.m. 619-303-8176. \$15 or \$20.

Love as Laughter: The Casbah

Lunette: Epicentre

Lyrics Born: The Casbah

Manganista: Hard Rock Café (La

Maquilladora: The Casbah

Anya Marina [118]: 'Canes, Lestat's

Melee: Soma

mewithoutyou: Soma

The Miggs: Brick By Brick

The Minus Story: The Casbah

Mt. Egypt: The Casbah

MZ Eva O: Brick By Brick

A Park Tradition: Epicentre

Parkhurst: The Jumping Turtle

The Perils of Being: 'Canes

Linda Perry [116]: Belly Up Tavern Poolabomb: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Porcupine Tree: House of Blues

The Price of Dope [138]: Winstons Say Hi to Your Mom: The Casbah

Scarlet's Remains: Brick By Brick

Section 8: Soma

Shaggin' Wagon: Blind Melons

**Sheol:** The Jumping Turtle

Solo: Belly Up Tavern

Songbird: 'Canes

The Sound of Urchins: Blind

Spill Canvas: Soma

The Spits: The Kensington Club

Stretch Armstong: Soma

Strung Out: Soma

Stutterfly: Epicentre

Tea Leaf Green: Belly Up Tavern

**33 Degrees:** The Jumping Turtle

This Moment: The Jumping Turtle

Thriving Ivory: Brick By Brick

Voyager One: Brick By Brick The Waking Moment: Epicentre A Wilhelm Scream: Soma Wise Monkey: Winstons

#### **EXTENSION 4003**

#### **ROCK**

The Agave Allstars: Blind Melons As Fast As: House of Blues

Band of Horses: The Casbah

Bargain Music: Blind Melons Blizzard: Hard Rock Café (La Jolla)

Bottomline [597]: Woody's Sports

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Joev Bowen: Winstons

Cachao & His Allstar Band:  $4th\ \&$ 

The Citizen Band: Coyote Bar and

The Constantines: The Casbah The Detroit Underground:

The Electric Waste Band:

Exit 21: Hard Rock Café (La Jolla) The Experiments [419]: Fannie's

The Fabulous Asthmatics: Coyote

The Fall Guvs: Cat Daddv's

Peter Frampton: Harrah's

The Kyle Frost Band: Hennessey's

The Fryday Band: Winstons The Full Effect: Harrah's

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina The Taylor Harvey Band: Island

orts & Spirits, McP's Irish Pub and Grill, Humphrey's

Hello Cleveland: Harrah's Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

The Hogs: Scolari's Office, Winstons The Hold Steady: The Casbah

Island Breeze: Humphrey's Just Us: Island Sports & Spirits

Justin King: Epicentre

Lil' Efert: Don's Cocktail Lounge The M-80's: Blind Melons

Israel Maldonado: Winstons Meet the Richter: Hard Rock Café

Mercy Road: Tiki House The Larry Mitchell Band: Belly Up

The Modlins: University of San

Nada Surf: The Casbah New London: Epicentre Nite Hawk: Carvers

Northstar: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Nude Bar-B-Q: Surf N'Saddle

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise **O.A.R.:** House of Blues

Okkervil River: The Casbah Pigeon John: The Casbah

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

Rachel's: The Casbah

The Darren Raser Band: Hard Rock Café (La Jolla)

Rise the Wake: Fannie's Nightclub Ron's Garage: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado

Roosevelt: Brick By Brick

6one9: Second Wind (San Carlos)

The Stilettos: Island Sports & Spirits, Riley's Sports Bar

Strip Down Hollywood: Hard Rock Café (La Jolla)

**Tapwater:** Humphrey's

**3 Against 1** [456]: 'Canes

Tough & Lonely: The Kensington

Travesty: Blind Melons

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and

Uptown Groove: Second Wind

The Wild Ones: Dirk's Niteclub Zepparella: 'Canes

#### **EXTENSION 4004**

#### POP / TOP 40

Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's,

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Doug: The Calypso Café

Inside Out: Vieias Casino

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lvon: The Imperial House Makai: Harrah's, Humphrey's

The New Breed Band: Hennessey's

Pop Rocks: Boar Cross'n

Richard Samuels: The Calypso Café

The Ultratones: Humphrey's X-Cel: Jimmy Love's

#### **EXTENSION 4005**

#### JAZZ / BIG BAND

Blake Aaron: Humphrey's

Burnett Anderson: Café LaMaze

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

B-3 Four: Vesuvio Gourmet

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

Phil Boroff: Terra

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

The Lee Brown Perspective: Thrusters, Magnolia's

John Cain [703]: Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge, Hotel del Coronado

The Jorge Camberos Quintet: Croce's Jazz Bar

Bruce Cameron: Coyote Bar and

Sammy Canonizado: Café LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onvx

Sandy Chappel: Café LaMaze

Chini, Comberos, & Co.: Harrah's

Jo Dark: The German-American

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

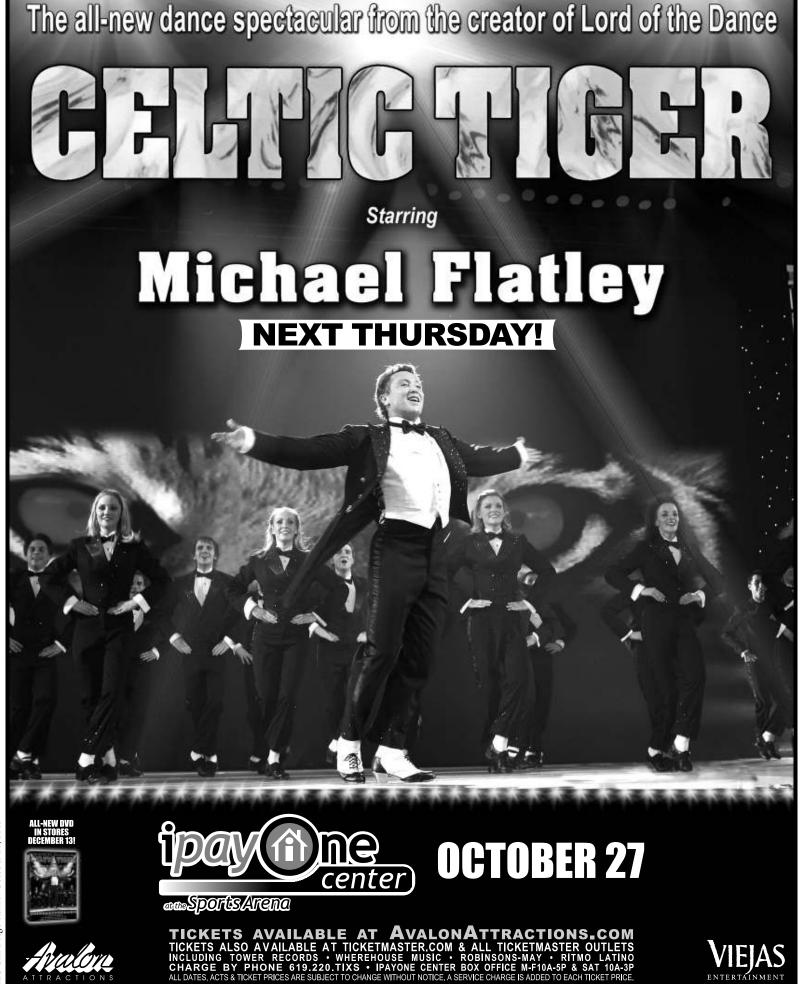
The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima

Joe Garrison: Café LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect The High Society Jazz Band: Tio

**Hip Graffiti** [688]: Borders Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del



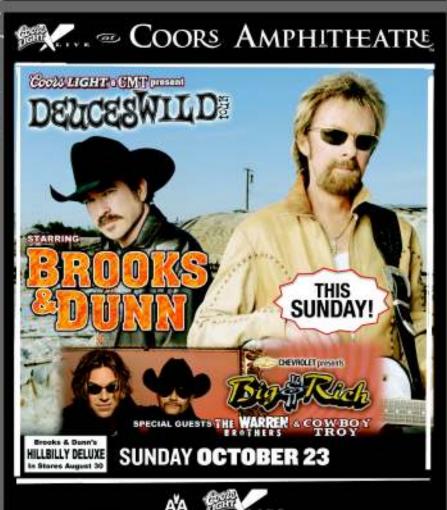


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Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

The Bradley Leighton Band: Game Time Tayern

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Bob Magnusson: Dizzy's

Joe Marillo [645]: Vesuvio Gourmet

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Medeski, Martin, & Wood: House of Blues

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bai

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

Mike Nelson: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

**Sue Palmer** [641]: The Book Works/Pannikin Café

The David Patrone Quartet [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Riley's Sports Bar

**Primo:** Sevilla, Belly Up Tavern

Rico Tumbao: 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

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado Hotel del Coronado The Tami Thomas Big Band: Vieias Casino

The Rob Thorsen-Jaime Valle Jazz Duo: Fresh Seafood Restaurant & Bar

Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio: Bamboo Studio

The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet [704]:

The Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo: Harry's Bar & American

Grill

Carolos Vasquez: Dizzy's

Jason Weber: Bertrand at Mister A's

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar Mikan Zlatkovich: Dizzv's

#### **EXTENSION 4006**

#### REGGAE / SKA

Common Sense [736]: Belly Up Tavern

The Devastators [731]: Onyx

The Dub Shack: Blind Melons High Tide: 'Canes

**NZ Rough:** Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

T-Irie Dread: 'Canes

**Thicker Than Thieves** [200]: Blind Melons

#### **EXTENSION 4007**

#### **COUNTRY**

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Southbound Johnny: Renegade Inn

#### EXTENSION 4008

### ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Acoustic Underground: Lestat's

Chris Ayer: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Amy Ayers: Twiggs Tea and Coffee

ompany

**Aaron Bowen:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Steve Brewer:** Blarney Stone Pub, McP's Irish Pub and Grill **Cameron:** Lestat's Coffee House

The Celtic Ensemble: Twiggs Tea

Country Joe McDonald: AcousticMusicSanDiego

Trevor Davis: Lestat's Coffee House

**Gavin DeGraw:** House of Blues **Bill Deasy:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee

Kim DiVincenzo: Twiggs Tea and

Randi Driscoll: 'Canes

Tim Flannery [828]: 'Canes

Allison Gill: Blarney Stone Pub

**Harmony Road:** McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Dave Howard [832]: 'Canes

**John Hull:** Lestat's Coffee House **The Inversions:** Twiggs Tea and

Coffee Company

Jaymes: Lestat's Coffee House

Eric Johnson: Belly Up Tavern

**Kelda:** Lestat's Coffee House

**Kethro:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company **Kev:** Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

Greg Laswell: 'Canes

Thomas Lee: Borders Books and

Allison Lonsdale: Café Loma

Ashley Matte: Belly Up Tavern

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Jason Mraz [824]: Soma

Carlos Olmeda: Lestat's Coffee

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AcousticMusicSanDiego

**Liana Piper:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

Raj: Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

The Derren Raser Band: Borders

Books and Music (Carlsbad)

Andrea Reschke: Trisler's Wine Bar

**Kenny Sacks:** Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company

**Danny Sandock:** Tiki House **Sophie:** Lestat's Coffee House

Sierra Swan: Belly Up Tavern

Jack Tempchin: The Calypso Café

Marina V.: Borders Books and Music
(Mission Valley)

Peggy Watson [841]: 'Canes

**Winterhawk:** Borders Books and Music (Carmel Mountain)

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#### **EXTENSION 4009**

**BLUES / SOUL** 

The Bayou Brothers [948]: Patrick's II

Blue Heat: The Kraken

Blue Rockit [955]: The Gordon

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Butane: The Jumping Turtle Sean Costello: Blind Melons

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L.A. Jones: Patrick's II

Lady Dottie & the Diamonds:

Little King: The Jumping Turtle

Michele Lundeen [952]:

Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors [910]: The Kraken

Gypsies: Patrick's II

The Len Rainey Duo [911]: The

Soul Diego: Patrick's II

The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II

3 Deuces: The Calypso Café

3 EZ Pieces: The Kraken

Triple Shot: The Calypso Café Billy Watson: The Calypso Café

The Zydeco Blues Patrol: Coyote

#### EXTENSION 4010

### **ELSE**

Armenta de San Diego: La

J.D. Boucharde [985]: Princess Pub

The Capriccio String Quartet:

Vicki Erigat: Edelweiss Restaurant Jim Gibson: Hotel del Coronado

Los Ingratoz: Over the Border New Direction: Red Fox Steakhouse

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Club Notorious: Sundays, 6 a.m to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-2032.

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 hiphop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N.

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Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

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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,

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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, 9 p.m., Tea Leaf Green, alternative. Friday, 9 p.m., Linda Perry, Sierra Swan, and Ashley Matte, coustic/folk/alternative. Saturday, 9 p.m., Common Sense, reggae. Sunday, 8 p.m., Primo, salsa/Latin. Monday, 7 p.m., Atomic Groove, Top 40/disco. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Eric Johnson and the Larry Mitchell Band. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Citizen Cope and



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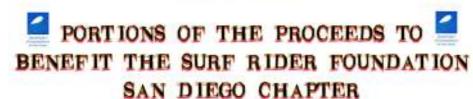


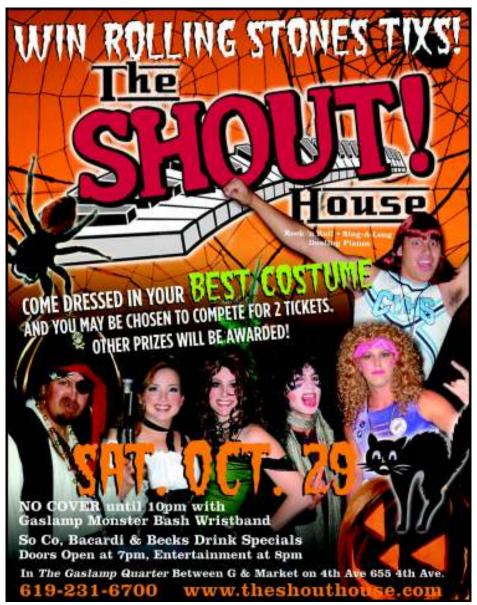


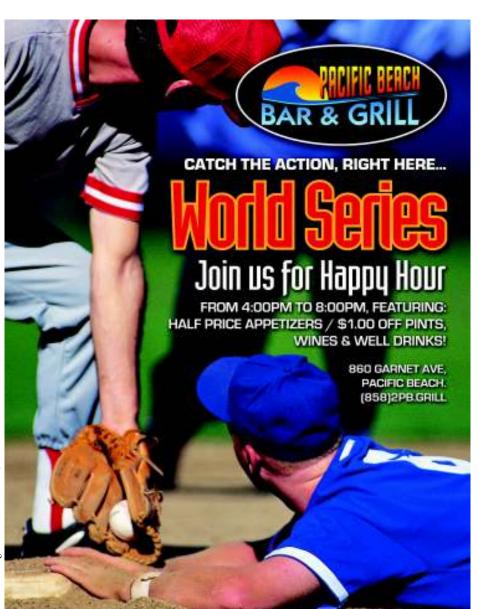












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**Boar Cross'n**, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, Pop Rocks.

The Book Works/Pannikin **Café**, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., Sue Palmer, jazz.

**Borders Books and Music**, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Hip Graffiti*, jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., the Derren Raser Band, folk, jazz/rock.

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Mountain, 858-618-1814, Friday, 8 p.m., Winterhawk, folk. Saturday, 8 p.m., Kev, acoustic folk.

**The Calypso Café**, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Billy Watson*, blues. Friday, *Triple Shot*, blues. Saturday, the Len Rainev Duo, blues, Sunday, Richard Samuels, piano. Monday Doug, pop. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin,

folk. Wednesday, 3 Deuces.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-566 2400. Friday and Saturday, Nite Hawk, classic rock

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**Resort**, 33750 Valley Center Road, Valley Center. 877-777-2457. Oasis Lounge: Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Chini, Camberos, & Co., Latin/jazz. Friday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Makai, Top 40/dance. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Full Effect,

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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.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach, 858-755-9474. Friday, Nude Bar-B-Q, rock. Saturday, the Alternatives. Wednesday, open

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**Blind Melons**, 710 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Thursday, the Agave Allstars, rock. Friday, Thicker Than Thieves. Saturday, the Sound of Urchins Bargain Music, and Shaggin' Wagon, rock/alternative, Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the M-80's, rock. Monday, open mic. Tuesday, Sean Costello, blues. Wednesday, the Dub Shack and

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Thursday, Anya Marina, Greg Laswell, and *the 88*, acoustic/folk/alternative. Friday, DI Steve West, rock. Saturday Zepparella, 3 Against 1, Songbird, and the Perils of Being, alternative/rock. Sunday, U-Roy & Charlie Chaplan Tuesday, Tim Flannery, Dave Howard, Peggy Watson, and Randi Driscoll, stic/folk. Wednesday, T-Irie and High Tide, reggae.

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters*, blues.

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La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry* Levich, jazz. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Armenta de San Diego, world lounge music. Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rick

#### The Lodge at Torrey Pines,

11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla. 619-453-4420. The Grill: Friday and Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Mike Nelson, solo jazz guitar.

Pasquale on Prospect, 1250 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456-0722. Friday, Nick Fiore, John Giulino, and Dave Scott, jazz.

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**Tiki House**, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Road, rock. Wednesday, Danny

Turquoise Café, 873 Turquoise Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m., Yaelisa

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Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Wise Monkey. Friday, the Price of Dope and Israel Maldonado. Saturday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Azariah's Dream, 9:30 p.m., Cape May and the Fryday Band. Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Joey Bowen. Monday, the Electric Waste Band, Wednesday, the Elephants and the

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The Bahia Belle Cruise, the Bahia Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, Mission Bay. 858-539-7779. Departs 6:30 p.m. Friday, *B Natural*, Top 40. Saturday, Nude Blues, classic rock.

Blarney Stone Pub, 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live folk music. Sunday, open mic. Monday, *Allison Gill*. Wednesday, call club for information.

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Album: Love Sona For No One (2005)

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Band members: Jonathan Pitcher (guitar, vocals), Levi Pitcher (bass quitar), Erdis Maxhelaku (cello, quitar), Jordan Cronin (drums), Darryl Ford (keyboard, piano)

Extra info: The members of PitchLaRooche say that the band's name is always a topic of discussion. The first part, "pitch," is derived from the names of the two brothers, Jonathan and Levi Pitcher; "larooche" is a made-up word. Although no one ever seems to be able to read it, spell it, or pronounce it, the band likes knowing that they will never have to change their name because another band had it first.

Website: www.pitchlarooche.com

Five-piece alternative-rock outfit PitchLaRooche offers emotive guitar rock for the masses on their 11-cut debut. Their sound is borrowed from a few sources but is still palatable. Soaring guitars and a dark vibe make the

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Lyrics aside, the range of emotion portrayed in each song is impressive. The guitar work is the group's strongest feature. "Hood-Dead Eyes" and "One Moment" are the



highlights, each with brooding bass lines. Acoustic instruments add to the album's diversity. The electric guitar, cello, and bass create an evocative moodiness. The final cut, "Blue Skies," is more delicate, with lilting acoustic accents. (The pairing of a cello and acoustic guitar seldom goes wrong.)

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Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson

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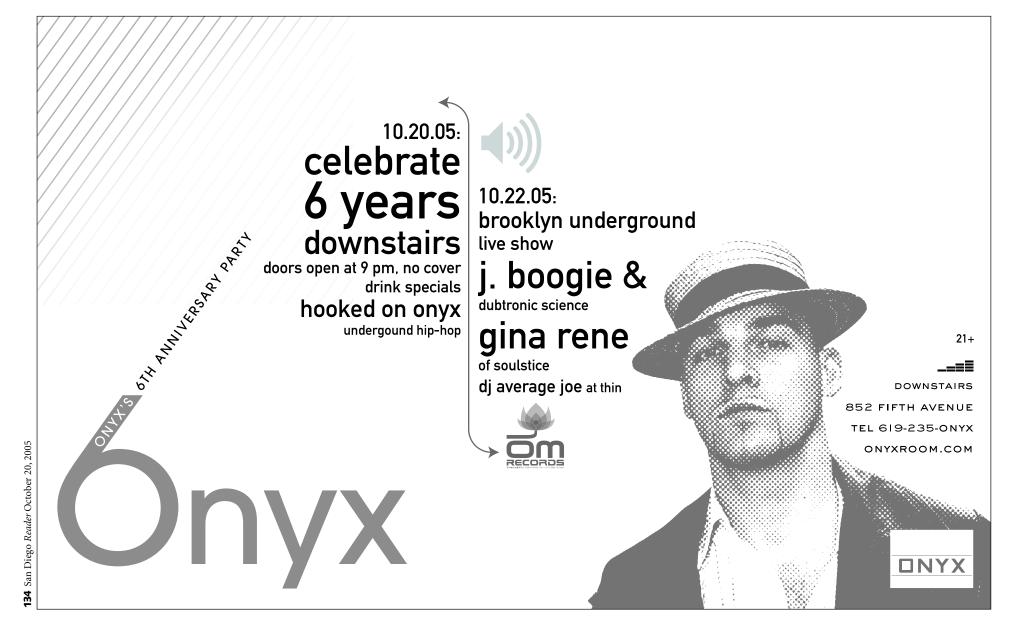
Porcupine Tree, alternative, Tuesday, O.A.R. and As Fast As.

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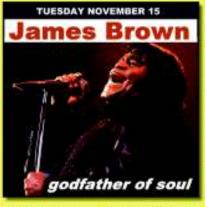


























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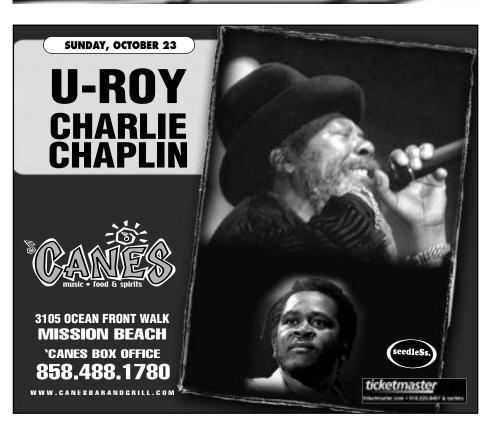


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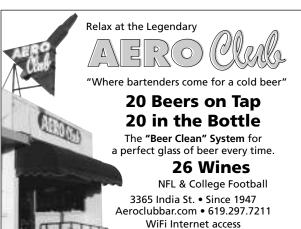
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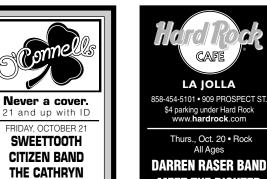
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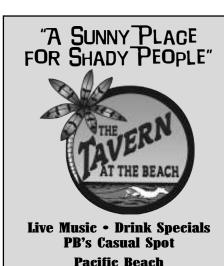
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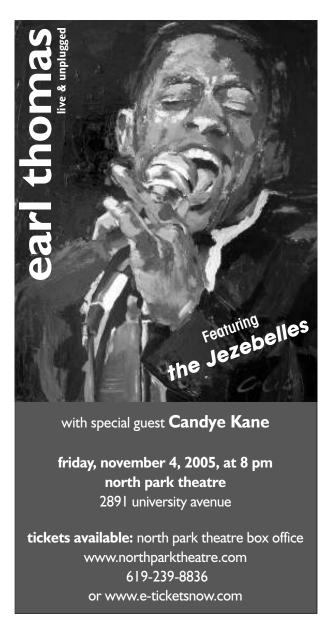


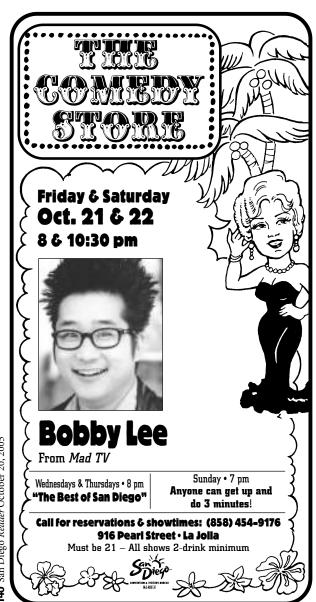
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"Oy! Ouch!" I moaned as my partner started the car, homeward bound. "This is going to hurt. I hate to say it up front — but that meal was not worth \$100 per person." "And this used to be one of our favorite restaurants," my partner lamented.

Star of the Sea's previous executive chef, Paul McCabe, moved to L'Auberge Del Mar in 2004 – partly, I suspect, because he got fed up with having vacationing Zonies return his perfectly cooked fish for overcooking. His 30-year-old sous-chef, Jesse Paul, replaced him as top toque. After spotting an intriguing recipe by Paul in a magazine (for ahi sous vide, vacuum-marinated with a Cryovac machine), my curiosity was aroused enough to call for reservations. Now I wish I hadn't, because I'd rather not have learned that the four-star restaurant I used to love is down to two and a half. That's not to say the food is inedible. Some is fabulous. But you take your chances and the odds are now 50:50.

The restaurant hasn't changed physically since its renovation a couple of years ago, which sacrificed serenity on the altar of the view. It has the same sailcloth wings overhead, the same shades of cream and beige, the comfortable booths, and the wraparound windows that lend every table a clear look at the bay — along with a deafening noise level created by all that glass. The evening's inexorable birthday party was seated five tables away, about 20 feet west, and we had to lean forward, cupping our ears, to hear each other. (Did they have to sing "Happy Birthday" five times?) Oddly, the house lights dimmed and brightened throughout the meal — "What, they forgot to pay the light bill?" my partner joked at a dark moment — though they were mostly kept at that deeply romantic level where you can barely make out the food on your plate. The better to see the sea, of course.

Arriving early, my partner and I first headed next door to Anthony's (the flagship of the parent company) to scout out half a dozen briny Blue Points. Then we met up with Sam at the Star. His date was the glam Ariane, who, were she a prizefighter, could nickname herself "The Blonde Gourmand." We began the meal with another halfdozen oysters, a smaller, richer-flavored variety that was more expertly shucked than the ones at Anthony's. Priced \$3 higher, they were well worth the difference, coming with a tomatoey mignonette made with verjus (sour grape juice) and a crushedtomato dip. I preferred them stark naked.



The evening's special was a salad of fresh baby spinach with candied walnuts (which tasted a hint stale under the sugar) and a few minuscule poufs of goat cheese, dressed in a snappy raspberry vinaigrette. I've been eating this salad at ambitious

restaurants for about two decades, including four times this year alone (sometimes with spring mix instead of spinach, sometimes with baby beets). To me, it's like a decent

remake of a classic movie; I guess people who weren't around 20 years ago are just now discovering this combination. But \$11 seemed a bit much.

Then we plunged into more serious appetizers. One was charming, another was charmingly eccentric. The third was strange, and the fourth made no sense at all. We loved the "salmon pastrami," raw salmon slices rimmed with black pepper  $(something \ like \ the \ ever-popular \ peppered \ seared$ ahi, with a stronger fish). It came with a shocking, delightful "mustard gelato" - literally, semifrozen cream flavored with country-style coarse mustard. Alongside were piles of chopped salmon, sweet shredded green apple, a hard-cooked quail

egg, bright beads of salmon caviar, and strips of cilantro. Everything worked together to surprise and excite us.

"Liver and onions" was the other hit creamy, rare-seared duck foie gras. The typical

sweet accompaniment came in the form of a tartlet filled with sweet white onion shreds (Mauis or their equivalent) in a thick, coarse-textured shell, with pickled red onion

shreds served alongside. There was also a jam pot of "foie gras custard" that tasted like liver juice and sour cream, weird enough to send shudders around the table. In the center of the plate was a strip of "house-made ketchup" in a plastic container. None of us could bring ourselves to touch it. Why mess with great foie gras?

Less successful was butter-poached Maine lobster tail, served with a deep-fried slab of more lobster, presumably, because its identity was cloaked by the flavors of batter and oil; it could as easily have been a calamari steak. This seafood object was overcooked, plated atop an avocado-cream cheese purée with a sour tinge

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from yuzu juice, a tart citrus. The butter-poached tailpiece was good but too firm, nothing to swoon over. A small pile of young greens in a "smoked yellow tomato vinaigrette" didn't taste notably smoky. Even with two versions of lobster, the elements of the plate seemed estranged, like cousins who meet only at weddings.

A melon salad seemed simply demented. At center plate sat a bowlful of underripe cantaloupe balls garnished with lime juice, cilantro, and black pepper. (Salt, not black pepper, makes hard melon taste sweeter. Red pepper can also be effective, although it'd be too violent for Star patrons. But the lime juice here only underlined the sourness, and black pepper seemed odd for oddness' sake.) To one side were several frog legs, overcooked and out of place atop a slick of cilantro emulsion. On the other side was a pile of Japanese hon shimeji mushrooms mixed with toasted pine nuts pleasant enough, but what purpose did they serve?



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We finally found the curry oil mentioned on the menu on the plate's rim. Did I mention that the lights were turned low?

Our entrées had a similar ratio of triumph to chaos. Diver scallops were of superb quality and tenderness, although salty. (I'd guess they were flown here in a brine bath.) They came in a thick golden sauce of corn juice poured over white grits. "This tastes like cafeteria gravy," said Ariane. I disagreed, finding the rustic mixture more interesting, if not quite coherent. The dish included succotash sprinkled with thick-cut batons of smoky bacon. It was supposed to be topped with a crown of "brown butter panna cotta" but wasn't - maybe the custard was forgotten, or melted, or escaped under cover of darkness to another plate or state. I loved my undercooked half a baby brussels sprout, sweet from corn juice, but evidently I got the pick of the litter — everyone else's were too hard. "Besides, they're out of season," said Ariane. "The rules are, no white shoes after Labor Day, and no brussels sprouts before Halloween."

When we ordered our fish dishes, we did remember to say the magic words: "Mediumrare, please." The incantation nearly worked. Roasted stur-

too long. It's not an endangered Caspian variety, but farmraised in Idaho. Star's kitchen is strict about serving only sustainable seafood. ("I couldn't live with myself if I contributed to the extinction of a species," the chef later told me.) The sturgeon arrived with thick-cut applewood bacon, pearl barley, red onions, and bright and minty-tasting cooked arugula with a carrot-Riesling sauce, which suffused the barley and softened the sharpness of the greens. The fish had a spicy glaze from Tellicherry black pepper that was toasted before grinding to bring out its flavor. It was hot enough to tingle the tongue but not put it into a

geon was cooked mere seconds

tizzy. Grilled swordfish, too, was slightly overcooked. It was also massively oversalted, while the accompanying baby fennel was so nearly raw it had the texture of green twigs. The main side dish was a "lobster bolognese" that wasn't a true bolognese (mellow tomato-veal cream sauce), but an acidic roughgrained marinara made with fresh tomatoes that overpowered the lobster nuggets. To be fair, I was the only one of our group who hated it; other opinions were mixed to positive. A garnishing langoustine (plural per the menu, singular in reality) tasted slightly old. Also alongside were house-made squid-ink tagliatelle, wide black rectangles with a firm-tender texture. They were brilliant

both in themselves and in the context, a beautiful match in color and flavor for the crimson lobster sauce.

There are always a couple of

non-seafood dishes on Star of

the Sea's menu to placate fish-

haters who've fallen into fish-loving company. Sidestepping the pricey Kurobata beefsteak, we chose something called "Duck, Duck, Goose." It proved an exercise in outlandishness. On one side of the plate sat sautéed duck breast and a little airline wing (the first joint from the shoulder) in a smooth, pleasantly nondescript sauce. I later learned it was a salsa roja, made with roasted poblano chiles, milder-tasting than typical Mexican versions. Across the plate stood a brick of dry, firm red-brown polenta (which the menu calls a "goose confit tamal"), with the texture of half-set adobe. It was scattered with black beans and drenched in a cumin-loaded Tex-Mex twist on a "mole" sauce. Was this a harmonious combination with the fowl? Well, the duck crooned a worldly ballad while the "tamal" bawled a Norteño ranchero (perhaps Flaco's "Ando Borracho.") The menu says the components include "pickled foie gras," which would probably belt out a beer-hall polka if it had been present. We didn't see it, taste it, or miss it in the cacophony.

Ariane and I agreed that we're dead-bored with gooey chocolate desserts — we both

want chocolate on our pillows, not right after eating a big meal — so we vetoed the menu's trio of chocolate clichés. (The guys certainly didn't object.) Our best dessert proved to be the rich, dark-roast Kenyan coffee, French pressed and served with a container of whipped cream and fine housemade biscotti. It's what restaurant coffee — or any coffee — ought to be.

Less so the ricotta panna cotta, a bland version of the ethereal custard. It came with an oversized soup spoon cradling pickled cherries and basil sauce. This potion tasted best solo but, upended onto the custard, gave the panna cotta some of the flavor it needed. Underneath, supposedly, was a "cinnamon gastrique" that none of us could perceive. (Does truth in labeling apply to restaurant menus? Or is it just harder to taste food you can't see?) Alongside were miniature cannoli," crackly pastry shells filled with mild chocolate mousse. Loved the shells, and the mousse was okay.

A taster-trio of crèmes brûlées was disappointing. The chocolate one tasted like Duncan Hines cake frosting. The lemon-thyme mixture tasted like artificial lemon. The butterscotch tasted like Smucker's ice-cream topping. All three together reminded us of Jell-O Pudding Snacks. The best element on the plate was a tiny gooseberry wrapped in caramel candy. Despite its size, we were

so jazzed that we managed to share it among the four of us, taking tiny nips so that all could have a taste.

After chewing it over, my posse decided that there were great elements on nearly every plate, but that the flavor combinations were too often miscalculated. All chefs (and aspiring home chefs — me!) make horrible mistakes as they discover which flavors work together, a skill that only comes with experience. I thrill to adventurous cooking, but some of the matchups here seemed adventuristic rather than adventurous, more fun for the chef than for the diner. I love the chef's boldness and imagination — he may well mature into a great one — but he perhaps needs more seasoning before his taste sense can be trusted. He's become captain of the kitchen before he's quite gotten his sea legs.

#### **ABOUT THE CHEF**

Jesse Paul was born to the chef's life. "My family was in the business — my mom was a chef, and my grandmom was a chef, they both had catering companies, and I grew up around it," he says. "I was always involved in the kitchen, helping out. I was a lost boy through my teenage years, then somehow my passion rekindled, and I started working as a busboy, a dishwasher, saving up my money until I could put myself through culinary school. I started in Phoenix and then

transferred to Los Angeles to be closer to home when they opened up a branch of the school there [L.A. Art Institute School of Culinary Arts] and got my A.A. degree. My family lived in Oceanside at the time, and upon graduation I moved back. I had a connection at Top of the Cove — one of my instructors was friends with the chef, Guy Sackrider, and got me an interview.

"I worked there for a year and left with Guy and was his executive sous-chef in LA at a couple of places. I came back down here to work for Tom Atkins at L'Auberge Del Mar. Then I was Brian Johnston's sous-chef at Star of the Sea, and when he left, I was Paul Mc-Cabe's sous-chef until he moved to L'Auberge Del Mar. I put my hat in the ring for the executive chef job, and I got it."

I asked him about his overall philosophy of cooking. "I try to let the food speak for itself," he said. "I don't want to mask the food with lots of spices and ingredients and coatings. Nature made food great as it is. An apple's great right off the tree. You just need to find combinations that keep the palate interested. I think it's nice to flex my wings a little and give the customers in San Diego something a little different...as long as we can keep having fun and people can appreciate not having the same old fish, starch, vegetables, which gets pretty mundane after a while." ■



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## **Jesse James on Park Boulevard**

#### "How could you shoot anyone with your belly full?"

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ne night, we'd made camp," says Tom. "The cattle were below — you always camp above them in case of a stampede — and I felt Kipper's wet nose, nuzzling me. He wouldn't stop. He whinnied a bit. He knew something was going to happen.

Tom pauses to take a mouthful of our lamb sandwich. His white beard bends in the breeze like Charlton Heston's whiskers when he was Moses parting the Red Sea.

"And you know what? That horse was right. I was just getting up when the stampede started. All hell

broke loose. I think it was probably coyotes...Boy. This is about the best sandwich I ever had."

We're sitting out on the patio of the European Market & Deli on Park near Polk. I'd passed Tom by when I was scurrying along in my late-as-usual trot. He was using a walker. Shuffle, shuffle, shuffle.

A couple of blocks on I stopped at a nice coffee garden next to a vintage dress shop called, uh, "Frock You!" Except I was hungry for lunch and they only had muffins. So I kept on. Farther ahead, I saw some green umbrellas, and, as I got closer, a red awning and potted trees and tables. A sandwich board read, "Pastries. Olives. Wine. Cheese." Sounded good.

Inside, they had half a dozen tables, copper pans on the wall, grapes painted around the top edge, near the ceiling, framed pictures of Paris cafes. But the place was basically Greek, with cases of Greek

wines, coolers with feta cheeses, and behind the counter, two Greek ladies, Sophie and Kathy, bustling to keep a line of customers moving.

I picked up the yellow menu. "Legendary Old

World dining and market," said the front page.

'Recognized as the best lamb in San Diego." Boy, lamb. Love it.

The menu's inside pages had things like gyros for \$4.99, an interesting-sounding "Veggie Diabolou" pita sandwich, "a hot and spicy way to eat your vegetables," for \$4.89, a large Greek salad for \$4.99, roasted chicken salad

(\$5.99), and a ground-beef moussaka for \$6.55.

I asked Sophie which was the most popular. "No question," she said. "The lemon-roasted chicken." She pointed to the roaster behind her. Lemony, chickeny aromas wafted out. "You should try it."

The chicken did smell good, but no. Lamb wins any time. A lot of folk don't like it, but for me, lamb defines a real baa-BQ, as you might say. Trouble was, this was Thursday. Big lamb days are Friday and Saturday. That's when they serve "Paul's Lamb Special, \$8.85." I never did learn who this Paul is, but the plate of lamb is roasted in his "savory blend of spices," with "lemon-roasted potatoes, Greek sidesalad and warm pita bread."

Dang it. I was going to miss out. But then I saw they had an everyday lamb sandwich for \$5.99. So I ordered that. And 'cause I never broke fast this

mawnin', I added "lemon-roasted potatoes" (90 cents extra) and Greek chicken soup, with, yeah, lemon, and egg, and rice (\$2.95). And a scoop of Kalamata olives (\$1.17). Oh, and I made the other greatest decision du jour, a Greek coffee (\$2.00).

So it was quite a package that Sophie brought out to the patio table under the umbrella. First thrill was that coffee. Yes, I put a pink packet of white powder in it, so no purist here. But it was thick, rich, dee-lish. The bottom half was sludge, but that's part of the charm. Chicken and rice soup was good too, but the second big thrill was those lemon potatoes. Oh Lord. Giant chunks, absolutely oozily good. I'da come for those alone. Nicely done lamb too — 'specially with a big splot of Tzatziki sauce.

Well, I'm sitting there in the sunny breeze, when I hear this shuffle, shuffle, shuffle. It's Tom, finally catching up. "Tortoise and hare," I say. We get to talking. He ends up sitting down with me, and heck, my eyes were bigger than my stomach, so we split the lamb sandwich. Turns out Tom's just out of the hospital — car hit him — and is homeless right now. "Actually, people want me to settle down, but I just keep moving," he says. Says that's because he started life under Wyoming's big sky. He worked as a ranch hand. A true-blue cowboy.

Oh man. He has lots of stories. The stampede, the day Kipper, his favorite horse, died — we're both teary with that one — bronco-riding, and his hero, Jesse James. (Funny, 'cause last week, I sat at Jesse James' bar.)

"He was our Robin Hood!" says Tom. "He stole from the rich and gave to the poor. And then that rat Robert Ford, from his own gang, shot him. From

And he bursts out into song.

"Poor Jesse had a wife to mourn for his life,

Three children, they were brave;

But the dirty little coward that shot Mr. Howard Has laid Jesse James in his grave."

I take my last slurp of Greek coffee. Tom folds up his Styrofoam plate. "I tell you honestly," he said. "I was hungry. But I truly think it's the best sandwich I've had in my entire life."

So who was Mr. Howard?" I ask.

"That was Jesse. He hid out as Mr. Howard." He starts singing again, in fine voice.

"It was Robert Ford, that dirty little coward,

I wonder how he does feel,

For he ate of Jesse's bread and he slept in Jesse's bed.

Then he laid poor Jesse in his grave."

"Maybe if Jesse'd given him better bread," I say, "like in this lamb sandwich, he wouldn't've done it?"

"Maybe you're right," Tom says. "How could you shoot anyone with your belly full like this?" Then he goes right back to singing.

'It was Robert Ford…" ■

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wine column. Are you shitting me?
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— from Eric S. Payne's letter to the *Reader*, printed in the October 6, 2005 issue.

Well, actually, no, Mr. Payne. I've been doing this since 1999, back before *Sideways* was even a novel. But thanks for asking.

As for your other questions: No, I'm not shitting you, and I have no idea whether or not anyone really cares. There is a certain happy freedom in this lack of

knowledge, however. Every now and then, just because I have no idea if anyone's looking, I can go ahead and do something like an extended commentary on *Mondovino*, last year's documentary on the wine business. (A wine documentary. Are you shitting me? Does anyone really care? Is this because *Sideways* was such a hit?)

Opening scene: Harvesting coconuts in Brazil. Interesting. A reminder that wine is an agricultural product? Ah, but not just any agricultural product. The question is posed: "Can you make wine from coconuts?" "No, only juice." As Teiresias says about wine in *The Bacchae*: "For filled with that good gift, suffering mankind forgets its

grief...there is no other medicine for misery."

As if to back that up, it's on to *vigneron* Yvonne Hegoburu in the French Pyrenees for a reminder that "love and pleasure have always made the world go 'round. At least they should."

God love her, she doesn't mention money. After her husband died, she planted vines and gave her love to them. Nice personal touch. And another personal touch in Sardinia, where they're making this obscure varietal, Malvaisia Bosa. "And each winemaker makes a different style," says

winemaker Battista Columbu. "It never used to be for sale. It was a communal wine. The people of Bosa offered Malvasia as a gift."

Local is good, variety is good. Well and good. But what happened? Why is it for sale now? "Before, these hills were covered with small plots. Everyone cultivated them. Now, people have become lazy, carried away by consumerism. In cultivating the Masvaisia de Bosa, there's a kind of ethical commitment." It ain't all love and pleasure.

Then we meet Columbu's opposite, the antithesis of the local and the traditional: Michel Rolland, the flying winemaker. Consultant for over 100 properties worldwide. Technological

fiddler. "Micro-oxygenate!" he says, again and again. Together with the Mondavis of Napa and their growing wine empire, Rolland will be the film's smiling, gregarious villain.

The seesaw tilts back — or seems to — and we arrive at Aniane, in France's Languedoc region, home to the wondrous Daumas Gassac and its proprietor, Aimé Guibert. Guibert says that wine is dead. He laments that wine is no longer the "nearly religious relationship between man and nature. The wines that make you dream transcend time," he rhapsodizes. "They bring youth instead of wrinkles and death." Bordeaux used to make wine like that, he says, but now, "Bordeaux worships only money. It takes a poet to make great wine. That's been replaced by wine consultants." Consultants like Rolland, who assure people, says Guibert, that "great wine can be made anywhere," as long as you hire the right consultant.

Here, the plot thickens: Rolland works for Mondavi, and Mondavi once sought to buy land and plant vineyards in Aniane — just across from Guibert. Guibert fought them; he thought they weren't going to respect the land. He says that Mondavi was going to bulldoze the hills and put up billboards. He talks about deforestation and the floods that would result. Rolland thinks Guibert was just jealous, and accuses him of stirring up the ignorant locals against the Mondavis.

"We're this tiny village that resisted a huge power" in the name of anti-globalization, says the mayor. But the *ex*-mayor liked the Mondavis and worked with them; he thought they would be a "fantastic boon for the region and the wines of Languedoc." As Rolland points out, "Mondavi is a PR powerhouse."

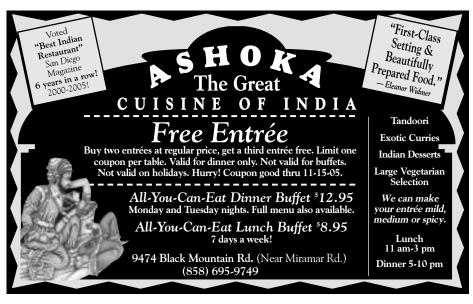
Guibert is a prince of the Languedoc; it might have been helpful to interview some producers of local *vin ordinaire*, the ones who are going under

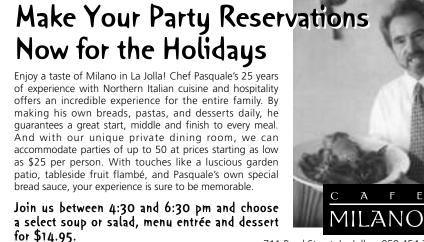


because the French don't buy everyday wine like they used to. I admire Guibert, and I'm all for wines made with a sense of place and respect for the land, but I see Rolland's point here. If Mondavi had turned the spotlight on the region, it might not have been a bad thing.

I think Guibert understands the usefulness of the spotlight. And I think he ought to have had a little more sympathy for the Mondavis' proposals. For one thing, he is not a local grower, the sort who has tended his vineyard for generations — though you won't get that from Mondovino. You have to read Kermit Lynch's Adventures on the Wine Route for that. Lynch writes that Guibert retired to the Languedoc after he had "spent most of his working life running a large leatherworks company, supplying hautecouture shops around the world...He is brimming with capitalist energy and he brings







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that spirit to his business." No humble *vigneron*, he.

Guibert violated the local tradition of growing Carignan, Grenache, and Cinsault, and instead planted Cabernet Sauvignon. He charged far more than any of his neighbors. He lobbied for a grand cru designation for his wine — the greatest marketing coup of them all. Writes Lynch, "What Guibert has set out to do is simply not done, creating something out of nothing, and creating something not at all typique de la région at that! And he has met with resentment, resistance, and jealousy from

his neighbors. Remember, Guibert is an outsider to begin with." Sort of like the Mondavis.

In *Mondovino*, Guibert rages that the modern world has created the "new fascism of monopoly distribution," and complains that people "don't give a damn about supermarket kings." To him, it spells the death of small-production, quality wine, because the supermarkets want two million bottles, all the same. But his status among his fellow Languedoc producers — how many of *their* wines have been compared to a great Rhone like

Vieux Telegraphe by Robert Parker? — makes him a curious David to set up against the Mondavi Goliath.

And then, when he comes to find that Bernard Magrez, CEO of the monster negotiant William Pitters, is coming to Aniane in a project fronted by French actor Gerard Depardieu, Guibert rolls over and plays puppydog. "Depardieu's presence is a gift," he says, and then adds — can he hear himself? — "he's a fan of my wine." Oh, so that makes it okay? Asked about Magrez, Guibert acknowledges that Depardieu is coming "with the magic of

his name and a guy who knows how to sell wine." "Is Magrez the French Mondavi?" asks the man behind the camera. No, silly. Mondavi doesn't need a movie star — his own name is enough. But let's let Guibert answer. "Magrez...is a clever man who built a great business out of nothing." And that's different from Mondavi how? It is true that Magrez and Depardieu are not buying in the same spot as the Mondavis, nor on the same scale, but suddenly, Guibert seems on shakier ground.

Why go after Guibert? Because I want him to be right.

But right and wrong is a complicated business in the wine business.

#### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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— N.W. (8/03)

**Bubby's Gelato** 937 South Coast Highway 101, Lumberyard Shopping Center, Encinitas, 760-436-3563. This tiny storefront does only a few things (sandwiches, gelati, and sorbet), but does them exceedingly well. The "gourmet sandwiches" really do live up to their designation, with intriguing Mediterranean combinations (artichoke hearts, black olives, grilled eggplant, gorgonzola are among the choice of ingredients) on soft, round Italian bread. (Or you can just get a tuna melt if that's your flavor.) Gelati are about twice as rich as Häagen-Dazs, and feature an ever-changing array of bold flavors, e.g., vanilla rosewa-

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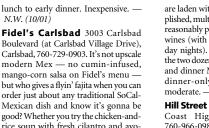
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**Firenze** 162 South Rancho Santa Fe Road (at Manchester), West Village Center, Encinitas, 760-944-9000. This big, beautiful, gracious restaurant (located in the same mall as Harvest Ranch Market, just north of Rancho Santa Fe) offers both a handsome interior and a romantic fire-lit patio. The well-spaced tables



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Hill Street Coffee House 524 South Coast Highway 101, Oceanside, 760-966-0985. Organic in Oceanside? Really! Look for the sign: "Organic Restaurant and Espresso Bar" in front of a restored vellow-and-white Victorian house from O'side's past. All their meats, poultry, fish, and veggies are organic and the menu is full of healthy dishes: tofu/spinach breakfast scramble, frittata espinaca ("Greek eggs"), and pain perdu (for us peasants that's French toast) with fresh fruit and syrups. Some vegan items. After 11 a.m., try their Cajun chicken. Open daily, breakfast to dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

I Trulli Trattoria 830 South Coast Highway 101 (between G and H streets), Encinitas, 760-943-6800. An enduring hit in Encinitas (where there's no shortage of Italian restaurants), I Trulli serves modern Italian food with fashionable new ingredients. The menu, subtitled "Nouvelle Italian Cuisine," resembles the somewhat ambitious, generically "northern Italian" bills of fare that you encounter all over Hillcrest and the Gaslamp. (It is, in fact, a sister restaurant to Hillcrest's Arriverderci.) The signifiers of seriousness are the pink peppercorns, goat cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, and light cream sauces that coexist with the more traditional mozzarella-tomato sauce arrays. Best bets are the daily specials, which offer the greatest chance for fresh ingredients and creativity. Busy, cramped, painfully loud inside. Street patio next to highway is also noisy. Re serve for dinner on weekends or expect an hour's wait. Open daily, lunch and dinner, Moderate, - N.W. (11/01)

**Johnny Manana's** 308 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, 760-721-9999. Local teachers hang out at this green-, white-, and red-tiled place because it's such good value. Most dishes are either Mexican or Costa Rican. There's a Caribbean chocolatey, black bean, paprika, curry-in-the-rice thing going on. Pescado Veracruz (fish marinated in lime juice and garlic with rice, beans, and green salad) is good. The roasted chicken is delicious. The Big Breakfast Burrito Special (eggs, onions, beans, cheese, and potatoes, wrapped in a large flour tortilla) is *muy popular*, but then so is J.M.'s Great All-American Cheeseburger. Open daily. Inexpensive.
— E.B. (12/01) Tomiko 87 Encinitas Boulevard (at Best Western, just west of I-5), Encinitas, 760-633-3587. In a lovely setting overlooking Moonlight Bay you can enjoy Japanese and Pacific Rim fusion cooking and sushi in a serene but lively dining room. When the sushi bar is free from the weekend rush, the quality can be amazing: stunningly fresh *uni*, world-beating silky *toro*. The sushi-master also keeps an eye on the restaurant's seafood purchases, so they meet exacting standards. Appetizers such as "salmon tower tartare" and "drunken black cod" are rewarding, as are the simple, excellent fu-sion-tinged seafood entrées. Reserve for weekends, especially for sushi bar. Lunch weekdays only, dinner nightly. Moderate. — N.W. (3/02)

Tuscan Sun Italian Deli 1070 North El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-633-4546. A town abounding in Italian restaurants ought to have a great Italian deli, and it does. You'll find domestic and imported deli meats and cheeses, fresh-baked breads and focaccia, marinated veggies, and a wealth of gourmet products from Italy. The specialty is the "Caprese" (tomatoes-plus) sandwich on focaccia bread with a variety of fillings, best served grilled and dressed with pesto. For breakfast, they carry sfogliatelle, light, moist, faintly lemony multilayered breakfast pastries The eat-in/take-out menu includes pizza, pasta, salads, and a host of sand-wiches. Open daily. — N.W. (8/03)

#### **NORTH INLAND**

Ashoka the Great 9474 Black Mountain Road (off Miramar Road), Mira Mesa, 858-695-9749. Seek out this splendid Indian restaurant. The setting is lovely, the service excellent, and the food first-rate. Don't overlook the tandoori dishes. Numerous selections are available for vegetarians. An all-you-can-eat lunch buffet is served daily. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Athens Market Cafe 11640 Carmel Mountain Road (between Pacific Theatres and Sportmart in Carmel Mountain Plaza, close to Rancho Bernardo, off I-15), 858-675-2225. The same Greek recipes that you know and love at Athens Market downtown are even more carefully prepared here. All entrées with soup or salad. Excellent moussaka, baked chicken, lamb kebabs. Excellent value for tasty product. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.W.

Bistro 221 221 East Grand Avenue (near Kalmia), Escondido 760-737-7398. This genteel bistro — Escondido,

with comfortable chairs and linen-covered tables inside and a shaded patio on the sidewalk — is especially tasty at lunch, with its sophisticated quesadillas and a classic burger and fries cooked your way. At dinner simple starters shine, including a "blonde" Florida version of gumbo and Maryland crab cakes with minimal filler. The dinner entrées are also the best, including beef tournedos with Gorgonzola and grouper caught just off the Florida shores. A "Louisiana" bread pudding is moister (hence more pleasing) than most of its namesakes. No wheelchair access for rest rooms. Free parking behind restaurant. Ordinary wine list, Lunch and dinner Tuesday through Friday; dinner Saturday. Lunch moderate: dinner moderate to high. — N.W. (10/04)

La Tapatia 340 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-747-8282. Take a walk on the mild side at this family-owned favorite, in business since the 1930s. You'll find standard Mexican fare in a comfortable dining room or, in good weather, a lovely, arbor-like stone-walled patio. The most celebrated dish is the 'cheese crisp," a large tostada covered one-third in ground beef, one-third in beef chunks, and one-third in beans, with cheese, avocado puree, and sour cream over all. Many preparations (grilled seafoods, etc.) are healthy, and veggies taste fresh. Seasonings are rather detuned, but there's a saltshaker and a lively salsa on the table. Moderate. — N.W. (5/01)

The Wayside Cafe 507 South Main Avenue, Fallbrook, 760-723-9633, Locals love meeting and eating in this long low-porched building — partly because it all just feels small-town America. The place used to be Mahrs' Service Station. You can even sit in the old Lube Bay to eat. Count on generous servings, especially the mountain-piles of red-skinned home-fries as a side at breakfast. Open for breakfast and lunch six days a week; closed Mondays. Inexpensive. -

#### **GOLD COAST**

Arterra Marriott Del Mar Hotel, 11966 El Camino Real (off Carmel Mountain Road), Torrey Pines/Del Mar, 858-369-6032 or 858-523-1700. Bradley Ogden and his minions — including Arterra's Carl Shroeder — do the perfect cuisine for executive-oriented hotels like this Marriott, which is situated in an inhumanly corporate neighborhood. The fare is fine, classy, but not excessively demanding of attention. Ingredients are seasonal and top-quality, creations are

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Barone's Trattoria Del Mare 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Del Mar, 858-259-9063. Nino Barone, owner and chef, has got the Italian restaurant business finessed to near perfection. The taste of his gnocchi or his tortellini al gorgonzola is worth ditching your diet for. Outdoor dining offers daytime ocean viewing, while indoor guests enjoy softhued decor with linens and fresh flowers. The welcoming staff allow the customer space and linger-time while remaining available. Nino prepares everything in-house: the crusty Italian bread, the pastas and their companion sauces, the veal, seafood, and chicken

dishes, and the irresistible cannoli. The wine list is generous yet modestly priced and, surprise, it's purely Italian. This off-the-beaten-track Italian restaurant may be one of the most delectable secrets in North County and it won't put a crunch on your entertainment budget. Lunch is a real deal, with soup or salad and dessert included in the price. Open nightly for dinner; call for lunch schedule. Moderate. — S.M. (4/04)

Red Tracton's 550 Via de la Valle, Del Mar, 858-755-6600. Even though you know you're a half mile from the Pacific Ocean and across the street from the Del Mar Racetrack, one step inside Red Tracton's dining room sends you reeling back in time to an upscale, dimly lit, maroon-and-gilt restaurant of 1960s Chicago. The only thing missing is the scent of cigars. Food portions are enormous: The lobster sandwich (a touch heavy on the mayo) easily packs a half

pound of lobster. The selection is generous: steaks, prime rib, seafood, chicken, and pork — all expertly prepared and served in record time. On days when you don't give a rip about the Surgeon General's latest warnings, run to Red Tracton's and indulge your All-American appetite. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly; 11 p.m. closing Friday and Saturday. Expensive. — S.M. (3/04)

Spices Thai Cafe 3810 Valley Centre Drive, Piazza Carmel Shopping Center, Del Mar (east of Carmel Valley turn-off), 858-259-0889. Superb Thai restaurant that's not only elegant but whose food contains no MSG and very little fat. The seafood dishes rate highly. Among other delicacies are duck and frog legs. Put Spices Thai Café at the top of your list. Also in La Jolla. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W.

#### LA JOLLA

Barbarella 2171 Avenida de la Plava. La Jolla Shores, 858-454-7373. This popular restaurant sits nestled in an English garden just blocks from the beach. You can dine amidst the flora at street-side tables, in the enclosed patio, or in the small dining room. Once you're seated, the friendly staff provides fresh-out-of-the oven sourdough wheat bread to nibble on. The menu changes daily, offering fresh fish, steak, chicken, pastas, soups, and pizzas, all cooked with a twist of imagination that delivers on the flavor. For instance: pizza topped with smoked salmon, crème frîche, chives, and fried capers. Or delicate Alaskan halibut served over creamed spring onions with a watercress salad. If a fresh fruit crêpe happens to be on the dessert menu, leap

on it! Open for lunch and dinner daily. — S.M. (4/04)

Beach House Brewery 7536 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, 858-456-6279. Don't expect to see the beach. Do expect to taste some good beers made right here and good solid food, such as the prime rib sandwich (which goes great with their Irish Stout) or the roasted potato and Gorgonzola pizza with bacon. (Potato with pizza? It works.) Or maybe best of all, the buffalo burger — big, hefty, and low on cholesterol. You'd call this a family, multi-generational sports bar eatery. Nice mix. It's La Jolla, so it's not dirtheap, but the guys here seem really interested in making interesting brews and good food to accompany them. Open for dinner seven days; lunch and dinner Saturday, three meals Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

**La Jolla Cantina** 2161 Avenida de la Playa (at La Jolla Shores Drive),

La Jolla, 858-459-5282. The surprise here is that this is one of those casual coast cantinas where you can relax, get a good meal, and not get gouged with La Jolla prices, Huevos rancheros (three eggs, corn tortillas, beans and rice) and machaca (carne asada, eggs, bell peppers, onions, rice, beans, tortillas) are great, but you can't beat their eggs Benedict (Black Forest ham and two poached eggs smothered in hollandaise sauce). The short-stack pancakes or French toast (made with egg bread, dipped in cinnamon-vanilla batter and dusted with powdered sugar) should give you your sugar fix too. Lunch is great out on the sidewalk (carnitas lunch torta, seared ahi with greens, or lamb in chili sauce are good bets), but the really cool time to come is early evening, when all La Jolla Shores is out on the prowl. Breakfast through dinner

daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)















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The Marine Room 2000 Spindrift Drive (off Torrey Pines Road), La Jolla, 858-459-7222. High cuisine, high adventure, high seas — at only moderately high prices. With chef Bernard Guillas as top toque, the Marine Room has become the quintessential great San Diego restaurant. The exhilarating coastal view meets Cal-French-Pacific Rim cuisine that's as exuberantly out-front as the waves whacking the windows. Guillas's oceanic culinary inventiveness with ultra-fresh, exotic ingredients makes every visit a voyage of discovery, and preparations are so elaborate that each listing on his precise menu reads like a whole tasting dinner. And the tasting dinners themselves (Monday through Wednesday evenings) are something of a bargain — a royal feast for the price of, say, a fill-up for your SUV. Reservations required; slightly dressy but not stuffy. Easiest route: Make a right from westbound Torrey Pines onto Roseland or Viking and go left on St. Louis which runs into Spindrift. Wheelchair ramp to the left of front door. Noisy when crowded. Lunch Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday brunch, dinner nightly. Expensive. — N.W. (9/02)

P.F. Chang's China Bistro 4540 La Jolla Village Drive, La Jolla, 858-458-9007. The decor and ambiance carry the weight here. Chinese food is only average. This is a place to see and be seen. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Dinner menu available from opening to closing. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*  Sushi on the Rock 7734 Girard Ave nue, La Jolla, 858-456-1138. This noisy: high-energy spot — a boxy, saloon-like space with a sushi bar in back — draws a lively twenty-something crowd (al-though older folks will have plenty of company, too). Unlike more traditional sushi bars, there's a vast selection of "rock and rolls" — huge, creative *futomaki* party sushi. And they're fabulous, with sparkling fresh seafood and im-mensely clever combinations. Try, for instance, the shrimp tempura roll, which wraps fried shrimp, crab shreds, daikon sprouts and Japanese mayo in deep-fried salmon skin — the combo would be just as impressive as an appetizer at a top Cal-French restaurant. The Orange Crush is another sublime invention, fresh and crunchy with veggies and tobiko wrapped in suave salmon. Even simple rolls are so well conceived, and the rice so nicely seasoned, you won't need soy-wasabi dip No reservations, long waits (in cramped entryway) on weekends. Full bar, good sake list. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly, with deep discounts for happy hour specials. Moderate. Second (quieter) location at 1923 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, N.W. (11/04) 858-456-1138.

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

King's Fish House 825 Camino de la Reina (west of Mission Center Drive), Mission Valley, 619-574-1230. To find King's in the megamall, go slightly west of Koo Koo Roo and follow the line of cars to the free valet parking. It's a chain, but it's a classy chain, offering fish and seafoods of a quality that's well above average, including crustaceans from a live-tank and a half-dozen varieties of pristine oysters. Generously-sized entrées come with soup or salad (including a Caesar that's above suspicion) and two hefty side dishes. The vast menu of American-style preparations changes daily to reflect the fresh catch, and includes some rotating regional specialties (e.g., New Orleans, Hawaii, New England). Don't miss the prawn potsticker appetizer, if available, and for dessert, the miraculously light bread pudding. The atmosphere is good-timey (with two patios and a barroom as well as a dining room), the service is enthusiastic, and the management will accommodate special requests if you call ahead. Kiddie menu available. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (5/02)

The Philadelphia Sandwich Co. 3904 Convoy Street (south of Othello), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-0888. This classic luncheonette is a monument to Philly culture, including sports pennants, historic photos, and colorful mummers' costumes. The menu is equally devoted to the city's cuisine, especially its two great cult sandwiches: the hoagie and the cheese steak. The mixed-meat hoagie is way more than a hero - its flavor array is similar to (and just as intense as) a New Orleans muffulletta. As for the cheese steak, it starts with steak strips, onions and your choice of cheese, and expands from there. Philly natives may like the simple version with Cheez Whiz, but the luscious "Everything" with provolone is more likely to seduce the innocent. "Philly fries" (with garlic) are the right go-with. The menu also offers Pennsylvania-packaged foods ("Philadelphia Scrapple" to go, Tastykakes, Wise potato chips) to nos-talgic émigrés. Lunch to early dinner nightly. In expensive. —  $N.W.\ (10/04)$ 

Pho Tau Bay Restaurant 7604 Linda Vista Road (near Mesa College), Linda Vista, 858-268-3161. Full name:

La Cai Mi Gia, va Pho Tau Bay. The building looks like a converted McDonald's, but the interior is oriental and swanky with large fish tanks, blue carpet, gold metallic wainscotting, silk roses, a golden three-foot-tall laughing Buddha, and a red altar with three black-bearded gods. For lunch and dinner you can choose such exotics as quail, boar, alligator, and "Spicy Chop Frog in Coconut Milk and Curry." Breakfast is cheap, filling, and very Vietnamese. Try mi ga, a gentle rice noodle soup with shredded chicken, or order banh mi thit, eight inches of French bread with traditional South Vietnamese beef stew. Puzzled? Ask for Mr. Le. Three meals, daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (11/00)

San Tong Palace 4690 Convoy Street (between Engineer and Balboa), Kearny Mesa, 858-571-6837. This unassuming, strip-mall restaurant is easy to overlook, but once found, impossible to resist, San Tong's hybrid Korean-Chinese menu draws from these regions' tastiest styles. The Rainbow Salad demonstrates this combination deliciously, and San Tong's dumplings are outstanding. The seafood dumplings are especially remarkable. For the adventurous, I recommend the jellyfish salad, a novel treat for westerners. At San Tong Palace, curious appetites are rewarded well. Inexpensive. — M.N. (4/99)

Tofu House 4646 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-576-6433. This stylish little eatery is proof positive that our city has matured for its specialty ethnic foods. Tofu House is a Korean restaurant serving up specialty tofu dishes. Flavorful, healthy foods. I highly recommend the soontofu soups (beef, pork, seafood, or mushroom) with raw egg drop you drop yourself and a side of tasty fresh kimchee. Deliver yourself from sorrowfully generic foreign food - Tofu House

serves vivid ethnic food. Open daily. Inexpensive. — M.N. (2/99)

#### THE BEACHES

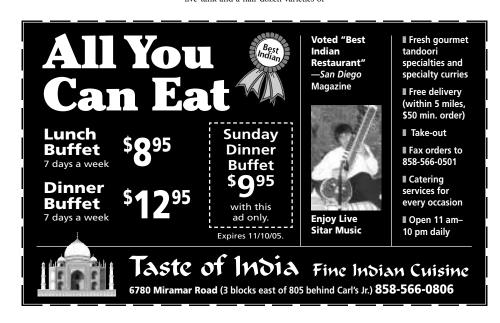
Cafe Athena Pacific Mall, 1846 Garnet Avenue (at Lamont), Pacific Beach, 858-274-1140. With a more upscale, eyecatching decor and a longer and more s rious menu than most Greek cafés, this is a popular destination, so be sure to re-serve for dinner or you'll risk a long wait. The choices include good soups and appetizers (except for a sub-par taramasalata), outstanding moussaka, above-average gyros, and interesting, unusual desserts. There's plenty for vegetarians. Rather noisy when crowded. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpen sive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (3/02)

Cantina Panaderia 966 Felspar Street (at Cass), Pacific Beach, 858-272-8400. This cheerful café instantly became a gathering spot for many PB-ites, including the forsaken population of adults. Chef-owner Isabel Cruz, who calls herself "Food Girl," has imported much of her Mission Cafe menu of Latin-Asian-sorta-health-food to the beach. A self-confessed "lazy cook," she focuses on wholesomeness rather than authenticity. Breakfast and lunch are the main meals here and include competent eggs, luscious omelets, huge sandwiches and weighty slabs of coconut French toast. Competent Latin-style dishes include tamales with airy masa. Devotees of Southeast Asian cuisines, however, may be disappointed by the simplistic stabs in that direction. If your dish is too mild, house sauces (chili oil, salsa, chipotle sauce, etc.) are available on request. Beer and wine. Small, free front parking lot; pay lot across the street at west end of the block. Three meals daily; closed 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Costa Brava 1653 Garnet Avenue (at Jewel), Pacific Beach, 858-273-1218. Cordial owner-host Javier Gonzalez opened this charming restaurant so that local Spaniards would have a place to gather with an authentic atmosphere of home, and indeed, the "Euro" atmosphere and late hours give a truly Iberian feel. The lively garlic-rich dishes here include a wide array of tasty tapas and, among the entrées, a paella that's made to order (sized to serve two or four; call ahead for larger groups). Patio seating in good weather. Parking lot and wheelchair access via the alley behind the restaurant. Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight, with bargain prices at Sunday brunch. Reservations advised for weekend evenings. Moderate. - N.W. (2/02)

Kabuki Sushi Restaurant 4475 Mission Boulevard (entrance on Garnet), Pacific Beach, 858-270-1986. This place has a unique system of delivering tempting dishes to you via boats floating along a mini-canal that surrounds the sushi bar. You take food off and pay according to the plate size. The sushi chefs they can be a show in themselves — have the usual panoply of sushi, sashimi, nigiri. The dragon rolls (crab, shrimp tempura, eel, avocado) and spider roll (softshelled crab) are tasty too. It's young and crowded here — is that because you don't have to sweat the menu, just grab what you like off the boat and chew? Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday; dinner only Sunday; closed Monday. Inexpensive to moderate. -E.B. (1/04)

Kaiserhof 2253 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-0606. Even on weeknights, crowds fill this restaurant and biergarten, chowing down on hefty, hearty German cooking in a festive



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atmosphere. Flavors are authentic, but can be monotonous due to kitchen s reliance on commercial products (especially a heavy-flavored beef base that makes all the sauces taste alike). Good schnitzels, potato pancakes. The excel-lent apple strudel is the only dessert made in-house. Reservations advised, especially for patio seating. Full bar. Lunch Friday through Sunday, dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. N.W. (6/02)

Red Sails 2614 Shelter Island Drive. Shelter Island, 619-223-3030. One of the city's oldest eateries has been renovated to look like it always has, but fresher. The dining rooms resemble those on a river paddleboat or a small, rakish cruise ship, while the bayside patio is a funky water side pleasure, beset by pigeons. The menu runs to simple seafood and steaks (wet-aged USDA Choice), but quality is uneven. Tasty starters include briny littleneck clams on the half-shell, an interesting clam chowder, and a classy house salad (but ask for vinegar and oil on the side to dress it). The coconut shrimp entrée is a good, guilty pleasure, but the fin-fish and fried entrées taste like supermarket frozen food. For the starch accompaniment, baked potato is the most flavorful option. Full bar, strong cocktails, weak wine list. Kiddie menu

available. Daily three meals until 11 p.m. Low moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Thee Bungalow 4996 West Point Loma Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-224-2884. The very soul of Ocean Beach resides in Ed Moore's charming, comfortable historic "cottage," where the menu covers classic French bistro fare from pâté to soufflé, including comfort-food entrées like grandmaman used to make. And like mamhre's, the cooking is a little inconsistent. Skip the overrated duck and head for the seasonal specials, the rich stews, and — of course — the pâtés and soufflés. When the peppery corn soup is on the menu, leap for it. A huge wine list at very low markups is a special blessing. Slightly dressy; reservations strongly advised. Expensive, but with affordable early-bird weeknight dinners. — *N.W.* (11/00)

#### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

El Comal 2822 Imperial Avenue, Sherman Heights, 619-239-7101. No border compromises here — just great homecooking from Michoacan, Guerrero Jalisco, and Oaxaca, prepared by Luz

Herrera Ibarra, a biology teacher from Acapulco. Try the *huarache* (cactus slices with carne asada, frijoles, cheese, and onions) or the mulita carne adobada (pork, melted cheese, and guacamole inside two tortillas) and have a glass of *nuez* (a refreshing walnut drink). Breakfast through early dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

El Morelense 317 Dewey Street, Logan Heights, 619-234-2750. Morelosstyle cooking: more pungent than Cal-Mex or Tex-Mex. The Cecina (a kind of carne asada), served with rice, beans, and tortillas, is richly marinated and filling, as is the carne de adobada (pork dish), caldo de res (beef soup), huevos rancheros, and menudo or pozole soup (weekends only) are worth trying. Owner Santos, a true Morelense, makes all dishes from scratch, including salsas and tortillas. This used to be a tough area, but the new central police station next door has helped change all that. Open daily. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (12/01)

**Island Spice** 2820 Market Street (at 28th Street), Grant Hill, 619-702-9309. Interesting Jamaican specialties are served indoors or on a sunny patio. Breakfast can include *run dung* (sautéed salt mackerel) and ackee with salt cod. At lunch and dinner there's fine jerk chicken (ask for dark meat, it's moister),

but don't overlook lesser-known delica cies such as savory oxtail stew, escovitch (pickled) fish, curry goat, and fish or chicken in a tangy brown stew. Dinner hours and offerings vary, and many patrons get takeout. Call just before you go to learn what's available and place your order. Inexpensive. — N.W. (2/01)

Mailo's Cafe 4095 30th Street, North

Park, 619-528-1602. OK, so Mailo's is a Greek café and Mailo and Blanca aren't Greek, they're Mexican-American. On the other hand, Mailo cooked in an OB Greek restaurant for 14 years before he opened here. Plus, the two have made Greek extremely affordable. Prices are definitely down there for their breakfast gyros, with eggs, lamb, tomatoes, and onion wrapped in a hot pita. And they have this great street-corner outside deck to eat on. There's also plenty of American standard fare. Mailo's cheeseburger, with avocado and bacon, is the most popular, with the half-pound steak burger close behind. American breakfasts are the old fashioned kind with three eggs any style, hash browns, and toast, plus ham or bacon or sausage or even chicken fried steak, at bargain prices. Same for their roast beef dinner, or the quarter chicken, Greek style, served with rice, salad, and pita bread. Open Tuesday through Saturday break-



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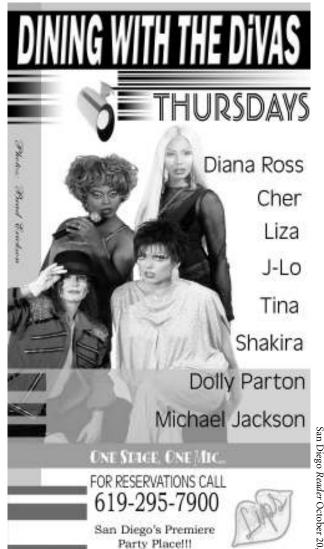
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# Calendar RESTAURANTS

fast through dinner, Sunday and Monday till 4 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Sister Pee Wee's Soul Food 2971-1/2 Imperial Avenue, Grant Hill, 619-236-0470. One of the oldest, best soul food cafés in the county, but get there early (it closes at 8 p.m.). Sister Pee Wee says her daily lunch and dinner menu depends on what she feels like cooking that day — you might find big pork ribs with mashed red-skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, collard greens and two-inch-thick corn bread, or Southernfied chicken, or seafood gumbo, or catfish fillet with all the trimmings. Sister's special is chitlins and catfish. Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, ham, sausages, and hominy grits. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

# EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Greek Town 345 West Main Street, El Cajon, 619-441-9708. Just another Greek buffet? Well, yes. Your choices are standard: gyros meat, spanakopita, moussaka, dolmades. And the décor is the usual blue and white with Greek island posters. But it's the customers who give it an exotic feel, speaking languages from Russian to Greek to Somali. And if you're hungry, this all-you-can-eat deal is great. Have gyros meat, but also try the chicken souvlaki (grilled lemon chicken), or start with the excellent dolmades (grape leaves wrapped around beef and rice). The

leaves' tangy taste and the lemony sauce inside get your juices running. Don't forget salad... or the dessert table (how could you leave without baklava?). Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Mario's de la Mesa 8425 La Mesa Boulevard (at Grant), La Mesa, 619-461-9390. The man on the *burro* (seen on the restaurant's sign and menu) holds two flags, those of Mexico and the U.S.A. — very appropriate. Few disher (except maybe the menudo) will push the paler palate too far in any direction, but gosh-all, everything is so darn tasty. Tamales are a house special: rich, pillowy clouds of cornmeal surrounding richer shredded pork scattered with raisins for a smidgeon of sweetness. Pork also gets loving treatment in the carnitas rojas, big chunks browned to the barest crisp, which falls away to melting ten-derness. Great marinade (cumin?) on the *carne asada*; intense flavor and buttery richness on the "machaca sonora style" (dry-roasted shredded beef). Beans are so light as to seem whipped; rice is studded with peas and spicy carrots. Service is fast and friendly. Breakfast and lunch Sundays and Mondays; three meals Tuesdsay through Saturday. Inexpensive. — A.M. (7/01)

Orchid Thai and Vegetarian Cuisine 762 North Johnson Avenue #106, El Cajon, 619-447-2819. There's nothing fancy or pretentious about this Thai restaurant, but their food is really, really good. Menu is a mixture of Thai, Lao, and Chinese. Best deal: the fifteen permanent lunch specials, from pepper steak (given a Thai twist) to chicken yellow curry to Orchid Noodle ("Thai egg noodle, chicken, broccoli celery, carrot, egg and scallions"). Larb, the Laotian ground chicken salad, is delicious and filling, as is the masaman, curry with potatoes, onion, carrots, and roasted

peanuts mixed in sweet coconut milk. Other tasty dishes include prik pow beef, som tum (papaya salad), panang curry, and mee ped (roast duck) noodle soup. Because he replaced a Chinese eatery, the owner, Montry Sengsouriya, keeps dishes like chicken chow mein and a Japanese-style beef teriyaki bowl on the menu. Finish up with a tiny bottle of Kratin Daeng, Red Bull. It s a vitamin elixir the Thais and Lao love to glug for energy. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (6/02)

**Sala Thai** 6161 El Cajon Boulevard (College Plaza), College Area, 619-229-9050. With purple cloth napkins, white tablecloths, green banquettes, butter-colored walls, and a portrait of King Chulalongkorn, Sala Thai has all the trappings of a class joint — except you're only paying six or eight bucks for main dishes. The food? A bit gentle on the spice front. *Tom yum kung*, the famous shrimp soup, should make your neck hairs stick straight out, but if that's what you want you'll have to ask the cooks to make it spicier. Chicken *mussaman*, labeled "medium spicy," is pretty tame but still delicious with its authentic taste-boosters like kaffir lime leaves. Hottets curry: "chicken green." Health treat: *Som tum*, the famous papaya salad. Lunch, dinner daily; dinner only on Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (4/04)

Shmoozers Kosher Dairy Restaurant 6366 El Cajon Boulevard (at 63rd Street), College Area, 619-583-1636. Great for vegans! This Kosher eatery promises "all-rennetless cheese, vegetarian food, no meat, no animal fat, certified Kosher, 100% fresh ingredients." Everything is prepared under the supervision of the "Va' ad Harabbonim of San Diego" — meaning, the restaurant is inspected every few days by an Orthodox rabbi to make sure the food is prepared

properly. The milk is also checked — Chalav Yisroel — from milking to bottling. Good eats include "Felafel, California Style," balls of seasoned ground chickpeas, tahini (sesame paste), and salad rolled in a flour tortilla; the 16-inch vegan pizza; and breaded whiting fillets with chips or salad. Closed Fridays. Open Saturdays from one hour after sunset until 11 p.m.; Sunday to Thursday, noon to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesdays are a take-out-only buffet after 5:30 p.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Woodstock's Pizza 6145 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area, 619-265-0999. It's a college pizza joint, but the fare rates well above standard beer ballast. (For that matter, the beers — local Stone Pale Ale, Karl Strauss, Arrogant Bastard Ale, and Wyder's Pear Cider, along with the usual Coors Light and Bud - aren't exactly chug-suds.) Crusts — white or sweetly robust whole wheat — are pressed, tossed, and then folded over at the edge, producing a spongy, crunchcrusted rim. The mozzarella is rich, gooey whole-milk; the marinara sauce is dark and spicy; and the toppings are fresh, hearty standouts. Watching your weight? Two low-fat combos (half the cheese) are available. Happy hour with cut-price beer, etc., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Inexpensive. — A.M. (4/02)

#### **FAR EAST**

The Hideout Steakhouse and Saloon 27413 Highway 76, Santa Ysabel, 760-782-3656. If you're a Harley-Davidson weekend warrior, this is for you: an old dark timbered roadhouse peeking out of the trees, with its own spring-fed water wheel, 3000 feet up the mountains. Back in the thirties, Hollywood celebs

(Roy Rogers, Alfalfa, et al.) used to hang out here on huntin' and fishin' trips. Now, bike enthusiasts make it their weekend day-trip destination. It still has a 1920s fireplace roaring at one end, a big pot-belly stove at the other, a honky-tonk upright piano, and a forty-foot-long oakwood bar. Prime rib dinners are the default dish, smoked in hickory and oak, and served with a "Texas-sized baked potato," vegetables, salad, and squaw bread. Other great eats include a delicious prime rib chili (chunks of smoked prime rib, red beans, cheese, onions) and a half-pound "Posse Burger" (with baked beans). Open Saturday and Sunday only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (5/02)

The Mount Signal Cafe 1201 West Highway 98, Calexico, 760-357-1379. Out in Yuha desert, west of Calexico, this 40-year-old restaurant remains in the era when Mexicali and Tijuana were rivals for the best bullfighters and bulls north of Mexico City. The owner's mom, Maria de Jesus, was a banderillera, known to fans as "Manolita," a member of perhaps the only female bullfighting team ever. Surrounded by hundreds of bullfighting photos, you'll find traditional casera (homestyle) Mexican dishes. Keep an eye out for old matadors as you dig in. Open Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Owl Cafe 674 Main Street (between 6th and 7th), El Centro, 760-336-0298. This classic American café is over 50 years old and still serves good rib-sticking food morning, noon, or night. Try breakfast special #1: pancakes, two eggs, and two bacon strips. For lunch, the French dip sandwich. Full-plate dinners—and they are full—include roas beef, liver and onions, and chicken-fried steak. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday (bar open until

2 a.m.), 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sundays. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/01)

# UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

The Abbey Cafe 127 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-692-0311. Based on the chi-chi West Hollywood original. Look for the wooden cross tied to the giant cactus. By all means go during the day and sit out on the patio. But the must-visit time is after sunset, when they light the patio wall with thousands of candles (okay, 250 of them). Inside the 1910 house you eat in dark-wood rooms with (working) fireplace, church pews, metal chalices, black iron sconces, and stone cherubim. Pick from the all-day breakfasts (try the chicken breast, eggs, and fruit dish) or sandwiches if you're feeling cheap — or the Ahi Tuna (half a pound of fish) if you're more loaded. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (12/01)

Busalacchi's Ristorante 3683 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), 619-298-0119. Remember Olympia Dukakis in Moonstruck retreating for comfort to her local trattoria? Busalac chi's has that settled, warm feel, but it's more interesting. Multi-levels create nooks and crannies for *liaisons dan*gereuses, or there's the streetside casual level. Niche fountains and faux marble columns make it feel old-fashioned. Being Sicilian, they have plenty of the tomato-sauce-dominated dishes (like torta di melanzana, eggplant layered with mozzarella). But also try the excellent calamari piccata, a calamari "steak" bathed in butter, mushrooms, lemoncapers, and white wine. Simple but delish. Or salads like *insalata di fileto* with filet mignon, goat cheese, walnuts, eggs,

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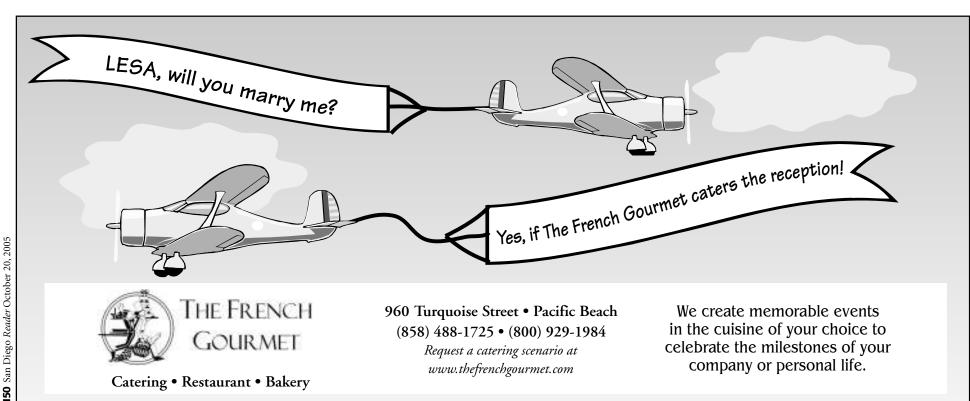
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and arugula. And hey, if you want to keep the budget intact, nothing wrong with spaghetti della casa. Lunches Tues day through Friday; dinners nightly. Moderate to expensive. — E.B. (2/04)

California Cuisine 1027 University (between Tenth Avenue and Vermont). Hillcrest, 619-543-0790. Tod Atcheson is now the chef of this long-lived neighborhood restaurant. Following house tradition, the menu is printed daily and the dishes are chosen according to the harvest and catch of the moment. Still, you can usually count on finding a relatively authentic Caesar salad, a huge and exuberantly garnished bourbon-brined Neiman Ranch pork chop, and irresistible grilled Asian barbecued jumbo shrimp. A summertime special of fresh corn and mussel bisque shouldn't be missed if it's on the menu. There's some day-to-day inconsistency, but a prepon-derance of deliciousness. Save room for pastry chef Lauren Huffnagel's outstanding, adventurous desserts. Comfortable atmosphere, but interior gets loud when busy. A heated garden patio surrounding a fountain offers romantic al fresco feasting. Dinner nightly. Moderate to expensive. — N.W. (9/04)

**Extraordinary Desserts 1430 Union** Street (at Ash), Little Italy, 619-294-7001; also 2929 Fifth Avenue, uptown, 619-294-2132. Patrons looking for a quiet dessert still cling to the original charming cottage near Balboa Park. Those wanting more of a meal head for the newer Little Italy location, a vast, noisy space with industrial-chic decor and a menu of eclectic small plates mezze spreads, bruschettas, sandwiches and cheese plates. Flavors tend to be intense; some creations (such as a baconcured salmon sandwich and pantelleria a celery-date spread) are wonderful, others are exhausting even in small portions. Both locations offer pastry cases full of desserts that live up to "extraordinary, to eat on-site or to take home. Chefowner Karen Krasne's incorporates flavors inspired by the global reach of her travels, from the cooking schools of Paris to the rice fields of Bali. The white cakes are food for angels. Wines (including champagnes), beers, fruit elixirs. Vegetarian-friendly menu. Both locations are open seven days, three meals, closing at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on weekends. Moderate. -N.W. (2/05)

**Gulf Coast Grill** 4130 Park Boulevard (between University and El Cajon), Hillcrest, 619-295-2244. The Gulf's faux-rustic, woodsy dining rooms and patio are great hangouts if you like a restaurant with a noisy party atmosphere. The menu focuses on the cuisine of the South and Southwest, with an emphasis on Louisiana and a heavy hand on the salt shaker. The kitchen does best with the straight Southern dishes, turning out divine fried soft-shelled crabs, airy hush puppies, and delicious little corn muffins. If you're deeply familiar with Cajun-Creole flavors, though, don't look for pure authenticity — you'll do better with jambalaya, étouffée, or the lunchtime oyster po' boy than with the soulless gumbo or the misconceived red beans and rice. Heated, smoker-friendly front patio. Wheelchair elevator to rest rooms next to stairs. Free parking lot left of the door. Full bar. Lunch Monday ner nightly (early closing Sunday).

Moderate to slightly expensive. – N.W. (4/03)

Harney Sushi 3964 Harney Street (off Congress), Old Town, 619-295-3272. This friendly little spot on a side street serves as a secret haven of pretty-good sushi just a few steps from Old Town's nonstop tacos and margaritas. You can also get sashimi, Japanese appetizers, and a few mixed-ethnicity entrées (noodles, pasta, teriyaki, tempura) made with seafood or chicken breast. No red meat is served, and numerous dishes are vegetarian. Good sake list. Sound system runs loud inside; patio dining available in warm weather. Reservations for sushi bar accepted but not necessarily honored. Open weekdays for lunch, dinner nightly until midnight, with a DJ on Friday and Saturday. Sushi prices lower than most, entrées inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (4/03)

Jimmy Carter's Cafe 3172 Fifth Avenue (at Spruce Street), Hillcrest, 619-295-2070. This comfy, middle-class eatery has a surprise — great Indian breakfasts (until 11:30 a.m. weekdays, 3 p.m. weekends). Try their chicken curry or pessaratu (mung bean crêpe with onions, peppers, ginger, *dhal*, and chutneys). Or vegetarian *vindaloo*. Jimmy (no, not the ex-pres) does Chinese too — like the Mongolian beef (Chinese vegetables and beef in a hot chili sauce over rice or noodles), or good Mexican dishes such as chili verde (pork or chicken simmered in spicy tomatillo sauce). But center stage is his all-American Jimmy Burger (1/3-pound patty with potato or carrot salad). One bonus: a fine tangential view of Balboa Park's lawns and trees. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. E.B. (11/01)

**Prado** House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, 619-557-9441. In a magical space at the heart of Balboa Park, Prado features cute neo-Nouveau decor and a something-for-everyone menu of American-Mexican-Italian-with-Asiantouches cuisine. The food brings few surprises, but is flavorful and served in huge portions. Top choices include meaty crab cakes, a refreshing eggplant "napoleon," and an astonishingly ten-der, slow-roasted pork loin. A meringuebased banana tres leches cake is every

one's favorite dessert. The bar makes a nice stop during a museum-crawl and offers ethereal fried oysters and a range of gussied-up margaritas. Keep an eye out for special prix fixe dinners that include tickets to museum exhibitions. Dinner reservations vital. Vast interior can be noisy, but heated, umbrellatopped terrace tables are quiet and scenic. Moderate to a little expensive, with reasonable wine list. N.W. (12/00)

Region 3671 Fifth Avenue (at Pennsylvania), Hillcrest, 619-299-6499. Two of our best young chefs — Michael Stebner and Allyson Colwell — are creating inventive, daily-changing menus inspired by superb seasonal ingredients from local farms and artisans. The decor is rustic and the style is "pure and simple" to showcase the intense flavors of wild-caught fish and naturally raised meats and produce. Don't miss the house-made cheeses and brilliantly unconventional desserts. You can order à la carte, or a whole table can share a wellpriced "trust the chef" tasting dinner drawn mainly from the evening's menu, with an optional matching wine-flight. An adventurous wine list at reasonable markups adds to the fun and the bartender offers inventive cocktails. Reservations urged, especially for weekends. Restaurant is up four stairs; wheelchair lift available (ask bartender). Can be noisy, banquettes are quietest. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

Saffron Noodles and Sate 3737 India Street, South Mission Hills, 619-574-7737. It's the smell of the spicy chicken grilling that will get you every time. Whatever the recipe is -Mei Yu, the owner and celebrated cookbook author, says it's from the Isaan, Thailand's ethnic Lao Northeast - it catches your nose. We're talking "boxing arena grilled chicken," after the place where she smelled its spicy cooking aromas while growing up in Bangkok. You have a choice of five sauces to go with the chicken, from peanut to sweet pepper. Also try the noodle soups, like Tomm Yam with shrimp: sinus-clearing, delicious, and surprisingly filling. The food here is real, fresh, genuine Thai cuisine with Chinese echoes - like Su-Mei Yu

herself. Middle-class San Diego seems to have adopted her eatery, despite the fact you're in a pretty stark gray-and-white room with views of I-5. Open for lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive.

Zocalo Grill 2444 San Diego Avenue (a block north of Old Town Cemetery), Old Town, 619-298-9840. This casual, festive spinoff of the Brigantine chain features "Pacific coastal cuisine," an eclectic international hodgepodge with a faint Mexican accent and "something for everyone." And some of those some-things are delicious — a stacked salad of shrimp and avocados, or coconutshrimp kebabs emerging from a pineap-ple, or a huge, beautifully grilled spiny lobster with avocado salsa. Appetizers are half price at happy hour, and you can make a whole dinner out of substantial "tapas" sized for sharing. The heated, semi-roofed outdoor terrace encourages al fresco dining year-round. Full bar with creative margaritas, eight draft beers, and California wines including Brigantine's own custom blends at good prices. Wheelchair lift in back, ramp at south side of terrace. Reservations strongly advised for weekends. Open daily, lunch through dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

#### **DOWNTOWN**

Assaggio 835 Fourth Avenue (near F Street, between the two Bandars), Gaslamp, 619-234-6538. Sit on the sidewalk patio and you'll feel like you're in Italy at this authentic Italian trattoria, which started out as a bakery and evolved into a full-scale eatery. Soups and pastas are usually wonderful (try the *penne* ubriache); however, entrées are more pedestrian and seafood isn't a strong suit. Every meal here has a happy ending: the delightful desserts are made in-house and baked fresh daily. Match them with some of the best espresso in the city (even the decaf tastes the way coffee smells) and you've got the perfect spot for capping your evening after the movies or show. Narrow wheelchair access to rest room. Beer and wine. Brunch/lunch and

dinner Monday through Saturday until 11 p.m. — *N.W.* (10/04)

Broadway Pizza 1008 Broadway (at Tenth Street), downtown, 619-232-6264. This restaurant, near the downtown Senior Center and City College, offers nononsense Italian-American food. And they're not skimpy: from a pizza slice to barbecue beef sandwiches to a Louisianastyle sausage link sub, portions are generous. If you want a hearty dinner, try the whole slab of beef ribs, with veggies, garlic bread, and salad, Unfortunately, the quality has dropped; the formerly fine pizza, for instance, is now marred by oily low-grade mozzarella and not-so-great optional deli-meat toppings. But the main thing is, while the rest of downtown snores, they're still open, from they'll even deliver to nearby neighborhoods. Inexpensive. — N.W. (9/03)

China Too 916 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), downtown, 619-239-4283 or 619-239-1456. The menu claims "New York Style Fine Chinese Cuisine.' Would you settle for decent Brooklynor Bronx-style take-out? Way better than at the 99-cent joints, soups are based on sturdy peasant stock (Chinese mother style) and the sound sauces are made with no MSG and minimal cornstarch But don't look for fresh-picked veggies,

too — it's Brooklyn, Jake. Chef Chen's menu includes Mandarin, Szechuan and Cantonese favorites, with a page of multi-regional "Chef's Specialties (#90-#107). But what really makes this a "New York-ish" spot will bring joy to hungry mouths all over the restaurant-starved stretch east and south of Balboa Park: free delivery from I-8 to Harbor Drive, from Pacific Highway to 805. Open for lunch and dinner daily (except Satur-days) until 10 p.m. Entrées mostly \$7 to \$10. Inexpensive. — N.W. (7/04)

Chowtown Chinese Buffet 1041 Avenue, downtown, 619-233-3389. Looking for Gaslamp swank? You're on the wrong side of the tracks here — meaning you're north, not south, of Broadway. On the other hand, you won't leave hungry. Tai Thanh Le Le has been into All-U-Can-Eats since 1982 and runs a tight ship. He and his wife Lien Hong are Chinese-Vietnamese and escaped Saigor in 1975. Mr. Le usually has around 30 items on display including BBQ pork in black bean sauce, vegetable chop suev, curried chicken, garlic fried shrimp, egg fried rice, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Lunch and dinner prices include soda or tea. Take the endless pots of Chinese tea. Open lunch through dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

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**Greystone** 658 Fifth Avenue (at G Street), Gaslamp, 619-232-0225. The Italian steakhouse fare here centers on dry-aged prime beef, game meats (including exceptionally tender bison), lob-ster, and pastas as the main draws, with indifferent starters and desserts. An impressive wine list offers rewarding California and Italian bottlings at \$35 to \$50, but roars up to the stratosphere of firstgrowth Bordeaux, super-Tuscans and scandalously overpriced Napa reds. Bossy, sometimes-abrasive waiters push higher-priced choices. Patrons are mainly "suits" with deep expense-account pockets, loudly talking business or enjoying raucous office parties in a testosterone-high atmosphere. atmosphere. Wheelchair access to the street patio and bar area only (dining rooms are up or

downstairs). Reservations urged, but may not be honored promptly. Dinner nightly. Extremely expensive. — N.W. (12/01)

#### Monsoon Exotic Cuisine of India

729 Fourth Avenue (off G Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5555. The younger sister to Hillcrest's Bombay Exotic Cuisine shares the same chefs and serves much the same standard repertory of "Northern Indian cuisine made easy with a few tropical additions vaguely in spired by Southern flavors, Curries are indistinct from each other and run to the mild side, no matter what you specify. Breads are good; tandooris disap pointingly soft-surfaced, A room-dividing fountain recreates the roar of the namesake tropical downpour. Add a lively dinner crowd and it's a (Gunga) din. Solid wine list, some Indian beers full bar specializing in sweet cocktails Open daily, Inexpensive buffet lunches: moderate à la carte dinners until 11 p.m. N.W. (10/04)

Mr. Tiki's Mai Tai Lounge  $801\,\mathrm{Fifth}$ Avenue (at F Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-1183. If you loved Trader Vic's (or can remember it, anyway), you may be amused at the revival of the genre here. Check out the "grass skirt" decor with huge tiki gods and the vaguely "is-lander" cuisine featuring greasy Cantonese-American fried classics, elementary sushi, and the occasional sprint into fusion-cuisine seafood. But, as you might guess, the greatest creativity in the house goes into the silly umbrella cocktails, and those are mainly delish. Age 21 and over after 9 p.m. (even with parents). Dinner nightly until 11 p.m.; weekends until 1 a.m. Moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Old World Restaurant 452 Eighth Avenue (at I Street), downtown, 619-238-0568. This is a delight for any one who loves Northern European food.

Their "Great Grilled Grueben" - homemade corned beef on rye with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing, and mustard is, as they say, gemütlich." Also, try the sausage plat-ter: grilled bratwurst, kielbasa, sauerkraut, potato salad, spicy mustard, and rye bread. Open for breakfast and lunch weekdays, brunch and lunch on Saturdays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

Po Pazzo 1917 India Street (at Grape). Little Italy, 619-238-1917. The restaurant's name means "a little crazy," but owner Joe Busalacchi was crazy like a fox to open the first seriously swanky eatery in Little Italy. The decor resembles the set of a Manhattan supper club in a black-and-white movie, right down to the gray color scheme and curvy booths. Music plays loudly (with a live pianist on weekends), keeping the energy and noise levels high. You almost expect to see Frankie and Dino at the next table. The USDA Prime steaks are flash-roasted in a spe cial oven at 1700 degrees (in the style of Ruth's Chris), and if they're a little chewy, they're also flavorful—especially the "Sicilian steak." But the pasta dishes are even better, and the veggies accompanying the entrées often outshine the proteins - the kitchen is still Italian at heart and the fundamental things apply. Full bar. Lunch and dinner daily until 11 p.m. weeknights and 1 a.m. week-ends. Reservations advised. Expensive. - N.W. (10/04)

Top of the Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-234-4867. The upper-crust upper floor of the downtown Fish Market (see Multiple Locations listing) has largely the same food as the downstairs, plus a few luxury items (e.g., abalone) and occasionally some creative appetizer specials. Prices are about 25% higher for identical items, in exchange for a slightly elevated view and a dressier, white-tablecloth setting that's almost "formal" by San Diego standards — flip-flops and tank tops (on men) aren't allowed, and collared shirts (e.g., polos) are suggested at dinner. That doesn't mean that the atmosphere is quietly gracious — the room's just as huge, packed, and raucous as the lower realms, even on the terrace. Reserve, and expect a short wait anyway. Elevator provides wheelchair access. Open daily. Expensive. — N.W. (9/01)

#### **SOUTH BAY &** CORONADO

El Dorado 311 Palomar (at 3rd Avenue), Chula Vista, 426-4545. The food of Peru is arguably the zestiest in South America, and Chula Vista's growing Peruvian community expects authenticity. El Dorado is there for them. The *papa* relleno is pure bliss — a little football of creamy mashed potatoes, lightly fried around a filling of ground beef, olives, and raisins. Seco de cabrito features young goat in a complex, herbed stew exploding with cilantro. Peruvian ceviche is lively and garnished with *chancho*, smoked hominy-corn kernels. Alas, here in the far north, the cuisine's fire is tuned way down for the kiddies — but there's always hot sauce. Reflecting the local population, half the menu here is Mexican — not tacos but more serious din-ner dishes, especially seafood, carried out with above-average flair. Three meals, seven days. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (10/04)

Flamingo Cafe 396 Broadway (at G Street), Chula Vista, 619-691-1076, Generations have been coming to the Flamingo ever since its grand opening in July, 1925, when it was a lone building amidst the vegetable fields. Regulars on fixed incomes form the backbone of this institution, so the meal deals are real: hearty portions of chipped beef on toast, meatloaf sandwiches with fries, or lunch specials like half a sandwich and a cup of soup. One favorite: the beef stew special in a bread bowl. Evenings, there's always "Sundowner" special. Open 24 hours, 7 days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/02)

Island Pasta 1202 Orange Avenue (at Loma Street), Coronado, 619-435-4545.

This unassuming, spill-out-on-the-street restaurant somehow got it right. Simple tables on the sidewalk, daily made-onthe-premises semolina pasta, most dishes costing in the single digits. A simple fettuccine Alfredo is a pleasure al fresco with a glass of wine, sparkling against the fresh flowers on the table, watching Coronado's world go by. One good — and vegetarian — special to ask for is the *verdure* pasta, a combo of arti-choke hearts, spinach, capers, mushrooms, onions, and olives over spaghet-tini. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/01)

La Bella Pizza Garden 373 Third Avenue (at F Street), Chula Vista, 619-426-8820. From the outside, La Bella looks like an Italian farmhouse, with geraniums, bright green shutters and maroon canopies. A real extended family runs this business. Their secrets are: long hours (from breakfast until after midnight daily), big meals, and small prices. The menu includes standards like spaghetti with meatballs or lasagna, including sides of garlic bread, soup, or salad. The hit with kids is "Papa's Favorite," an 8-inch pizza with mushrooms, pepperoni, and sausage. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive. - E.B. (3/01)

Miguel's Cocina 1351 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-437-4237. Also 2912 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 619-224-2401 and 970 Eastlake Parkway, Chula Vista, 619-656-2822. Cached inside the courtyard of a "Spanish Colonial" mini-mall, Miguel's breezy trellised patio draws a dense dinner crowd from the nearby Del. The prime-time wait for a table may be worth it if you're in a gringo-Mex mood, especially if you've got kids in tow. Although the cooking is blandly pleasant (even the guacamole is underseasoned), it's surprisingly painstak ing. Soups are built on fine stocks, salads can be vibrant, and seafood is treated so tenderly that the numerous shellfish-stuffed tortilla concoctions (shrimp enchiladas, lobster burritos)

are positively luscious. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate. - N.W. (9/00)

Tin Fish Imperial Beach Pier, 910 Sea-Drive, Imperial 619-628-8414. At a table by this fish shack at the far end of the pier, you can watch people and pigeons (and people feeding pigeons) as you dig into huge portions of simple seafood, appetized by the sea air. The bill of fare features fish fried, grilled, chowdered, or wrapped into burritos, tacos, or sandwiches. The big fried combos are about what you'd expect, but more piquant pleasures come in smaller packages. (Portions are generous, whatever you order.) The oyster shooters, for instance, boast a sauce made from fresh diced tomatoes topped with horseradish. The spicy fish tacos are really spicy, while the fried onion rings are of surpassing delicacy. Best of all, the crab cakes are huge and seriously crabby, with plenty of meat and very little filler. Live music on weekends, good vibes all the time. "Tin Fish Shuttle" (50 cents) runs from parking lot to the restaurant. Open daily, breakfast (to 10:30 a.m.) through early dinner. A second branch at 170 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-8100, open daily lunch and early dinner, offers patio dining across from the Convention Center. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (7/01)

#### BAJA

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peppers, onions, and tomatoes). Both are locally raised on the restaurant's own ranches, and may be united in a brilliant breakfast of quail eggs with deer machaca. Seafood and surf-and-turf variations are tasty, too. The restaurant's name means "the nest" and the amusing indoor-outdoor decor is a sort of multiroom aviary with birds singing, chirping, and fluttering all over. Full bar. If sensitive to smoke, don't sit next to the mesquite-burning hearth on the roofed patio. Dressy-casual. Bilingual staff and menu. Open daily, early morning to late evening. Mostly moderate; cash only. — N.W. (4/03)

La Diferencia Avenida Sánchez Taboada 10611-A, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3346 or 634-7078. Mexican haute cuisine, with inventive combinations of traditional flavors. The creative menu reframes the old dishes and devises new ones. Wine list centers on Baia wineries (Monte Xanic and Cetto) at reasonable prices. Secure, free valet parking next to exterior courtyard. Menu is in Spanish (in a hard-to-read font), but some staffers speak some English. The restaurant is often noisy, even louder when mariachis play. Smoking permitted. Wheelchair access marginal. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. -N.W. (1/02)

**La Espadana** Avenida Sánchez Taboada #10813, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-1488 or 634-1489. If you learn only one word of Spanish, learn this one: *Bor*rego. Because this place does the greatest oven-cooked leg of lamb ever. The meat tastes as if it was cooked in wine, garlic

and herbs, but the owners insist it's just Tecate lamb baked slowly in its own juices with a bit of oregano. But most folks come here for beef—steaks and the popular beef fillet, sizzled at a big flame and-smoke display counter BBQ grill. All terra-cotta and timber, this is where the local middle classes come for their cross-border food fix. Think Tijuana's version of Mission Valley. Still, it's charming, and you can have fun. For instance, don't forget to ask them to ring the bells set in their espadañas (holes cut in the Mission frontage) above the great arched wooden entrance door; they clank tunelessly, but they're great for celebrating your 21st birthday, mom getting her degree - whatever. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, seven days. Moderate. — E.B. (11/04)

La Fonda Roberto's Avenida Cuahutémoc #2800 (at Agua Caliente Boulevard), Tijuana, 686-4687. How often do you get to eat something totally new? Like *huazontle*, the Aztecs' "red spinach"? Roberto's presents it as an eggcovered mass of baby sprigs wrapped around a sausage of Monterrey cheese, all swimming in a chocolatey mole sauce. You haul the huazontle branches through your teeth to de-seed them, just as Montezuma did 500 years ago. This is the fascination of Roberto Reyes's eatery. It's a tribute to his home state of Puebla in the heartland of Mexico. Cactus plays a big part: Dedos Montezuma ("Montezuma's fingers") is cactus stuffed with steak; torta de camaron seco is a shrimp patty topped with cactus; cecina Oaxeña is cured meat with cactus salad But there're also steaks, mole poblano

(chocolatey chicken with seven different chiles), and the delicious chile en nogada (chile pepper stuffed with beef, fruits, and nuts — fried in egg and covered with creamy nut sauce). Nice dining room too — built around a fountain. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Mondays. Moderate. — *E.B.* (2/05)

Tacos Varios y Aguas Frescas Corner of Constitución and 3rd, Tijuana. This is "just" a cart, but don't let that stop your making the effort. Students, local businesspeople, and workers agree: this is the real thing. It's always causing a people-bulge on the sidewalk. However, the cart is only here from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., so you have to time it right. But from tongue to chicken mole, to milanesa, steak ranchero, carne asada, chile relleno, and pescado (fish), they create really big taco meals right there. Bonus: standing around chomping in the street is a great way to meet people and practice your Spanish. Nighttime only. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

#### MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Fish House Vera Cruz 360 Via Vera Cruz (in back of "Restaurant Row"), San Marcos, 760-744-7346. Additional locations in Carlsbad and Temecula. This affordable seafood eatery packs in diners like sardines. Fresh fish and lots of it is the happenin' thing. On a recent day, 23 different

daily specials, on top of the regular menu of crab, lobster, oysters, shrimp, catfish, etc. All fish is mesquite-broiled with no sauces and no special preparations but a dab of tartar sauce. The seafood is so fresh you don't really mind. Each entrée includes a choice of two side dishes. The Manhattan chowder is especially tasty, as is their "krab" salad. This is an ideal place for families, but don't even think of it for a romantic meal out. Open daily for lunch and dinner, Moderate. — S.M. (3/04)

The Fish Market 750 North Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-232-3474. There's something fishy about these crowded, noisy, ever-multiplying restaurants — namely, mesquitegrilled, skewered, steamed, or pankofried seafood, plus piscine chowders, pastas, and salads. Preparations are generally simple and consistent among locations. All the raw seafood is processed at the chain's Northern California facilities, so when the menu refers to a "local" species it merely means it's from somewhere in the Pacific. Small retail fish market in the downtown branch offers slightly fresher products than most supermarkets. Identical products and dishes are served in the dining room, the oyster bar, and at Top of the Market. But the sushi bar is emphatically the top Fish Market venue, with just-right rice, pristine seafood, and expert preparation. The "Ichiban Hamachi" (also available in the dining rooms) is outstanding — and for a sexy treat, share a pair of "Honeymoon Oysters" with your honey. No reservation but the space is vast so waits are brief.

Restaurant open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to expensive. Also in Del Mar at 640 Via Del Valle, 858-755-2277; mini-branch near Fashion Valley, 2401 Fenton Parkway, 619-280-2277. — N.W. (9/01) Il Fornaio 1333 First Street, Coron-

ado, 619-437-4911. Also at Del Mar Plaza, 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, 858-755-8876. Il Fornaio's defensive architecture walls it off from the Great Unwashed — the tourists wandering around Coronado's Old Ferry Landing — but it's worth breaching if only to get your teeth into their to-die-for bread. "Il fornaio" means "the baker," after all. Beyond bread, we're talking rustic-feeling, herbal, ultra-fresh salads, and everyday Italian dishes ranging from sfilatino con bistecchina (thin grilled steak on a baguette with creamy dijon and salad) to a giant mesquite grilled 22-ounce bistecca alla fiorentina. vith lots of vegetarian and pasta dishes in between. A simple penne alla sorrentina — pasta tubes with a tomato, mozzarella, and basil sauce - is charming. Pizza *puttanesca* is heaven too, if you're into anchovies. Interesting regional menus from different provinces of Italy pop up during the first two weeks of each month. Most staffers seem mind-blowingly knowledgeable. Moderate. — E.B. (1/02)

Oggi's At least ten branches all over the suburbs; see phone book for the nearest one. Is it the pizzas or is it the housemade brewskis (six ales, one lager, one stout) that make Oggi's so popular? Is it the sports-bar ambiance

(with multiple video screens) or just the near-ubiquity of branches that has won this chain numerous "best pizza" citations? The pizzas are Americanstyle, with thick, slightly sweet crusts, many with elaborate toppings that sound more adventurous than they taste. (All the cheese alternatives are equally mild.) The menu also offers pub snacks, decent soups and salads, hearty sandwiches, and American-Italian entrées so mall-adapted that no mamma mia in Bensonhurst or North Beach would even recognize them. Full bar, lunch and dinner daily at most branches; free local delivery with minimum order. Inexpensive.

Uno Chicago Bar and Grill The 1943-born Uno chain made its mark by transforming the flat Italian pizza into something a little more upstanding. Deep-dish pizzas have become one of Chicago's better-known exports. Now Uno does serious steak too, with variously sized Angus top sirloins. They come pretty much as is, but the meat itself is plenty flavorful and tender. Another find from its expanded menu (which includes fajitas, ribs, shrimp scampi, steak'n cheese burgers) is the wicked "grilled honey-mustard salmon." Still, most lunchtime customers we saw seemed to stick to the staple: deep-dish pizzas and salads. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. 4465 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-483-4143; Fashion Valley Center, 619-298-1866; 5th and H, Chula Vista, 619-420-8660. — *E.B.* (8/01)

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# **Beat-Up Cars, Insane Horses**

He listens to his "inner library" and lets it do the talking.

JEFF SMITH

riters, if allowed one piece of advice for neophytes, will often say: when you compose, compose, don't edit. In other words, let words flow without judgment. You can always tweak, change, or chop to ribbons later.

Most writing doesn't happen in one sitting. It's much more like the rehearsal process for a play. Let things feel their way forward.

When I was watching Cygnet's Curse of the Starving Class, it dawned on me that this is a good way to follow Sam Shepard's plays. Try not to label or weigh things as they happen. Though true of all theater, it's especially the case

with Shepard. One reason: that's how he writes. He listens to his "inner library" and lets it do the talking. Another, because Curse flits about like a sand flea. Nothing is definite. It takes place on a run-down avocado ranch somewhere in the Southern California "boonies" (it's three hours from Palm Springs, if that's any help). Like a melodrama with multiple Simon Legrees, everyone schemes on the property (and, in this case, all conspiracy theories are true). There's an old saying: "a door must be open or shut." Curse has so many conspiracies

that everything's indefinite, even the front door. The night before the play begins, Weston the clan's mock-patriarch, who has "felt like a

foreigner in my own house" - smashed down the door in a drunken rage. Now it's neither open nor shut. And, he observes, ideas of inside and outside have blurred as well.

Instead of one "curse," the play's got several.

Young Emma's having her first menstruation. Greedy lawyers and Men in Black plague the family. There may be a genetic poison in their blood ("little swimming

things making up their minds without us, plotting in the womb. Before that even"). Shepard also suggests that a psychological curse, like Greek tragedy's sins of the father," may hound them as well.

And what is a "starving class"? Though their refrigerator keeps filling up and emptying (the door opening and shutting more than the six doors of a farce), most of the family says they're neither poor nor rich. An itemization of their holdings — "beat-up cars, rusted out tractor, moldy avocados, insane horse" they're closer to poverty than wealth. But if you try to pin down an exact dollar amount, the number warps (surely it's more than the \$1500 Weston accepted, or is it?). Shepard wanted this uncertainty. He originally called the play Curse of the Middle Class.

The characters have no boundaries. They hop from mundane chores (the smell of bacon fills the



Bill Dunnam, Dana Case, Rachael Van Wormer, Joshua Everett Johnson in The Curse of the Starving Class

The Curse of the Starving Class, by Sam Shepard Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Boulevard, College Area

Directed by Francis Gercke; cast: Bill Dunnam, Dana Case, Joshua Everett Johnson, Rachael VanWormer, John Garcia, Jack Missett, Tom Reusing; scenic design, Sean Murray; costumes, Mary Larson; lighting, Eric Lotze; sound, M. Scott Grabau; props, Bonnie Durben.

Playing through November 6; Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Matinee

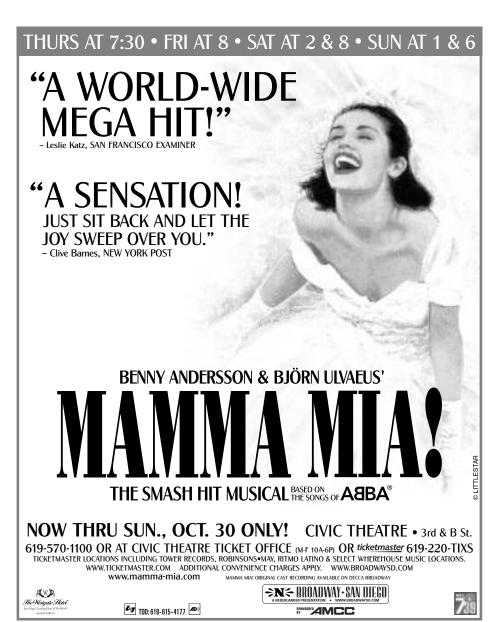
theater) to the bizarre (as when Wesley pees on his sister's 4H charts). Their lives are "jumps" from one condition to the next: young Wesley even begins to grow "backwards," into his father.

The only fixed boundary's the property line. And it's up for grabs from without — including an invasion of "zombie" developers — and within.

The family's dreams are just as unreal. Each has



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a vague sense that some miracle lies ahead, an escape, a rebirth, a winning lottery ticket for the soul ("I always figured on the future," says Weston, "I banked on it. I was banking on it getting better"). In one of Shepard's most damning indictments of the starving/middle class, he has Taylor, a shyster lawyer, shout: "You people carry on as though the whole world revolved around your petty little existence. As though everything was holding its breath, waiting for your next move. Well, it's not like that!"

Curse is a co-production by Cygnet and New Village Arts. Francis Gercke directed. Like his staging of last year's A Lie of the Mind, which won a Critics' Circle award for ensemble acting, he's got a flair for the playwright's hyper, jazz-like tonalities. He knows that actors for Curse work best the way Shepard writes, through unfettered impulse, not prefab motivation.

One of Gercke's smartest choices: casting Bill Dunnam as Weston. He makes the ex-fighter pilot (and "90 percent" absent father) a mountain of rage and pain one moment, and a fragile being who speaks tenderly to a lamb the next. One of the ironies of *Curse* is that people do transform, only nothing changes. Weston, overnight it seems, goes cold sober and has a new vision of family unity. Dunnam's bright, reborn, then shattered Weston of Act Three (who thinks that by changing himself

he can erase the past) ranks among the best interpretations of Sam Shepard since Dunnam played Tilden in *Buried Child* at the Marquis twenty years ago.

Dana Case makes Ella, the absent mother, a famished coyote, whether she's in curlers or dolled up for an all night "business lunch" with the lawyer. Rachel VanWormer's sharp intensity as puzzled Emma, the 4H clubber turned outlaw (if, that is, she isn't in the bombed Packard), makes her an actor to watch. Ditto Ioshua Everett Johnson. He goes way inside Wesley (who, many say, is the young Sam Shepard) — so far, in fact, that he begins to embody sheer chaos. Johnson's excellent work recalls Dylan's "The truth was obscure/Too profound and too pure/To live it, you'd have to explode."

Cygnet's manic, detailed staging elevated my opinion of Curse, which I used to believe was just the runt sibling of Tooth of Crime and Buried Child. There's a serious, angry, relevant drama amid the cartoony shenanigans. I changed another opinion during the production. The set's bare, save for a stove, the refrigerator (which has an echo), and a barn-red rear wall. But Eric Lotze's fussy lighting leaps around, glow-y here, shady there, all done with quick transitions, if any. At first the jumps annoy: here we go, yet another "watch my effects" design. But the lighting, by not obeying the rules, by shifting as much as the characters, creates

an exact mirror for Shepard's funny, disturbing, unbounded drama. ■

# THEATER LISTINGS

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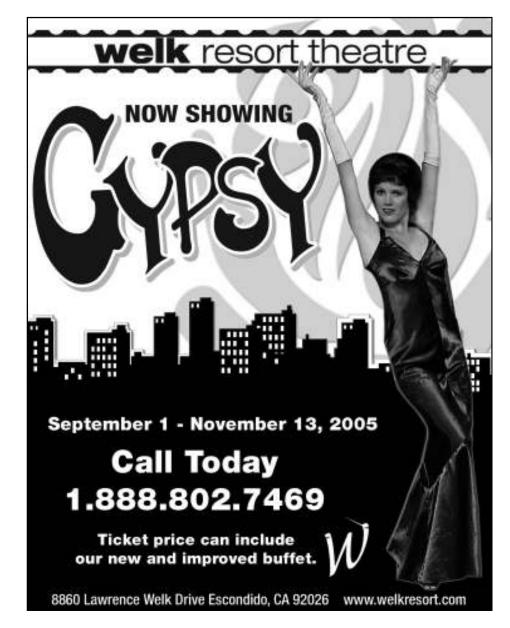
## Adam Baum and the Jew Movie

6th@Penn Theatre stages Daniel Goldfarb's drama about Jewish movie mogul Sam Baum and his instructions to a writer for a screenplay about anti-Semitism. Glen Paris directed.
6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, THROUGH DECEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATONIES SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### Adams Avenue Studio: Festival of Performance Artists: Imagination Express...All-Aboard

The Adams Avenue Studio continues its performance festival with the mime company, formed in 1997, that takes audiences into "the invisible."

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, THROUGH OC-TOBER 30; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-584-3593.





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# Calendar THEATER

#### **Amadeus**

The La Jolla Stage Company offers Peter Shaffer's "play with music" (and what music!) about the conflict between the genius Mozart, and the mediocrity Salieri.
REGENCY ROOM, WESTGATE HOTEL, 1022 SECOND AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, THROUGH NOVEMBER 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-454-7798.

#### **Bad Dates**

No, the set isn't a stockroom at Neiman-Marcus, or Imelda Marcos's closet. Those stacks of shoe boxes and rows of gaudy high heels belong to Haley Walker, transplanted Texan, "restaurant savant," shoe fetishist, and lonesome single mom whose 600 pairs clog a rent-controlled NYC apartment. She's starting to date again (as she prepares she rejects outfits and hopes she won't be). If you don't count its tacked-on, launderedmoney, deus ex Bug Guy ending, which ties way too facile a bow, Theresa Rebeck's one-character Bad Dates is a lightweight, amusing take on its subject (the best of which, however, remains Amy Hempel's short story, "Tonight Is a Favor to Holly," and her line "Just because you've stopped sinking doesn't mean

you aren't still under water").
Deanna Driscoll's such an engaging, honest actor she gains strong audience rapport and, except for the subplot, makes much of the play — part sitcom, part Law & Order: Criminal Intent (for which Rebeck has written) — work on her terms. At times, however, Driscoll's emotional truth cuts against the glib writing; sad to say, the piece would be funnier if she were less honest and played more for laughs.

#### Worth a try.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79
HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, 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.

#### **Born Yesterday**

South Coast Repertory Theatre presents Garson Kanin's popular comedy about Billie "I'm stupid and I like it" Dawn, who ain't as dumb as she lets on. Warner Shook directed.

SOUTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, SEGERSTROM STAGE, 655 TOWN CEN-TER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, FRIDAY, OC-TOBER 21, THROUGH NOVEMBER 20; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 714-708-5555.

#### Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life

As she looks back on six decades in theater, Chita Rivera evokes the spirits of Broadway's Golden Age. They appear in silhouettes behind scrims or in living connections, as Rivera uses her body to materialize the style, say, of Jerome Robbins, Bob Fosse, or Gwen Verdon. The evening is haunted and, at its best, enchanting. Rivera's one of the most humble living legends around. Terrence McNally's sketchy book, however, has given itself one too many duties: tell the life, show the work, honor the inspirations. The book juggles all three so much that each slights the others. We get, at most, passing references to her choreographers, and occasional facts about her emotional life (her husband was jealous; she had an affair with Sammy Davis, Jr.), and only parts of songs and dances, snippets from West Side Story or Chicago. There's so little conflict in the narrative you wish McNally'd dropped the life in favor of Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Work and presented a master class on her amazing career and the influences and era behind it. But the show's allergic to talk. It would much rather whip the pace than share insights into a bygone time, and educate the audience in the process. [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 AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-

DAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

#### The Curse of the Starving Class

Reviewed this issue.
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.

#### Dear Ella: The First Lady of Song

**Lady of Song** The Ira Aldridge Players' tribute to Ella Fitzgerald comprises, arguably, the greatest of Greatist Hit collections. Sure, she benefited from outstanding composers (George Gershwin among them), and sung for some of the best bands on earth (including 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. Littleton ("Fascinating Rhythm," "It's Wonderful"), a buoyant Charmen Jackson ("My Reverie," "Gotta Be This or That"), and Avanna Hobson (who joins classical guitarist Namanja Bogunovic for "I Thought About You," and "Someone To Watch Over Me"), and whose scat-sung "Straight, No Chaser" brings down the house. A strong backup band, led by Dennis Dawson's hot alto sax, and singer/hoofer Manolito Lopez (as "snake-hipped" as the young Ella, who grew up wanting not to be a singer, but rather the "best little dancer in Yonkers") also contribute. The sound system on opening night muffled the performances. 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, DOWN

TOWN, 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**Liz Duffy Adams's post-apocalyptic

vaudeville plunks us into a Mad Max future where tribes war, seasons non sequitur, and DNA could mean, among other things, "damn near all." And DNA of the characters suffer from verbal amnesia, including (Ro)Zetta Stone and her dog (actually a young man who underwent "voluntary species demotion"). They are an entertainment troupe looking for a mythical China where all, unlike their horrific surroundings, is well. Moxie Theater opens its long-awaited first full season with a play that echoes A Clockwork Orange, James Joyce, and "Day After" B-movies. I caught a preview 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 (Zetta and Dog) are an apt tandem, at once Laurel and Hardy and Vladimir and Estragon. Jo Anne Glover's a hoot as memory-challenged Jo-Jo The Bald Face Liar. Sylvia Combs M'Lafi Thompson anchors the piece as Vera Similitude, truth-telling polyglot, Matt Scott and Brandon Walker give the thugs, Coke and Bud, enough loose-cannon testosterone to repopulate the planet or destroy what little remains. Worth a try.

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.

#### The Foreigner

Class Act stages Larry Shue's comedy in a "dessert, theater-in-the-round" performance. Sharon Strawn directed.
MISSION VALLEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 4750 MISSION GORGE PLACE, SAN CARLOS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, THROUGH OCTOBER 22; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-287-3211.

#### **Grass Roots Greeks**

The very popular series of Greek play readings is back, with a new location: Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts. To reacquaint audiences with the masterworks of Greek drama, the readings have some movement, a suggestion of costumes and (re)acting. But the emphasis is on the word and, as in all Greek drama, on an unfolding story at once hair-on-fire irrational and as logical as a courtroom debate. It doesn't take long to see how pertinent and compelling these plays are. An informal discussion follows each reading. Next play: Sophocles, Electra, translated by Marianne McDonald. Worth a try.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; MONDAY, NOVEM-BER 21, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-584-3593.

#### Gypsy

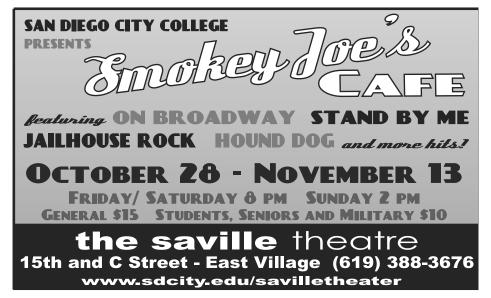
Welk Resort Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning musical fable based on the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee. Lewis Wilkenfeld directed.

WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860
LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO,
THROUGH NOVEMBER 13; TUESDAY,
THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY AT
7:45 P.M. MATINEE TUESDAY THROUGH
THURSDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT
1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.









#### 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 AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH NOVEM-BER 13; WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATUR DAY 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, sharpedged, 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. LYNX PERFORMANCE THEATRE SPACE, 2653-R ARIANE DRIVE (NEAR COSTCO), CLAIREMONT, THROUGH OCTOBER 23: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:30 P.M. SUNDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-280-2641.

#### Irish Step Dancing

Dublin Square Irish Pub and Grille presents "San Diego's answer to the Celtic wave," an evening of contemporary and traditional Irish dancing, music, and song. DUBLIN SOUARE IRISH PUB AND GRILLE, 554 FOURTH AVENUE, DOWN-TOWN, OPEN-ENDED RUN; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 9:30 P.M. 619-239-5818.

#### Joey and Maria's Comedy **Italian Wedding**

The Culy Theater hosts "not-so-ordinary interactive dinner theater," as Joey and Maria tie the knot. LAFAYETTE INN AND SUITES, NORTH PARK OPEN-ENDED RUN FOR DAYS AND TIMES CALL 800-944-5639.

#### **Killer Reunion**

Mystery Cafe's newest interactive comedy takes place at a high school reunion that doesn't go according

IMPERIAL HOUSE RESTAURANT, 505 KALMIA STREET, BANKER'S HILL, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

#### **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 substituteteaching 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 Mur-

phy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't-spare-therod 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: MON-DAY AND TUESDAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

#### Mamma Mia!

Broadway/San Diego presents the stories of Donna, a 40-something single mom, and her daughter Sophie, as told through the songs of

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH OCTO-BER 30; TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 6:00 P.M. MATINEE SATUR-DAY AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M. 619-570-1100.

#### 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. SUN-DAY 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

STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVERSITY AV-ENUE, NORTH PARK, THROUGH OCTO-BER 30: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR-DAY 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, 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.

#### **National Comedy Theatre**

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's Theatre Sports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), re-

sembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian. Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRI-DAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999

#### North Park Playwrights' 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.

A Piece of My Heart For eight performances only, Mo'oleo Performing Arts Company presents Shirley Lauro's moving stories of six women sent to Vietnam "and their struggle to make sense of a war that irrevocably changed them." Siobhan Sullivan directed. Panel discussions will follow most performances. VETERANS MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL CENTER, 2115 PARK BOULEVARD

(ACROSS FROM THE WORLD BEAT CEN-TER), BALBOA PARK, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21,T HROUGH NOVEMBER 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P M MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-342-7395.

#### The Prince of L.A.

Dakin Matthews has dramaturged at the Old Globe for years. His Prince of L.A., about signs of corruption in today's Roman Catholic Church, embeds a dramaturge into the play itself. Matthew Cardinal John would rather lecture us about theatrical truth than reveal a story of financial and sexual abuse. Prince runs 2:45. Trim the self-conscious metadrama and it's a tight script. And a good one, not so much about a scandal 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 play works best in unsuppressed monologues: Andrew Matthews cuts loose as an abused priest; Michael Winters presents an intricate case for unfettered passion; Julia Fletcher, as an intrepid nun, exudes moral fervor, and an underlying dread that the end, not honesty, will justify the means. As Cardinal John, Dakin Matthews wears the most red, a sign of his character's authority - and the author's, it turns out, since he wrote the play for himself. He's an engaging presence who knows how to lean into a moment. Matthews would benefit from watching someone else in the role, however, 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 dramaturge out of the script and let it breathe on its

#### Worth a try.

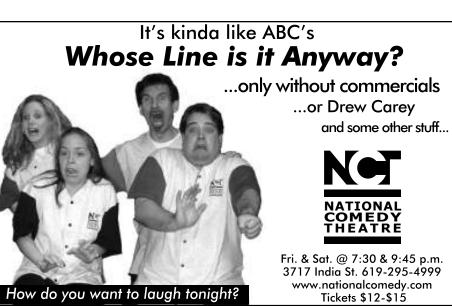
CASSIUS CARTER CENTRE STAGE, SI-MON EDISON CENTRE FOR THE PER-FORMING ARTS, BALBOA PARK, THROUGH OCTOBER 30: TUESDAY WEDNESDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

#### San Diego Theatresports

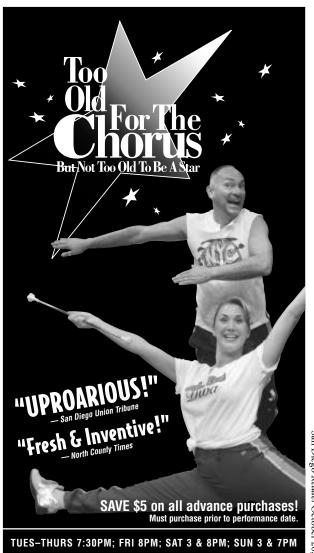
A cross between improvisational comedy and Family Feud. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" - two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" — five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: "Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

#### Worth a try.

THE FUNHOUSE, 6822 EL CAJON BOULE-VARD (BETWEEN 68TH AND 69TH), COL-LEGE AREA, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. (THE "FAMILY" SHOW) AND AT 9:45 P.M. ("RATED PG-13"). 619-465-7469.







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#### 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, is 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. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, SHEILA AND HUGHES POTIKER THEATRE, MANDELL WEISS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, LA JOLLA, THROUGH OCTO-BER 23: THURSDAY THROUGH SATUR DAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P M MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-550-1010.

#### 6th@Penn Classic Reading Series: Dia de los Muertos 6th@Penn continues its new read-

ing series with a late-night (for Halloween) presentation of Dia de los Muertos. 6TH@PENN THEATRE 3704 SIXTH AV-

ENUE, HILLCREST, ON-GOING RUN: SAT-URDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 10:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### 6th@Penn One-Acts

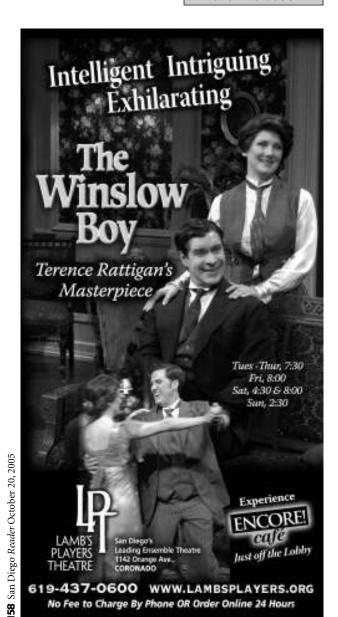
6th@Penn Theatre presents four one-acts: I Have Before Me A Remarkable Document Given to Me by a Young Lady from Rwanda by Sonya Linden; The Sort of Happy Ending to the Sad Tale of Mr. Ali Ali or: the Lighter Side of Outsourcing Torture by Craig Abernethy; Echoing, adapted by Dale Morris; Canning Jars by Sendall Morse. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 THROUGH NOVEMBER 16: SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 P.M.



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- Mamma Mia
- Lion King Ten Tenors
- Brooks & Dunn
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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, 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.

#### The Sopranos' Last Supper

Dillstar Productions presents an evening with the notorious Baritone family: "gambling, dinner, dancing, and good old mobster fun." LAFAYETTE INN AND SUITES, NORTH PARK, OPEN-ENDED RUN' SELECTED FRI-DAYS AND SATURDAYS AT 7:30 P.M. 800-944-5639.

#### Stripped and Teased

For one evening only, Women's Repertory Theatre presents performance artist Kimberly Dark in a collection of stories both true and 'teased" with laughter. NORTH PARK THEATRE, 2891 UNIVER-SITY AVENUE (TWO BLOCKS WEST OF 30TH), NORTH PARK, SUNDAY, OCTO-BER 23 AT 7:00 P.M. 619-239-8836

#### Too Old for the Chorus: But Not Too Old to be a Star Every seven seconds, a Baby

Boomer becomes "officially old" by

turning 50. Mark Winkler, Marie Cain, and Shelly Markham's musical revue bemoans, and eventually (and predictably) accepts this condition. In the finale, five performers vow to find new "Potential" in their sixth decade of life. All five are polished pros: Steve Anthony does a spectacular tap number ("When 50 Wore Tux"); Teri Ralston adds emotional depth to songs with skimpy lyrics; Susan Jordan handles the comedic chores with ease (and does a sultry samba with Anthony); David Holmes and Brian Byers always contribute. Problem is: they're much better than the material. Too Old has three or four catchy/moving numbers (especially "Lunch Hour Lift," about quickie plastic surgery; the Wordsworthian "The Child Is Father to the Man"; and Holmes's touching rendition of "Dog Passages," in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he's had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros) are negligible. They hold down slots till better

songs come along — of which Too Old could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of

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needs major reinventing.

course, for the next phase of their

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mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.) Worth a try.

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# **Never Say Quit**

# No one can have failed to notice that Crowe is a romantic at heart.

here is always something a little embarrassing about a Cameron Crowe film, stemming mainly from the impression that he is trying too hard to ingratiate himself. Yet there is usually, especially lately, something

actually ingratiating as well, stemming paradoxically from how hard hetries. Vanilla Sky, no; but Say Anything,

Jerry Maguire, and most of all Almost Famous, yes. Elizabethtown, his latest, has plenty of both types of thing. It traces the personal odyssey of a corporate up-and-comer (Orlando Bloom, pretty well concealing his accent) whose design of a new athletic shoe called Späsmotica ("It was meant to approximate walking on a cloud") has been, for some unspecified reason, although the name alone seems reason enough, a total bust that will cost the company close to a billion dollars. His attempted suicide, before his folly hits the newsstands, gets interrupted by word of the untimely death of his father or timely death, from the suicideprevention standpoint — and by his obligation to retrieve the body from the Kentucky hometown where his father happened to have been visiting at the

time. An almost maniacally helpful flight attendant (Kirsten Dunst) is encountered on the way, and a legion of distant family and unknown friends awaits on arrival: "This loss will be met by a hurricane of love."

The film indeed has a large population of sharply defined and differentiated characters, some of them

embarrassing, some of them ingratiating, some of them both, and all of them generously given their fair chance or chances. It also has a wide range of types of material or topics of observation: the cutthroat corporate world and the welcoming small town, the big wedding party (strictly on the periphery) and the big funeral service, the cellphone culture and the crosscountry road trip. Just as Nora Ephron in You've Got Mail managed to warm up the personal computer, so does Crowe warm up the mobile phone, principally with an all-night longdistance gabfest between two virtual strangers who, by sunrise, and still gabbing, are meeting one another at the halfway point in their separate cars. No one can have failed to notice that Crowe is a romantic at heart, or



Elizabethtown

anyway a romantic in his scheming, calculating, crowd-pleasing head. Unquestionably the scheming, calculating head predominates. His work is strewn with contrived and self-conscious Movie Moments, no less than four of them at the memorial service alone, when the widow's profane tribute to her husband extracts from a dour old

unsmiling war vet, not quite a smile, but at least an amused little nod (Movie Moment No. 1), before she breaks into a beginner's tap dance to "Moon River" (Movie Moment No. 2), and then gives way to a reassembled garage band's rendition of "Freebird" (Movie Moment No. 3), until a paper bird prop catches fire as it takes wing

(Movie Moment No. 4) and scatters the crowd in a panic. The romanticism, at its most scheming and calculating, reasserts itself in the climactic solo car trip, mapped out for the hero by the heroine — Dinosaur World, Martin Luther King's murder site, the best pit stop for chili, and so on — complete with preprogrammed musical selec-



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And here would be the appropriate spot to pull over to the side of the road and say that, for me, the unavoidable snag in any Crowe film whatever the balance of embarrassment and ingratiation — is the limitless playlist of pop songs on the soundtrack — however eclectic, however catholic, however punditic, the selection. (You will easily recall, because Crowe will never let you forget, his Rolling Stone credentials.) I sometimes wonder whether there might ever come an end to that sort of thing: whether in twenty, forty, sixty years or so, the moviegoers of the future will look back at this practice with the same disaffection as moviegoers of today look back at those busily, bustlingly overscored films of the Forties. (Can't we just have a little quiet around here?) And I wonder, too, to what source the future film historians will trace the contagion: American Graffiti, The Graduate, what? It wasn't always, in case you need reminding, the norm. It wasn't always the necessity. There are of course countless current offenders - it's quite unthinkable these days to do a romantic comedy, in particular, without some accompanying pop songs -

but none worse than Crowe.

North Country, based on a landmark court case, is a sexual-harassment horror story, single-minded if not simple-minded, set in the Mesabi Iron Range of Minnesota, Land of 10,000 Lakes, Not Quite That Many Hideous Open-Pit Craters, Two Dead Stags Strapped to a Flatbed, and Untold Chauvinist Pigs. (The soundtrack, a tad predictably, makes use of several songs by that native son of Hibbing, Mn., Bob Dylan.) The fictitious mining company of Pearson Taconite and Steel, Inc., had hired its first female miner, we are informed, in 1975, and fourteen years later, when the narrative picks up, against an eventual backdrop of Anita Hill testifying on television at the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings, the women are still outnumbered thirty to one. Charlize Theron, over the objections of her miner father ("You wanna be a lesbian now?") and in the face of open hostility from the male majority, joins the band of sisters, a single mother of two (by different fathers), a fugitive battered wife, and a closet Amazon who will not heed the advice to "work hard, keep your mouth shut, and take it like a man." How, exactly, does a man take to having his breast fondled or his crotch grabbed?

The American debut of New Zealand director Niki Caro (Whale Rider, an aperitif of prepubertal feminism) is in essence a Lifetime Network movie with more grit. You don't hear the four-letter "c" word on Lifetime, and you don't see shots of smeared feces and sprayed semen. Yet it seems entirely fitting that I would run into an ad for the movie on the network's website this week, when I was doing my routine check of its TV schedule. In addition to more grit, it boasts a strong cast, aside from the sometimes over-the-top Theron (whose ferocity can come as no surprise after Monster), including two of America's supreme actresses, Frances McDormand, doing a toned-down version of her Fargo accent, and Sissy Spacek, plus Michelle Monaghan, Richard Jenkins, Jeremy Renner, Sean Bean, and even Woody Harrelson, redeeming himself in more than one way for his oppressive husband in The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio. (But if the story demanded and I am unconvinced that it did flashbacks to high school with a different actress in the central role, couldn't she at least have been equipped with a false mole on her throat to match Theron's?) It boasts, as well, a couple of eruptions of real showmanship, as effective as they are manipulative. First, the father's change of allegiance at a combative union meeting: Jenkins's shining moment. And second, the spontaneous rallying, one person at a time, to the side of the besieged heroine in the courtroom: what I tend to think of (Billy Crystal would know what I mean) as an I'm-Spartacus moment.

Good Night, and Good Luck, taking its title from the signature sign-off line of Edward R. Murrow, amounts to unabashed hero worship of the "crusading" CBS newsman, directed and co-written by George Clooney, who also plays Murrow's television producer, Fred Friendly. (In the lead role, David Strathairn has Murrow's somber countenance, speaks with his cadence, and goes through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal 'Salute to Edward R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-of-honor's scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today - Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow's stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.

Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat

different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of Fail-Safe a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-andwhite (not just matching the custom of the time, but Expressionistically matching the Weltanschauung of white hats versus black hats), scoring it with outmoded moody jazz, and treating it in the hectoring, lecturing style of the Rose-Serling-Schulberg screenwriters. In truth the message is gotten across with an altogether unacceptable amount of speechifying; and for all the feverishly overlapping dialogue and the occasional hustle-bustle of cast or camera, it is steadfastly a static film, nailed to a platform. You can be on, or near, Clooney's side in politics and a long way away in aesthetics.

Dreamer, the writing and directing debut of the mere co-writer on Coach Carter, John Gatins, is one of the endless supply of inspirational true sports stories to come to the screen, this one the horsetrack story, and only fractionally true, of a filly called Soñador (Spanish for Dreamer, but Mariah's Storm in real life) who in midrace breaks her cannon bone (something to look up in the dictionary afterwards) and will never be able to race again, though with proper care, particularly from a blond moppet, just might walk, and just might breed, except that she



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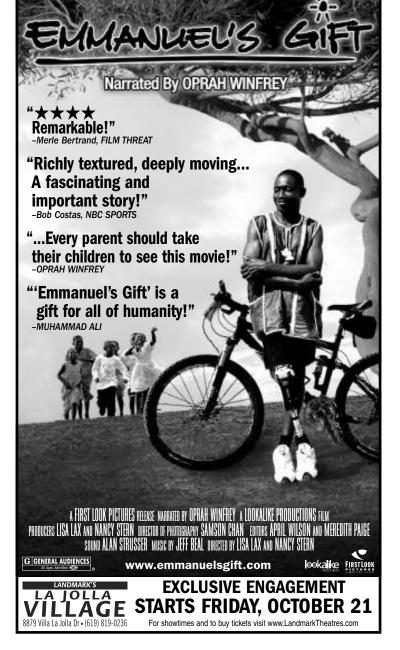
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turns out to be infertile, too, and then turns out to be able to do more than just walk. Admirers of Seabiscuit will be prone to find this redundant, but inasmuch as I am not one of them, I was free to find it contrastingly modest, unpretentious, and sensible, if in a frankly sentimental vein; richly, radiantly photographed by the reliable Fred Murphy; and touchingly played by eleven-yearold Dakota Fanning (already looking older than in War of the Worlds last summer), and even more touchingly, because taciturnly, by Kurt Russell as the horse's trainer and girl's father. For the life of me, I can't figure why Russell is not universally acclaimed as the most credible actor alive and the nearest thing in modern Hollywood, lacking only the body of work, to John Wayne, Henry Fonda, James Stewart. Toward that end, I direct your attention to the scene of parents' night at school when he is called upon to read aloud his daughter's creative writing exercise and comes to realize with increasing discomfort that her fairy-tale King is his own pseudonymous self ("All those who loved him greeted the King with pie and coffee"), and I further direct your attention to the follow-up scene of literary appreciation when he tucks the writer into bed. In the meantime I shall remain, if I must, a one-man band. ■

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The Aristocrats — Paul Provenza's talking-heads film rounds up a herd of wellknown and less-known comedians to tell and to analyze an old gray blue joke, the punch line of which is the film's title. (Alternate and not-as-good punch lines: the Sophisticates, the Debonairs.) The joke seems to be something of a private joke among comedians, seldom told in public out of common decency. It has an unassailable structure, a solid beginning and end, and a lot of room in the middle for extended jazzlike improvisation, often on motifs of incest, bestiality, bodily waste. The set form allows the audience reasonably to gauge who goes "too far," which turns out to be less a question of taste than a question of comprehension, a question of intelligence. Howie Mandel and Bob Saget step up as the top competitors for the worst - most uncomprehending, least intelligent - rendition, with Saget getting the edge by laughing repeatedly at his own idiocy. George Carlin makes the most sensible contributions as an analyst. And Kevin Pollak earns perhaps the biggest laughs, or anyway the most guiltless laughs, with a totally irrelevant impression of Christopher Walken. Other jokes, not all of them blue, some of them variations on or inversions of the central joke, get told as well. The central one, as much as it's a dirty joke, is also a dated joke, a quaint joke, smelling of the musty trunk of vaudeville, dulled a bit by the liberated heirs of Lenny Bruce. Taboos today are in short supply. Yet — in what appears to have been the inspiration for the film — the joke got revived and revitalized in the post-9/11 gloom, when a defiant Gilbert Gottfried chose to tell it for a televised Friars Club roast of Hugh Hefner, finding a new or a forgotten meaning in it. "Inspiration," in that context, is not too lofty a word. Gottfried's rendition, plucked from the archives, emerges as hands-down the best and bravest. Overlong for the task at hand, stretched out at a few ticks under ninety minutes, ghastly to look at, the film nonetheless meets the mandate of a documentary in the most fundamental sense. It

documents. 2005. ★★ (GASLAMP 15) **Capote** — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood*. Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's fascinating. It is the story, at bottom, of an artist at work; a writer in pursuit of a subject; an established novelist, a Manhattan dandy transplanted from the Deep South, who, for reasons unclear, clips out an item from *The New York Times* of November 15, 1959, about the massacre of a family in rural Kansas, and who promptly gets the go-

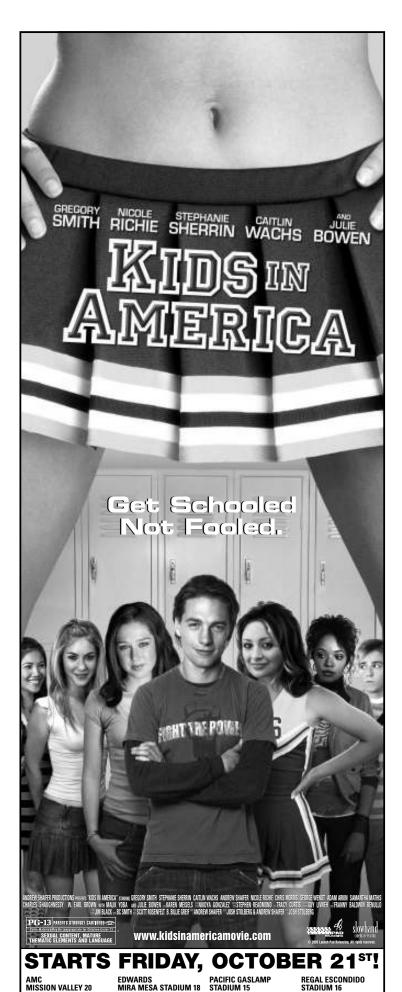
ahead from the editor at *The New Yorker* to hop a train to the scene of the crime. The story, then, of an exotic fruit in the Midwest breadbasket, with his nasally lisping castrato drawl and his ankle-length camel's-hair coat and flowing boa-like scarf. ("Bergdorf's," he volunteers, fingering the scarf 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 who, in the end, fits his chosen title as well as either the murderers or their executioners. It 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. In its general outline — what price art? — it may be a bit old-hat; in its particulars it is like-new. Philip Seymour Hoffman, even after you have gotten over the initial funniness of his celebrity impersonation, 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. With Catherine Keener, Chris Cooper, Clifton Collins, Jr., and Bruce Greenwood; written by Dan Futterman; directed by Bennett Miller. 2005.

★★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**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 al-



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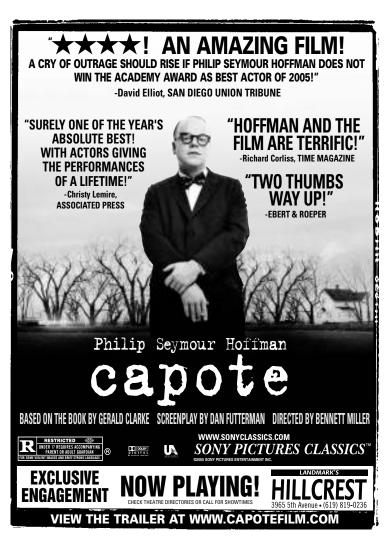
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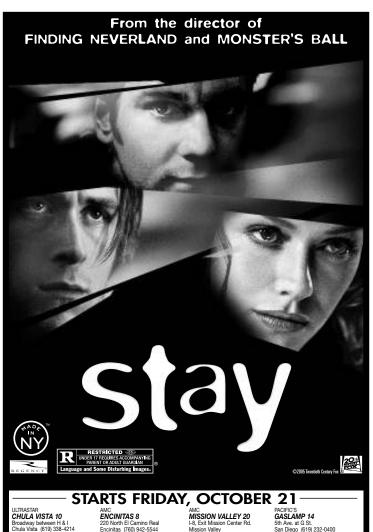
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ways had an elevated social consciousness, and a missionary zeal to match, and so the stretch for the Brazilian is largely geographical: to Kenya, where a multinational pharmaceutical company is using the natives as unwitting guinea pigs, or sacrificial 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 meetcute, 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.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4: HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Domino** — "Based on a true story ... sort of." The short bumpy ride of Domino Harvey, daughter of actor Laurence (The Manchurian Candidate, glimpsed in a cou-ple of clips), from fashion model to L.A. bounty hunter, and dead of a drug overdose between the movie's shoot and its final edit. The whole tawdry tale, unswallowable to begin with, is gaggingly glamorized through music-video visuals and firstperson tough-chick narration. With Keira

Knightley, Mickey Rourke, Edgar Ramirez, Delroy Lindo, Christopher Walken, and Lucy Liu; directed by Tony Scott. 2005. ◆ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: CIN-ERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 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) Doom — Sci-fi action film, based on a

video game, starring The Rock, directed by Andrzei Bartkowiak (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASH-ION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: POWAY 10: RAN-CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/21)

Dreamer — Reviewed this issue. With Kurt Russell, Dakota Fanning, Elisabeth Shue, and David Morse; written and directed by John Gatins.

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**Elizabethtown** — Reviewed this issue. With Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Susan Sarandon, Alec Baldwin, and Bruce McGill; written and directed by Cameron Crowe. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: CHULA VISTA 10: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCON-DIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14)

Emmanuel's Gift — Lisa Lax's and Nancy Stern's documentary on an activist for the handicapped in Ghana. (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 10/21)

**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, Larvssa Lauret, 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/20)

The Exorcism of Emily Rose — The courtroom drama wedded to the devil-possession horror show, two different worlds, as clearly evidenced when the D.A. jumps to his feet to object to a piece of defense testimony on the grounds of "silliness." The case — a Catholic priest accused of negligent homicide for removing a diagnosed "schizophrenic epileptic" from her meds and replacing them, fatally, with the rite of exorcism — is based on a true one, but the true one was situated in Germany in the Seventies, and the first leap of faith to be taken by the viewer is to believe that, given the facts of the case as presented, the charges would ever have been brought in the first place. Director Scott Derrickson, leaving no doubt as to which side of the argument he comes down on, will ask the viewer to leap a lot farther, giving him priv-



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★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; 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, midflight, to find her daughter gone. "Well, she can't have gone far," one of the flight attendants points out the obvious. But before long an announcement over the P.A. system must concede, "Seems our aircraft is big enough to lose a child in," and a thorough search is undertaken, granting us access to such unfamiliar sights that we may think we had left the airplane and entered a dreamland. The girl's backpack happens to be missing from the overhead bin, too high for her to have reached by herself, and she would never have left behind, as she seems to have, her one-armed teddy bear. Someone had to have taken her, and a couple of Arabs come under perfectly natural, if politically incorrect, scrutiny. But every passenger is in his seat and accounted for, and none of them appears to be concealing a six-year-old. So, where can she be? When the mother is unable to produce a boarding pass for the girl, speculation shifts to the stress she is under - her husband lies in a casket in the hold — as well as to the medication she is on, and doubt begins to form that there was ever a daughter on board in the first place. So far, so intrigu-



ing. 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 - Tedious re-do of John Carpenter's horror nonclassic, on its silver anniversary, for the sake of two new pretty faces (Tom Welling, Maggie Grace) with nothing better to do. Selma Blair, DeRay Davis, Rade Sherbedgia; directed by Rupert Wainwright. 2005.

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The 40 Year Old Virgin — The hero is not what he is by reason of any philosophy, religion, or phobia: "It just never happened." But now his colleagues at the Smart Tech electronics store, cottoning on to his condition, are pitching in to cure him of it. Though not unsympathetic in treatment, the character is coy, cautious, even cowardly in conception, while the comedy per se is low, broad, bullish, and exhibitionist: boners, peepee, puke, a plastic vagina, mooning, and (without special-effects fakery) bloody body waxing. With Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Ro many Malco, Seth Rogen, and Elizabeth Banks; directed by Judd Apatow. 2005.

● (FASHION VALLEY 18: GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

Forty Shades of Blue — Inert, indolent domestic drama around a Memphis music producer, his much younger Russian mate, and his married son visiting from California. Groping, improvisatory-sounding dialogue; a drizzly, dismal image; a yawner. With Rip Torn, Dina Korzun, and Darren Burrows: directed by Ira Sachs, 2005.

• (KEN, 10/21 THROUGH 27)

Good Night, and Good Luck —  ${\rm Re}$ viewed this issue. With David Strathairn, George Clooney, Patricia Clarkson, Robert Downey, Jr., and Frank Langella; directed by Clooney.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS: LA JOLLA VILLAGE; FROM 10/21)

#### 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

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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.

★ (GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: LA COSTA 6: PALM PROMENADE 24: POWAY 10)

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 vears 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





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take the lens cap off the camcorder.) Herzog neatly organizes the material into a portrait of a man who at first glance seems simply an ecological eccentric, with more than a little presentiment of his fate ("They can kill, they can bite, they can decapitate"), but a man who, at a longer look, turns into something of a self-mythologizing monomaniac. The filmmaker, in his own footage, gathers testimony from those who knew the man ("He tended to want to become a bear"), and he captures at least a couple of priceless moments: the coroner handing over to one of Treadwell's former girlfriends the still-ticking wristwatch taken from his detached arm, and his mother reminiscing about him, in the comfort of her home in Florida, with his favorite teddy bear perched on her lap. Herzog is not shy about adding his own observations in his familiar feverish idiom and his expectorating delivery ("I discovered a film of human ecstasies and darkest inner turmoil"), nor about taking an editorial stance at variance with his subject: "I believe the common denominator of the universe is chaos, disharmony, and murder." Treadwell, in proof of Herzog's point, is in no condition to present a rebuttal to that. 2005.

★★★ (LA PALOMA, FROM 10/21)

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 familyman 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 ef-



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fects 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-eved 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 pur-

pose 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 vet subtly subversive Violent Saturday. 1955, where the celebration of the smalltown 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

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In Her Shoes — Curtis Hanson's handling of the Jennifer Weiner book, lightly, mildly, breezily entertaining in a secondrate, best-sellerish, chick-lit kind of way: the seriocomic story of two mismatched Jewish sisters, one an overweight, highachieving 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

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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. ★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN: DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8: ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 7; 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)

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 sex-

ual 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

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.

★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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



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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.

• (GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Just Like Heaven — Unremittingly cute, and on a couple of occasions actually funny, this supernatural romantic comedy adds a new wrinkle to the conventional ghost story, and new rules (anything goes) into the bargain. The new wrinkle is that the previous tenant who haunts a breathtaking San Francisco apartment as an intermittent apparition, visible only to the current tenant, is not technically a ghost at all, merely the disembodied spirit of a workaholic young doctor in a three-month coma. Because this previous tenant, female, had had no social life prior to the coma, and because the current tenant, male, is a withdrawn widower, a happy ending heaves into view at the same instant as the new wrinkle. Reese Witherspoon, assisted by some seamless passing-through-solid-objects effects, has sufficient artifice to make herself right at home in the situation. But Mark Ruffalo, though he can play befuddlement, which will come in very handy, is not by any stretch an acceptable romantic-comedy lead; and Jon Heder, in search of life after Napoleon Dynamite, proves to be no longer an extraordinary geek, only an ordinary one, as a dilettante occultist. Directed by Mark Waters, 2005.

 $\bigstar$  (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 mathemetician. Most of the film is made up of reverential re-enactments from the Great Man's life, not lavishly, but adequately produced. Past and present are equally stiff and flat. With Bruno Lastra, Christopher Simpson, Moritz Bleibtreu, Rade Serbedzija, Vanessa Redgrave, and Adam Echahly; directed by Kayvan Mashayekh. 2005.

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/20)

Kids in America — Youth comedy with Gregory Smith, Nicole Richie, and Julie Bowen, directed by Josh Stolberg. (ESCONDIDO 16; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; FROM 10/21)

Lord of War — Overly verbal, narrationheavy elucidation of the world of an illicit arms dealer. It's no help that the narrator and arms dealer is a smug cynic who chews our ears off for a full two hours: "By the mid-Eighties, my weapons were represented in eight out of the world's top ten war zones." Writer-director Andrew Niccol matches his antihero in cynicism, and exhibits his own brand of unbecoming superiority. Leaving the realm of science fiction (Gattaca, Simone) seems to have exposed the filmmaker's superficiality: the clichéd coke-fiend brother, the oblivious trophy wife, the literal-minded songtrack, etc. With Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto, Bridget Moynahan, Ian Holm, Ethan Hawke. 2005. • (GASLAMP 15)

March of the Penguins — Nature documentary on the reproductive ritual of the emperor penguin, the back-and-forth walk of around seventy miles, the mating dance, the harsh winter, the interminable night, the months of starvation, the high mortality rate. It's a hard life, and fascinating. The cuteness of the creatures makes up for much of the hardness, although it also makes the hardness harder to bear. Narrated by Morgan Freeman; directed by Luc Jacquet. 2004.

★ (LA PALOMA)

**Mirrormask** — Inexpensive fantasy, but excessive nonetheless, about a Brit teenager,

the daughter of circus people, who works out her relationship with her Mum in a dense, dark, vague dreamscape, self-consciously littered with visual allusions to Bosch, Ernst, Dali, Miro, et al. Stephanie Leonidas, Gina McKee, Jason Barry; written by Neil Gaiman; "designed and directed by" (so reads the credit) Dave McKean. 2005.

• (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 10/20)

North Country — Reviewed this issue. With Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand, Sissy Spacek, Richard Jenkins, and Woody Harrelson; directed by Niki Caro. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCON-DIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18: GALAXY 6: GASLAMP 15: GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSS-MONT TROLLEY; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: PLAZA CAMINO REAL; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MAR-COS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 10/21)

#### 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 Iulianne 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 Porterfield, Trevor Morgan. 2005.

★★ (FLOWER HILL 4; LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

**Proof** — Director John Madden puts on the Pulitzer Prize play by David Auburn, a hoked-up sort of mathematical mystery thriller, not so much a whodunit as a whoprovedit, centered around the mentally shaky daughter of a mentally crumpled math genius: two beautiful minds. (With Philip Glass-y motor-gunning, enginereving 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.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; MISSION VAL-LEY 7)

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



#### LESLEY FITZPATRICK

Charter member, San Diego Shakespeare Society

I'm tortured by having to pick only three. Okay, here's an eclectic mix, just for the fun of it. Scotland, PA is a re-imagining of Macbeth with kingdoms replaced by burger joints. Christopher Walken outdoes himself as the MacDuff of the piece.

Crash offers a series of connected vignettes relating to a car crash in L.A. They did everything meant to be done in Magnolia without the pretension. Stunning.

Mulletville is a mockumentary trip into a trailer park in eastern Washington state, complete with scarily real trailer park people. Produced by Charlie Creasy (a friend of mine). Aw, couldn't I just do three more? How about just mentioning Dark Passage, Mindwalk, and Wings of Desire?

Hart Sharp Video
List price: \$19.99

CRASH (USA) 2004,
Lion's Gate
List price: \$28.98

MULLETVILLE (USA) 2002,
Hart Sharp Video
List price: \$9.99

SCOTLAND, PA (USA) 2001.

#### DAVID S. COHEN

Board of directors, San Diego Shakespeare Society, and cofounder, The Greek Readings

Pericles, part of the remarkable BBC-TV Shakespeare Plays, is a wonderful version of the mythic tale, featuring one of the most beautiful recognition scenes ever filmed.

Laurence Olivier's BBC-TV version of *King Lear* was filmed after its star was too weakened by a degenerative muscle disease to perform onstage. It's one of his greatest performances, with Diana Rigg as Goneril, Leo McKern as Gloucester, and John Hurt as Fool.

In 1964, Richard Burton's Hollywood notoriety inspired profit-minded producers of his Broadway production of *Hamlet* to film the play. All prints were supposed to be destroyed, but Burton saved one. The music of the language, an inspired performance (directed by John Gielgud), and Hume Cronyn's uncommonly interesting Polonius make this a *Hamlet* to be savored.

PERICLES (England) 1984, BBC/Time-Life List price: \$34.95 KING LEAR (England) 1984, Kultur Video List price: \$29.95 HAMLET (USA), 1964, Image Entertainment List price: \$29.99

#### NATASHA BUSICK

Education chair, San Diego Shakespeare Society

Even "Bardophobics" will like Kenneth Branagh's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Scintillating performances by Branagh and Emma Thompson headline this terrific ensemble cast.
Lusciously filmed in Tuscany, it's full of pranks, love, and deception. Branagh does a brilliant job of making this
Shakespearean play accessible to modern moviegoing audiences. What an enjoyable romp!

If you like mysteries, you must watch the *Inspector Morse* series, a hugely popular English television series. Inspector Morse is an analytical Oxford-based police inspector, and his cases always keep you guessing until the very end.

A Little Romance is a lovely, romantic film with 14-year-old Diane Lane as the daughter of wealthy Americans living in Paris. She finds true love in a young Parisian who's the son of a taxi driver.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
(England/USA) 1993,
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer
List price: \$14.94
INSPECTOR MORSE SERIES
(England/USA) 1987–2000,
BFS Entertainment
List price: \$19.98
A LITTLE ROMANCE
(France/USA) 1979,
Warner Home Video
List price: \$14.97

Wilkinson, Emily Watson, Rupert Everett, Hermione Norris; written and directed by Julian Fellowes. 2005.

★★ (LA JOLLA 12)

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 downhome, 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.

• (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20;

PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18)

**Stay** — Psychological thriller with Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts, Ryan Gosling, and Bob Hoskins, directed by Marc Forster. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; FLOWER HILL 4; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION

MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEAN-SIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SOUARE 14: VISTA VILLAGE: FROM 10/21)

**Strangers on a Train** — Uneven suspense film from Alfred Hitchcock, watered





down from the diabolical Patricia Highsmith original. Too many lumpish set pieces and too many stuffy characterizations (a glamorous tennis star, his loyal fiancée, her U.S. Senator father, a gaggle of Capitol Hill socialites, and an unctuous psychopath). However, the beautifully synchronized opening, Laura Elliott's impersonation of a purebred bitch, and the deliciously sadistic finale are not to be missed. Farley Granger, Robert Walker, Ruth Roman, Leo G. Carroll. 1951.

★★★★ (GARDEN CABARET, 10/20 THROUGH 22, 8:30 P.M.)

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. ★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

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-Disney-fied cute critters, a maggot with the eyes and voice of Peter Lorre and a skeletal pet pooch. For all his ghoulishness, the essential innocence, naiveté, even squareness of Burton may be linked to his unshakable faith that the sophomoric cackle will never evolve into a satiated yawn. The climactic rising-up of the dead to walk the face of the earth, like George Romero's zombies but without the appetite, is fairly amusing if you can slough off the descending torpor. With the voices of Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Emily Watson, Tracey Ullman, Albert Finney, and Christopher Lee.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; FASH-



Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

ION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CEN-TER; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SOUARE 14)

Two for the Money — Simple-minded, fast-talking exposé of the sports-betting

racket, a \$200-billion-a-vear business, so we're informed. Al Pacino, as the operator of a 900-number tout service, is encouraged in his worst excesses; and Matthew Mc-Conaughey, as a disabled quarterback who can really pick 'em, is Pacino's disciple in more than one way: "He makes NostraRene Russo, Jeremy Piven, Armand Assante; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2005. • (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION

fuckin-damus look like a novelty act." With

VALLEY 18; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RAN-CHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18: SANTEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 fatherin-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)

Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit — Nick Park's clayma-

# **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

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#### **CENTRAL**

#### **CLAIREMONT**

#### **Town Square 14**

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **A History of Violence** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:10, 2:50) 5:10, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (12:10, 2:50) 5:10, 7:55, 10:15; **Domino** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:55) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25; **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45, 10:10 Sun. (12:30, 2:55) 5:20, 7:45 10:05; Dreamer (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:30, 9:55; Elizabethtown (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:05) 4:20, 5:45, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:40) 5:15, 8:00, 10:20; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15) 4:15, 7:05, 10:05; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:45) 4:30, 7:20, 10:15; **Stay** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:40, 3:00) 5:30, 8:05, 10:30 Sun. (12:40, 3:00) 5:30, 7:50, 10:10; **The 40 Year Old Virgin** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:15) 5:00, 7:50, 10:35 Sun. (2:15) 5:00, 7:40, 10:20; The Fog (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05 7:25, 9:45; The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:35); Two for the Money (R) Fri.,-Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:40, 10:25; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:20) 4:40, 7:00, 9:25

#### **DOWNTOWN**

#### Gaslamp 15

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#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM) An Unfinished Life (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:40) 6:50; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (1:20, 2:00, 3:50, 4:35) 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25 Sat., -Sun. (1:20, 2:00, 3:50) 4:35, 7:15, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25; Just Like Heaven (PG-13) Fri (4:10) 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. 4:10, 9:25; Serenity (PG-13) Fri. (1:30, 4:25) 7:25, 10:25 Sat., Sun. (1:30) 4:25, 7:25, 10:25; The Constant Gardener (R) Fri. (1:25, 4:20) 7:20, 10:20 Sat., -Sun. (1:25) 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) Fri. (1:15, 4:10) 6:55, 9:50 Sat., -Sun (1:15) 4:10, 6:55, 9:50; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 3:45) 6:45, 9:30; **The Work** and the Glory (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:10, 3:35) 6:15, 9:05; Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) Fri. (1:00, 3:10, 5:20) 7:40, 9:55 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00, 3:10) 5:20, 7:40, 9:55; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri. (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sat.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; **Waiting** (R) 5 at.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Waiting (R) Fri. (1:35, 4:25) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:00, 9:40; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri. (1:10, 9:150, 3:40, 4:40) 6:30, 7:05, 9:00, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (1:10, 1:50, 3:40) 4:40, 6:30, 7:05, 9:00. 9:35. (1:10, 1:50, 3:40) 4:40, 6:30, 7:05, 9:00, 9:35; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri. (1:00, 4:15) 7:10, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (1:00) 4:15, 7:10, 10:10

#### **LA JOLLA**

#### La Jolla 12

8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) A History of Violence (R); Domino (R); Doom (R); Dreamer (PG); Elizabethtown (PG-13); In Her Shoes (PG-13); North Country (R); Separate Lies (R); Stay (R); The Fog (PG-13); Two for the Money (R); Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

**La Jolla Village** 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Emmanuel's Gift (G) Fri. (1:05, 3:20, 5:25) 7:30, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:05) 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:40; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri. 1:15, 2:45, 3:30, 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30 Sat .-Sun 12:30, 1:15, 2:45, 3:30, 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30; The Prize Winner of Defiance. Ohio (PG-13) Fri .-Sun (2:20) 7:00: Thumbsucker (R) Fri. (4:40) 9:20 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00) 4:40, 9:20

#### MIRA MESA

#### Mira Mesa 18

10733 Westview Parkway (858-635-7700) Call theater for program information

#### MISSION VALLEY

#### Fashion Valley 18 7037 Friars Road (858-558-2262)

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#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) A History of Violence (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00; **In Her** Shoes (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Proof** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; Two for the Money (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:15

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) A History of Violence (R); Domino (R); Doom (R); Dreamer (PG); Elizabethtown (PG-13); Flightplan (PG-13); In Her Shoes (PG-13); Kids in America (PG-13); North Country (R); Serenity (PG-13); Stay (R); The 40 Year Old Virgin (R); The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13); The Fog (PG-13); Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG); Two for the Money (R); Waiting (R); Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)

#### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) **Domino** (R) Fri. (3:45) 7:05, 9:55 Sat. (1:05, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55 Sun. (1:05, 3:55) 7:30; **Doom** (R) Fri. (3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20 Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:30, 8:00; **Roll Bounce** (PG-13) Fri. (2:30) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45 Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:25, 9:45 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:50, 7:40; The Fog (PG-13) Fri. (3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30 Sat. (1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. (1:15, 3:35) 5:55, 8:15; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05 Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:05 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **Wallace and Gromit: The** Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri. (2:55) 5:05, 7:15, 9:25 Sat. (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:15, 9:25 Sun. (12:45, 2:55) 5:05, 7:35

4061 Adams Avenue (619-819-0236) Forty Shades of Blue (Not Rated) Fri. (4:20) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (1:40) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

#### **UPTOWN**

#### **Garden Cabaret**

4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) How To Steal a Million (G)

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Capote** (R) Fri. (2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:05) 7:25, 8:10, 9:55 Sat., -Sun. (11:20) 11:50, 2:00, 2:30, 4:40, 5:05, 7:25, 8:10, 9:55; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri. 1:15, 2:45, 3:30, 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. 12:30, 1:15, 2:45, 3:30, 5:00, 5:45, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30; Innocent Voices (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:55) 7:35, 10:05 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:05

#### **Museum of Photographic Arts** 1649 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-7559) Call theater for program information

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Amazing Journeys (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag (G) Fri.,-Sun. 5:00; Mystery of the Nile (Not Rated) Fri. 1:00, 3:00, 8:00 Sat., -Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Mystic India IMAX (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat.,-Sun. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** (Not

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

#### LA MESA

#### **Grossmont Center** Grossmont Center (619-465-7100)

**A History of Violence** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 8:10, 10:45 Sun. (12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 8:10, 10:30; Domino (R) Fri. (3:45) 7:00, 10:25 Sat. (12:25, 3:45) 7:00, 10:25 Sun. (12:25, 3:45)

### 7:10, 10:05 Sun. (1:30) 4:15, 7:10, 10:00; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 Sat. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (11:00, 1:50) 4:45, 7:35, 9:50; **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:00) 4:05, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:00) 4:05, 7:15, 10:05; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri .-Sat (12:45, 3:50) 7:05, 10:00 Sun (12:45, 3:50) 7:05, 9:55; **North Country** (R) Fri. (2:05) 5:00, 8:05, 10:50 Sat. (11:10, 2:05) 5:00, 8:05, 10:50 Sun. (11:10, 2:05) 5:00, 8:05, 10:35; **Stay**

7:00, 10:15; **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:30) 4:15,

(R) Fri. (2:15) 4:45, 7:55, 10:35 Sat. (11:55, 2:15) 4:45, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:45, 7:55, 10:35 Sun. (11:55, 2:15) 4:45, 7:55, 10:20; **The Fog** (PG-13) Fri. (1:45) 4:35, 7:30, 10:20 Sat. (11:05, 1:45) 4:35, 7:30, 10:20 Sun. (11:05, 1:45) 4:35, 7:30, 10:10; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri. (2:05) 4:25, 7:25, 10:40 Sat. (11:50, 2:05) 4:25, 7:25, 10:40 Sun. (11:50, 2:05) 4:25,

7:25, 10:25

**Grossmont Trolley** 8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:30) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (2:30) 5:15, 7:50; Elizabethtown (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:00) 4:40, 7:55, 10:40 Sun. (2:00) 4:40, 7:55; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:15) 4:45, 7:35, 10:00 Sun. (2:15) 4:45, 7:35; In Her Shoes (PG-13) Fri. 4:35, 7:45, 10:30 Sat. (1:20) 4:35, 7:45, 10:30 Sun. (1:20) 4:35, 7:45; Kids in America (PG-13) Fri. (3:05) 5:25, 8:05, 10:10 Sat. (1:05, 3:05) 5:25, 8:05, 10:10 Sun. (1:05, 3:05) 5:25, 8:05; **North Country** (R) Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sat. (1:15) 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (1:15) 4:30, 7:30; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (2:05) 4:50, 7:45, 10:35 Sun. (2:05) 4:50, 7:45; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri. (3:00) 5:20, 8:00, 10:20 Sat. (1:00, 3:00) 5:20, 8:00, 10:20 Sun (1:00, 3:00) 5:20, 8:00

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15 2951 Iamacha Road

Call theater for program information

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447)  $\label{eq:Doom} \begin{array}{ll} \text{Doom (R); Tim Burton's Corpse Bride ($PG$);} \\ \text{Two for the Money ($R$); Wallace and} \\ \text{Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit ($G$)} \end{array}$ 

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Domino** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:15; **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Elizabethtown (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 9:45; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **Kids in** America (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (3:30) 8:15. 10:30; **North Country** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:00; **Stay** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30; The Fog

(PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 6:00; **Wallace and Gromit:** The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
A History of Violence (R); Domino (R);  $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Doom}\ (R); \textbf{Dreamer}\ (PG); \textbf{Elizabethtown} \\ (PG\text{-}13); \textbf{Flightplan}\ (PG\text{-}13); \textbf{In Her Shoes} \end{array}$ (PG-13); Into the Blue (PG-13); Just Like Heaven (PG-13); Kids in America (PG-13); North Country (R); Serenity (PG-13); Stay (R); The 40 Year Old Virgin (R); The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13); The Fog (PG-13); The Gospel (PG); The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG); Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG); Two for the Money (R); Waiting (R); Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)

#### Rancho Del Rey 16

East H Street (619-216-4707) Call theater for program information

### Vogue

226 3rd Avenue (619-425-1436) The 40 Year Old Virgin (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:45, 8:15; The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 3:45, 10:15; Wedding Crashers (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:30, 6:00

#### **IMPERIAL BEACH**

#### South Bay Drive In

2170 Coronado Avenue (619-423-2727) Call theater for program information

#### **NORTH INLAND CARMEL MOUNTAIN**

#### Carmel Mountain

11620 Carmel Mountain Road (858-674-9770) Domino (R) Fri.,-Sat. (1:25) 4:30, 7:20, 10:10 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:20, 8:10; **Doom** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:20, 7:55; Dreamer (PG) Fri. (1:45) 4:25, 7:00, 9:45 Sat. (11:45, 2:20) 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. (11:55, 2:25) 4:55, 7:45; **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (1:10, 3:55) 7:05, 9:55 Sun. (11:45, 2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25 Sat. (12:30, 3:00) 5:40, 8:05, 10:25 Sun. (12:30, 2:50) 5:40, 8:05; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20 Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:25, 10:20 Sun. (11:45, 2:35) 5:25, 8:15; North Country (R) Fri. (1:15) 4:15, 7:15, 10:05 Sat. (1:00, 3:55) 7:00, 10:05 Sun. (11:55, 2:40) 5:25, 8:15; **Stay** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:30) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30 Sun. (12:50, 3:15) 5:50, 8:10; **The Fog** (PG-13) Fri. (1:00, 3:15) 5:30, 7:50, 10:15 Sat. (12:45, 3:05) 5:30, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:45, 3:10) 5:30, 7:50; The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG) Fri. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50 Sat. (1:15) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50 Sun. (12:05, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri. (1:40) 4:25, 7:35, 10:25 Sat. (1:20) 4:25, 7:35, 10:25 Sun. (1:15) 4:30, 7:35; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri. (2:15) 4:40, 7:30, 9:45

tion creations — the crackpot inventor who's "crackers about cheese" and his silent, watchful, wary, undyingly loyal yet healthily skeptical pet pooch - take their first feature-length excursion, after a nineyear absence from the screen. The just shy of an hour-and-a-half running time is as long as their three previous outings put together. But because the pacing is as expert as ever, it flies by in what feels like maybe, oh, an hour flat, where the earlier halfhours - A Grand Day Out, The Wrong Trousers, A Close Shave — felt proportionately like twenty minutes tops. (The necessarily more elaborate or elongated plotline veers off into a horror-film pastiche that deftly stitches together a Frankensteinian composite of the Wolfman, the Fly, and King Kong.) The unprecedented contamination, unprecedented for Wallace and Gromit anyway, of traditional stop-motion animation with newfangled computer-gen-

erated imagery — primarily for a multitude of rabbits and some "special effects" of fog, smoke, an explosion, and the like — doubtless sullies the purism of their hermetically enclosed world. But this is more bothersome in principle than in actual spectacle. These distinct animation techniques in fact blend very well. And the human touch, in any event, still shows in the imperfect texture of the plasticine figures, in their limited movements, and in the overall illusion that you are watching a live-action film of three-dimensional space, of sets, camera angles, and lighting, of mise-en-scène. The illusion is not really an illusion at all. The space, the sets, the angles, the lighting, all exist in the real world, together with the race of foot-tall homunculi. More problematic, perhaps, is the spicing up of the traditional cozy, genteel, droll, understated British humor - traditional British humor, that is, prior to the Goon Show and Monty

Python — with a peppering of the salty and the dirty. Though the spice may be mild by the standards of the contemporary marketplace, in specific the standards of the computer-animation marketplace, one can't help but feel that co-directors Nick Park and Steve Box have bent a little to peer pressure. What one would prefer to see instead is for them to exert some pressure on their peers (meaning their inferiors) in matters of timing, touch, and taste. With the voices of Peter Sallis, Helena Bonham Carter, Ralph Fiennes. 2005.

\*\* (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VAL-LEY 18: GALAXY 6: GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKET-PLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROME-NADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RAN-

CHO DEL REY 16: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15: SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Wedding Crashers — It starts out as a men-behaving-badly skit about a couple of skirt-chasing cads who drop in on weddings to pick up susceptible girls and promptly drop them. After a frenetic montage of their modus operandi, however, the action settles into a perfectly conventional romantic comedy, hitting all the expected spots at all the expected times, as our two cads — the equally expected Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, who earlier worked with the director, David Dobkin, on *Clay Pigeons* and Shanghai Knights respectively — discover their true soul mates, two sisters for added convenience, a phony virgin slash nymphomaniac slash bondage girl (Isla Fisher) and a save-the-planet altruist (Rachel McAdams) who reveals her superior sensibility by giggling uncontrollably at the selfwritten vows of their older sister and new brother-in-law. The funny business, in what amounts merely to a newer convention, is pushed to such extremes of crassness and grossness that you feel as if the laughs are being extracted not by feather tickler but by thumbscrew. E.g., the ancient matriarch of one of America's leading political families will pepper her dinner-party conversation with epithets like "asshole," "homo" (of her own grandson), and "rug muncher" (of Eleanor Roosevelt), while her granddaughter administers a hand job beneath the tablecloth. Audiences do laugh at this sort of thing. But why? With Christopher Walken, Jane Seymour, Will Ferrell.

● (HORTON PLAZA 14; VOGUE)

Sat. (12:00, 2:25) 4:40, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:00, 2:25) 4:40, 7:30

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

#### **FALLBROOK**

5256 S. Mission Road (760-945-8784) **Dreamer** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Elizabethtown (PG-13) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sat. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 11:30 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sat. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:30, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15; **North Country** (R) Fri. (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sat. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:30 (2:30) 5:15, 8:00; **Tim Burton's Corpse Bride** (PG) Fri. (2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:30 Sat. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15; **Wallace and** Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri. (2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15 Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:15, 4:15) 6:15, 8:15

#### **POWAY**

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) **Domino** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 4:45, 10:45 Sun. 4:45; **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:30) 7:30; **Kids in America** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 11:00 (1:15, 3:30) 6:00, 8:15; **North Country** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun, 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **Stay** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:45; **The Fog** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun, 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (2:00) 7:45; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00

#### **RAMONA**

#### Ramona Twin

626 Main Street (760-789-3422) Call theater for program information

#### SAN MARCOS

#### San Marcos 18

1180 West San Marcos Boulevard at Old California Walk (760-471-3711) Call theater for program information

#### **VISTA**

#### Vista Village Metroplex 15

Highway 78 at Vista Village Drive (760-945-7469) Call theater for program information

## **NORTH COASTAL**

#### **CARLSBAD**

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

(858-646-9420)

A History of Violence (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:30 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Elizabeth**town (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15,

10:15 Sun. 10:30 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; In Her Shoes (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; The Fog (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 11:00 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 11:00 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30; **Two** for the Money (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30,

4:30) 6:30, 8:30, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:30, 4:30) 6:30, 8:30

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **Proof** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **Stay** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:30; The Constant Gardener (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (4:00) 9:30 Sun. 10:30 (4:00); The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:30, 7:00

#### **ENCINITAS**

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) **Domino** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:40, 4:30, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:40; **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30 Sun. 1:30, 5:00, 7:50; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05 Sun. 2:15, 4:45, 7:30; **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15 Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:05, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10 Sun. 1:05, 4:10, 7:10; Stay (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:50, 5:15, 8:05, 10:40 Sun. 1:50, 5:15,  $8:05; \textbf{The Fog} \ (PG-13) \ Fri., -Sat. \ 3:15, 5:40, \\ 8:10, 10:35 \ Sun. \ 3:15, 5:40, 8:10; \textbf{Wallace and} \\ \textbf{Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit} \ (G)$ Fri.,-Sat. 12:50, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. 12:50, 2:55, 5:30, 8:00

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) Grizzly Man (R); March of the Penguins

#### LA COSTA

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
A History of Violence (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15

(12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; Dreamer (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; Elizabethtown (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; In Her Shoes (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun, 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (1:00, 4:00) 7:00; The Greatest Game Ever Played (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:45 (4:45); Two for the Money (R) Fri.,-Sat. 1:45, 7:45, 10:45 Sun. 1:45, 7:45

#### **OCEANSIDE**

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

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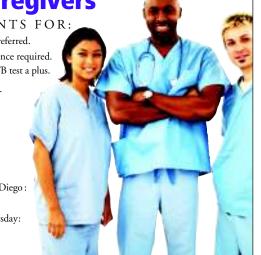
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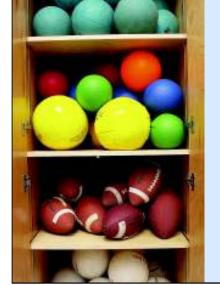
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Ocean water gets a lot colder. The time change absolutely sucks. There's something about the smell in the air during fall that's pretty cool, and it's hard to explain the feel in the air; maybe it has to do with football season and the Chargers. I like the fact that baseball playoffs are also in fall; even though I'm not a Padres fan, sports are still the best part of fall. Halloween is pretty cool because girls dress up like some sort of slut. Seriously, though, I mean, I'm not lying; it's all about the high skirts and the kind of tops that are as tight as possible so that their boobs pop out.



Kristen Jaekel Coast Guard

Mission Beach

don't like the time change. I like I don't like the time change. I love it when it's daytime longer. I love watching football; sports are the best part of fall. As a kid, I liked school, so I liked fall when I was younger; I got good grades and fall always meant new clothes. My birthday is also in the fall, so I get excited about that. Thanksgiving is also in fall, and that's a great holiday because a girl has got to eat. This year for Halloween, I'm going to be a Chargers



April Ahern Program Director

Birdrock

▼ really don't like to watch sports unless I'm at the game, so I guess I don't like that there's more sports on TV during fall. I don't like annoying Halloween costumes. Costumes can be annoying because it's such an anxiety, not knowing what you're going to be; you have to think about it forever, and you put all this effort into your costume. You think your costume is unique and then you see five other girls dressed as Playboy bunnies. It's also bad that fall means the end of summer because you always drink more beer and have more fun in summer.



Justin Dippel Financial Advisor

Pacific Beach

I hate Halloween. I'm not the Grinch or anything; I just don't like dressing up. I like who I am. Sometimes I put out a pumpkin or a jack-o'lantern because people pressure me into it. I keep my costumes real simple; I dress up in something like a doctor. I liked going back to school in fall as a kid because you got to wear all your new duds. Thanksgiving is cool, but I get fat during Thanks giving. Fall is good because you get football, baseball playoffs, and college football



Tess Yager Insurance

Pacific Beach

The weather. Summer is my favorite time of year, but I do love Halloween. I don't worry about my costume; I've been a schoolgirl for the last four years. I have a good costume; I'm just going to go with it. It does kind of suck that it gets darker. Fall is prettier. I'm a big fan of Thanksgiving; it's great getting the family together. Fall's beautiful, leaves are on the ground...but it gets a little darker earlier and I love

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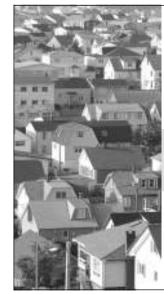
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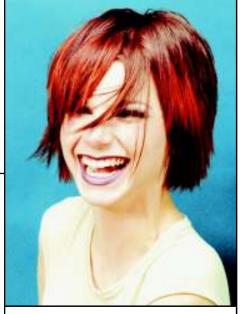
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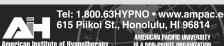
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- 4. Poke with a stick
- 7. Sporty cars, for short
- 11. Staff sgt., e.g.12. One of Time's 1993 Men of the
- 16. Madonna's "La \_ Bonita'
- 17. Prohibition, perhaps?
- 19. "Just the facts, \_\_\_\_ 20. Oswaldo's "other"
- 21. Info to input
- 23. \_\_\_\_ Butterworth's
  24. What Bert wishes for when his roommate hurts his feelings?
- 29. Sake server's sash
- -do-well
- 31. Scottish explorer John
- 32. Hightailed it
- 33. Sine's reciprocal, for short
- 35. "What a bunch of malarkey!" 39. Declarations of disgust
- 41. Health store snack bar ingredient
- 43. Identical
- 44. Compel
- 46. 6:50, say
- 48. Neckline style
- 49. Run-of-the-mill: Abbr.
- 51. East Coast hwv.
- 52. It's kept in a pen
- 53. Returning to the kitchen to restock one's serving tray? 57. Rx watchdog
- \_\_\_ Anything" ("Oliver!" song)
- 59. Those running the place: Abbr.
- 61. Rover's warning
- 63. What 17-, 24- and 53-Across and 13-Down all have (and what NBC airs in the summertime)
- 67. You can hang your hat on it
- 68. Naval Academy grad
- 69. French 101 article
- \_\_ Angel" (1933 Mae West 70. ' film)
- 71. Subj. for immigrants
- 72. Late-shift periods: Abbr.

### Down

- 1. Not many words
- 2. He played Chachi on "Joanie Loves Chachi"
- 3. "A Few Good Men" director 4. It may be jam-packed
- 5. Exist
- 6. Lush locale?
- 7. ABC's "According to \_\_\_
- 8. "Me too"
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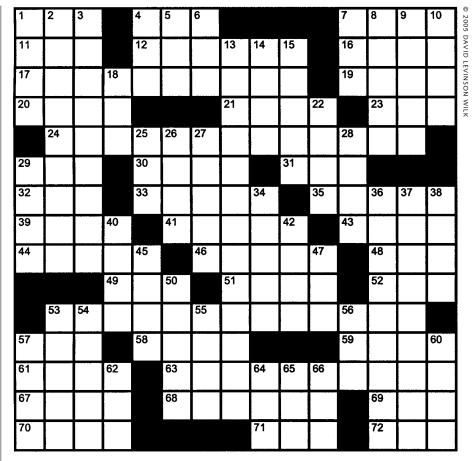
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- 14. Plow: Sp.
- 15. Spud
- 18. It's quite a stretch
- 22. Get \_\_\_\_ on the knuckles 25. Its Web site is
- www.democrats.org: Abbr.
- 26. Org. overseeing fairness in hiring
- 27. Moved to a quieter table, say
- 28. 1987 Costner role 29. "Carmina Burana" composer 34. Actor Richard of "The
- Godfather"
- 36. Living it up
- 37. It's in the U.S. Constitution 38. Half of a fortnight
- 40. Edinburgh native
- 42. 1899-1902 war participant "... \_\_\_\_ saw Elba"
- 47. Tree in the pine family
- 50. Eminem's discoverer
- 53. Kind of drive
- 54. Slugger Hank
- 55. First place
- 56. Start of a Latin conjugation 57. Alphabet quartet
- 60. A Spanish crowd?
- 62. Old MGM rival
- 64. 180 degree turn, in slang
- 65. Riot-stopping grps.
- 66. Debut of Oct. 11, 1975

### RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
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  6. All answers must be entered in the
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- 1. Thelma Strickland-Hicks, Del Mar
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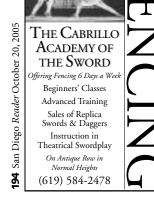
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adventure. (10/26) 2 49159

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SINGLE WHITE FEMALE, 41, 5'2" long red, blue, fit, feisty, finicky long red, blue, fit, feisty, finicky. Seeking ethical, educated, en-thralling, entertaining, articulate, childless, nonsmoking/drug, muscular black man. No players! (10/26) 72 49145

ATTRACTIVE, SLENDER, fit, non smoker. Seeking gentleman, 55-65ish, dining, dancing, movies, walling, hiking, working out, beaches deserts, mountains, enjoying the good life together here in paradise. (10/26) 🕿 49142

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CUTE, SLENDER CAUCASIAN, 56 childless, upscale yet down to earth. Ready for lifetime of love and happiness with an accomplished, unencumbered, confident, goal-oriented gentleman. (11/2) \$\alpha\$ 49172

55, 5'10', sensuous, passionate, spiritual, personable, huggable, extroverted, East County. Are you outdoorsy, attractive, energetic affectionate, wicked, playful, tall, exciting, stable nonsmoker. (10/26)

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PRETTY AND PETITE music teacher, PRETITY 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) \$\alpha\$ 49140

PERFECTION, MOVE ON. Me: mild, open, honest, smart. Like: movies, sushi, affection. 5'3', 139lbs., Latina, single, 50s, dog owner, employed. (10/26) \$\overline{A}\$ 49143

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**50ish AND DESPERATE.** I am a good listener. Your solution is just a phone call away. (11/2) ☎ 49560 FUN LOVING, TALL, attractive, 50, di

vorced, white, intelligent, sense of humor, good communicator, kind, financially OK. Seeking attractive woman for relationship. (10/26) ☎ 49536

TIRED OF BEING ALONE? Me too-let talk. What do we have to lose. (10/26)

STILL LOOKING FOR THAT cherished woman who feels that being the most important part of her man's life is as important as material wealth. (10/26) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$ 49545

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, 6'1", 165lbs., 53, red/blue, road bicyclist, swing, dancer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone who doesn't expect to ride the "gravy train."(11/2) 49564 STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8" 165lbs., outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures, ice cream, simple pleasures of life. You: somewhat attractive, one-to-one relationship. (11/2)

BLACK FEMALE WANTED by handsome Latino with great personality, fit, slim, 5'8". Seeking fine black lady, 19-35, for friendship, romance. (11/2)

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PROFESSIONAL GENTLEMAN, 51, handsome, secure, kind, loving man. Seeking fit, beautiful woman, inside and out, 30-40 years, who enjoys life with positive outlook. (11/2) 2 49567

SPIRITUAL PATH, HUMOROUS, caring, kind, honest, intelligent, 51, 5'8 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy coffee houses, movies, rock music, nature books. Seeking someone to share life with. (10/26) \$\frac{10}{25}\$

with. (10/26) \$\tilde{T}\$ 49524 MATURE GENTLEMAN, established, seeking companion. Reside in Bonita with 7-year-old daughter. We enjoy our home, swimming, gardening, barbecue, travel. Child near my daughter's age would be nice. (10/26) \$\tilde{T}\$ 49579

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

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. (11/2) 49577

ROMANTIC MALE SEEKING affectionate black woman for a serious one-on-one relationship. You 38-45. Me 44. Let's hook up for real love and ro-mance. (10/26) ☎ 49531

BLACK FEMALE DESIRED. You: 35-45, nice body, also pretty. Me: 5'8", single, good looking, no hang-ups, own remodel company. (11/2) \$\oldsymbol{\Phi}\$49568

48, POLICE OFFICER. Healthy Caucasian, secure, gentleman's standards/morals, live in Fashion Valley. Seeking 40-49, content, fit, motivated lady to enjoy life with, relationship. (10/26) 🕿 49530

WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (10/26) **2** 49538

MOSTLY NORMAL, RANCH, vineyard owner, 58\*, 165ibs., not too ugly, baggage checked, want mature low mileage lady, varied interests. For companionship and que cera, ceras. Susan, contact me again. (10/26) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$ 49539

WANTED: BIG BEAUTIFUL woman. 39 6', handsome male, affectionate, hu-morous, eclectic. You: intelligent, wild, sexy, funny, sweet, unique, outspoken, who loves to wear black clothes. (11/2) 2 49558

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ITALIAN, 46, HARD WORKER. Seek

ALPINE. SEEKING FEMALE, 35-49. Dancing, romance, travel, concerts, excitement, music, good communication, romance, fun, passion. Me: 6'1", good attitude, respectful, fun. (10/26) 49533

SPIRITUAL. ROMANTIC. sensual. 46. Looking to become whole with relationship of passion, intimacy, growth. You're attractive, shapely, petite with long-dark hair, pretty legs, smile. (10/26) ☎ 49527

OPPORTUNITY! Tall, good looking, super healthy, virile, widower, homeowner, financially secure, degreed. Seeking beautiful, slim, curvaceous lady, 49-60. Dates, fun, romance, laughs, dining, trips. Genuine! (10/26) 49529

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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) \$\infty\$ 49546

MUSLIM MID-EASTERN, 5'8", 160lbs. attractive, caring, active, healthy lifestyle, unencumbered, financially secure, homeowner. Seeking an attractive, fit, Muslim woman for marriage, 44-52. (10/26) \$\overline{a}\$ 49540

ing equal treatment. Unselfish, sensitive, personable, adventurous, liberal, well travelled. Music, arts, politics, tennis, outdoor adventures, animals. Agnostic, 6'1", young 59. (11/2) 49561

LIFETIME CONTENTMENT desired?

Share your life with active, outdoor type, 78, enjoying RV camping, fish-ing, barbecues, homelife. Nonsmoker, secure homeowner, former naval offi-cer. Please call. (11/2) \$\alpha\$ 49574

ing nice, simple lady for long-term re-lationship. Open race/age. Non-smoker/drinker. Enjoy music, dance, romantic dining. Ciao bella! Call. (10/26) **2** 49541

ing compassionately, emotional support. Blue/brown, 5'6". (11/2)

HIGH REGARD FOR WOMEN includ-

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FIREMAN, WHITE, 40, fit and frisky, business, Point Loma home. Seeking business, 25, 40, for fun dating, robusiness, Point Loma home. Seeking cute hottie, 25-40, for fun, dating, romance? Dial my 911 and have some fun! (10/26) **T** 49549

SEXY, LOVING, MATURE older woman desired by tall, white male, 54. I'm warm, loving, caring and very affectionate. Enjoy dining, closeness, quiet times, romance, intimacy. (10/26) \$\overline{a}\$ 49532 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

57, CAUCASIAN, 5'8", medium built, brown hair, blue eyes, mature, young attitude, spiritual, eclectic, upbeat. Enjoy music, film, metaphysics, dining out, teacher, author, student, joyful. (10/26) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$ 49547

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 tant. Serious only. (10/26) 🏗 49534 6'2", BLACK MALE SEEKS Latina

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ASIAN WOMAN DESIRED. You are

slim, loving, attractive, financially sta-ble, 40-55. I am attractive, fit, edu-cated, loving, 178lbs., 5'10", 60, Encinitas area. (11/2) 🕿 49559

FINANCIALLY ABLE TO AFFORD best hings in life. Seeking attractive, passionate, female to smell the roses and eniov the good life. (10/26) 🏗 49543

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HERPES. WHITE, 63, 5'11", 190lbs.

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BIKER TYPE BLONDE, homeowner, no kids. Seeking same for fun and games. You: 25-55, under 130lbs. You name the game, I'll make it fun. Call. (11/2) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49572

HANDSOME BLACK MALE, 38, 5'10", 170lbs. Looking for serious rélation-ship only. No games. Must be honest. Age/race not important. Honesty is. One in million. (10/26) 🛣 49537

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl looking for a lasting relationship. Please be kind, caring, slender. I am 47, 160lbs., blond, blue, my daughter is 8. (10/26) & 49548

HANDSOME BLACK MALE seeks sexy, fit, fun, attractive female for long-term relationship. Race is open for someone who enjoys jazz, dining, and romance. (11/2) 49573

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POSITIVE CAUCASIAN, handsome healthy, homeowner near beach, late 40s, 5'10", 165lbs., affectionate, spontaneous with a head full of hair. Seeking sexy, attractive, healthy female. (11/2) 2 49553 TALL, HUMOROUS JEWISH profes-

44, 6'1-1/2", 249lbs., Single black

male, love laughter, quiet evenings, goal-setting. Seeking 18-39, big girl, 5'8'+, over 200lbs., proportionate, pretty, to live with me. (10/26) 49523

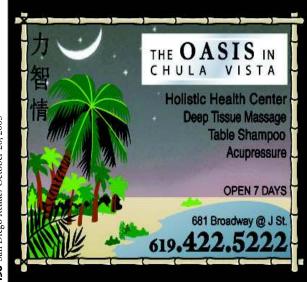
AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 42, handsome, excellent shape, 6', 220lbs. Seeking attractive lady, 35-45, that's easygoing and down to earth. (10/26) 45228

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DIVORCED WHITE MALE, attractive, professional, homeowner, mid-60s, adventurous, romantic. Enjoy all life has to offer. Seeking attractive Caucasian lady, dining, dancing, movies, theater. Let's enjoy. (11/2) ☐ 49566

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Q: Shell of power?

**Describe** this location, name the nearest cross-streets, and win a *Reader* T-shirt. E-mail to NameThis Place@SanDiego Reader.com; fax to 619-231-0489; or mail to *Reader*, Name This Place, Box 85803, San Diego 92186 — include your name and address. (Deadline, Tuesday, 9 a.m. In case of ties, lottery will determine top five winners.)



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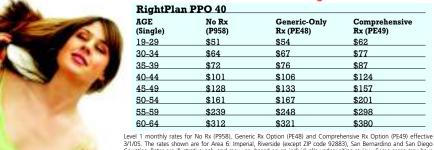








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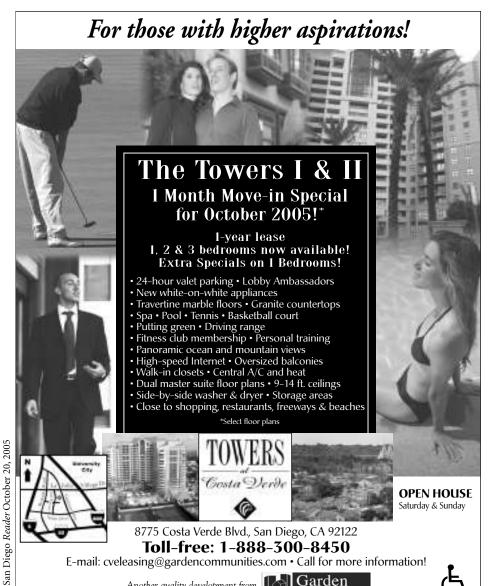
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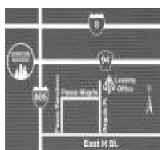


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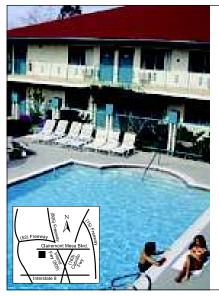




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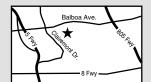
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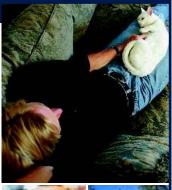
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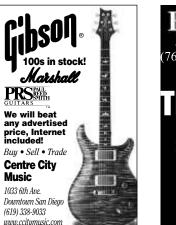
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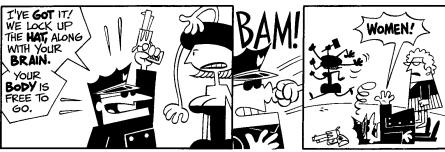


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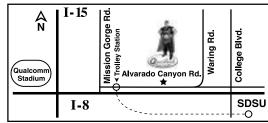
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### **LEAD STORY**

— In September, nine-year veteran weathercaster Scott Stevens of KPVI-TV in Pocatello, Idaho, resigned to pursue his obsession of proving that the massiveness of Hurricane Katrina must have been caused by a Russian-made electromagnetic generator employed by the Japanese Yakuza in retaliation for the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. The "patterns and odd geometric shapes" in the sky are "unmistakable" evidence, according to his website, that "our weather has been stolen from us." Station manager Bill Fouch said that Stevens was great at forecasting local conditions and that he was sorry to lose him.

### **Leading Economic Indicators**

Roy Singfield's Trample Fetish Club was set to open in late September or early October in Norwich, England, with a specialty of providing dominatrixes to walk on top of submissive clientele in a variety of shoes and boots (but supposedly with no sex involved). Singfield planned a Trample Room, a Crush room, and a Smoothing room (where the master sits on the client's head), with memberships starting at the equivalent of about \$225 annually.

 Several psychics are hard at work advising Australian business executives, providing such things as "intuitive diagnostics" of personnel systems and detecting "blockages" of the organizational structure (for hourly fees as high as the equivalent of \$290), according to a June report in Sydney's Sunday Telegraph. Psychic Sally de Beche advises clients based on her "holographic images" of the business cycle, and another, Stacey Demarco, a self-described "witch" (and author of the book There's a Witch in the Boardroom), builds business networks that she terms "covens." A September sidewalk protest of a Hender-

son, Nev., Wal-Mart by the United Food and Commercial Workers (which seeks to unionize Wal-Mart, whose notoriously low wage structure is blamed by the union for low wages across the supermarket industry) was staffed by temporary workers hired by UFCW to picket in the hot sun for \$30 for a five-hour shift. Said one picketer to the Las Vegas Weekly, "It don't make no sense,

does it? We're sacrificing for the people who work in there, and they don't even know it."

### **Awesome Animals**

- More Weird Mating Habits: The longest-lasting copulation, according to University of Arizona biologist John Alcock (interviewed for an August Knight Ridder story), is that of the lowly "stick insect" (of the phasmida family), which goes on for several months at a time, even though, he said, it is "not clear this is welcome to the female." The male attaches himself to the female's back, which allows her to continue with her daily routine during the mating while also discouraging competitor males. According to other biologists, some ticks spend up to eight hours on what resembles foreplay, and butterflies, snakes, and houseflies can also go on for hours.

- At Northern Ireland's Belfast Zoo in September, Phoebe the chimp and two others managed to climb out of their compound, and armed security guards had to come round them up. In an effort to frighten the animals into submission, they fired shots into the air, and according to the reporter for The Guardian newspaper, the chimps not only became docile at the sound of gunfire, but they put their hands up.

- In September, veterinarian Jon-Paul Carew of the Imperial Point Animal Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., surgically removed a 13-inch-long serrated knife that had been swallowed by Elsie, a six-month-old St. Bernard puppy, and the dog is now doing fine. The blade was lodged between her esophagus and stomach for about four days and was detected by an X-ray. Said Elsie's owner, "She wants to eat everything and anything."

# **Readers' Choice**

- Rochester, N.H., physician Terry Bennett has been scheduled for a December disciplinary hearing by the State Board of Medicine, based on a complaint that he much too bluntly warned an obese female patient to lose weight or face health and love-life problems (comments that allegedly caused her emotional distress). Said Bennett, "I tried to get her attention." A 2001 complaint against Bennett, which had been dismissed, was

revived by the board for the December hearing; he had allegedly told a patient in poor health following brain surgery that she might as well buy a gun and end her suffering.

# **Improbable Collisions**

A 28-year-old motorcyclist was hospitalized in Elkhart, Ind., in August after he was unable to avoid a refrigerator that was lying on a welllighted street in nearby Nappanee at 2:30 a.m. ... A motorist was hospitalized in Madison, Wis., in July when he veered off the road slightly and accidentally rammed a dishwasher that had been left on the sidewalk. ... On Interstate 295 near Westville, N.J., in August, a modular house (being transported by a truck) accidentally smacked into an abandoned SUV on the side of the road, knocking it into the woods.

### **Least Competent Criminals**

 Sonja Aguirre, 18, was arrested in Greenwood Village, Colo., in March when, while allegedly carrying 265 pounds of marijuana worth an estimated \$500,000, she decided to save a few steps and park in a handicap space. ... Edgar Galvan, 28, and Jose Clark, 27, were arrested in Orlando, Fla., in July when, though allegedly carrying 550 pounds of marijuana, they hauled it in an SUV with an expired license plate. ... According to police in Dayton, Ohio, in August, a man and a teenager, who were intending to rob a marijuana-growing couple of their large inventory, were arrested shortly beforehand when they tried to save a few bucks by shoplifting pantyhose (to wear as disguises in the robbery) from a Rite Aid drug store.

### Well-Stated

- (1) Broward County (Fla.) school board member Robin Bartleman, explaining in July why she finally accepted an elementary school's new policy of no running on the playground: "To say 'no running' on the playground seems crazy, but your feelings change when you're in a closeddoor meeting with lawyers." (2) The costume designer for the new movie Superman Returns, explaining in September (in Newsweek) her toughest problem: "There was more discussion about Superman's 'package' than anything else on the suit. Was it too big? Was it not big enough? Was it too pointy? Too round?" (3) The child-targeted advertising slogan for Tomamasu Corp.'s new nonalcoholic beverage "Kidsbeer" (which looks and foams like beer but is actually a cola): "Even kids cannot stand life unless they have a drink.'

### **Paranormal Blues**

· According to an August report in The Guardian, British UFO sightings have fallen dramatically in the past few years, say prominent extraterrestrial-watchers in Cumbria County, England (which has seen a drop-off from 40 sightings in 2004 to none in the first seven months of 2005, although sightings continue to come in from elsewhere in the country). Explanations include a post-Sept. 11 worry about Earthbound threats, as well as the end of the TV series The X Files. Furthermore, in August, British bookmakers told Independent Television News that betting action on whether Elvis Presley is alive has almost completely disappeared. Said bookie Rupert Adams, "It is perhaps the end of an era."

### **Sweat in the News**

• (1) No-sweat and no-odor clothes have hit the market recently, the products of several competing technologies. Britain's Ministry of Defense announced that it would equip soldiers in Afghanistan with heat-resistant, germ-fighting underwear. And the U.S. sports-gear manufacturer Brooks, which set out to design heat-dissipating clothes, found that its silver-ion technology also "electrocuted" bacteria, allowing (it claims) as many as ten stinkfree workouts between washings. (2) University of California, Merced, professor Christopher Viney collects and studies hippopotamus sweat, according to an August Fresno Bee report, hypothesizing that the ingredients can help develop sunscreens, bug repellents, and skin-infection protections for humans.

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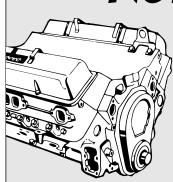
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I read as much as the next person. And the person next to that person and the next person over and the two hiding in the corner as well. So when the Limerick City Library decided to host a reading group, I thought I would check it out.

The aim of the group is to introduce people to the classics. Over 23 weeks we will read *Ulysses* by James Joyce. Some assistance and lectures will be provided by the English Department at Mary Immaculate College. But mostly we are on our own. We are going to meet every two weeks or so.

From a mechanical view, just over 900 pages in 23 weeks is about 40 pages per week, around 6 pages per day. So six to ten minutes per day reading Ulysses. I'm already up to page 119 after my trip last week. Of course, mechanical reading defeats the purpose. I will read it in full in the next three to four weeks and then go back and reread sections as appropriate.

There are 12 people in the group, and I seem to be the youngest. Which I'm not thrilled about. The other under-30 person involved is an assistant librarian, and she said she won't be a regular.

Nine of the 12 people, and all the facilitating librarians, are women, which is similar to the 2 men and 28 women at yoga, and aerobics is 90 percent women. So while I am spending most of my day in a male-dominated environment, all my extracurricular activities involve lots of women.

Which, I suppose, is how it should be.

After a year of going to aerobics, I have never seen anyone have a nasty accident. Yesterday, Maria ended up a few rows behind the rest of us, and as I knew she thought she was coming down with a sore throat, I looked back to see how she was doing. She was sitting on the step, not looking very happy with herself. I thought, "Crap, she must be feeling tired or some-

thing," and gave her a quick thumbs-up, to which I received a negative response and a forlorn glance at her feet. "Ah! She must have twisted her ankle. I'm sure she will be fine." I looked back a few more times, but she wasn't getting up.

Early in the class it's hard to get the attention of an instructor or Richie, so it took some time before one of the instructors, Martin, went to help her. When I saw that, I was relieved. Until I noticed that Maria couldn't walk, even with Martin's assistance, and had to be carried off the court by Martin and another girl. I was rather worried, and it's hard to do aerobics when your mind is elsewhere.

At a convenient time I went over to see if Maria was okay. The lads had her seated on a chair with her foot elevated. She seemed fine, if a bit down. I told her that once she felt better and had collected her gear, she should wait for us outside. I would have Eoin give her a lift home after class. I could do this because (1) I knew that Eoin would give Maria a lift home if she was injured, and (2) it wasn't a situation where one asks, "If it would not be an awfully great inconvenience, then maybe you wouldn't mind possibly

offering Maria a lift home after the class?" Eoin offered at once to drive Maria home, though he admitted later he hadn't noticed anything untoward happen to her he assumed I had gone to get water. Eoin can be oblivious sometimes.

During the class, Richie, Martin, another instructor, and some of the Arena people checked in with Maria



and got ice for her ankle and bandaged it. During the break we were chatting with Maria, and she said that while she would be able to limp to the car, she probably wouldn't be able to collect her gear. So I approached Jackie, another aerobics regular, who we also know through yoga, filled her in on what was happening, and asked her if she would collect Maria's gear. Jackie was more than happy to help and volunteered to drive Maria home if she did not have a

lift. A number of other aerobic regulars who noticed Maria's distress also came over to check on her.

Eoin and I went to change after the class. We commented that if Maria was still in distress more than an hour after the incident, then she may have some thing more serious than a twisted ankle. We thought that she was likely to

> be a stubborn patient and wouldn't want to go to the hospital. This proved to be the

Hilarity ensued as we tried to manage a hopping Maria out of the gym, up some steps, and into Eoin's car. We were able to bully Maria into letting us into her house,

where we made tea, engaged in witty banter, and more or less kept her entertained until Maria's housemate Colin turned up.

This morning I rang Maria to see how she was. She still can't put weight on her foot, and the weight of the bedclothes caused her some distress last night. She is getting Colin to drive her to A&E to get everything checked out.

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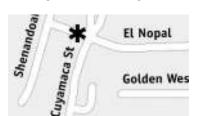


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### **FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION**

**Location:** 1800 El Nopal, Santee **Time/Date:** 10:21 p.m. on 10/4/05

**Incident:** Two motorcyclists were driving eastbound on El Nopal and failed to negotiate the curve and



crashed. One male driver fled the scene. Witnesses described the male driver as wearing a black

tank top, shorts, tattoos on his arms and bleeding. The second driver was ejected from his motorcycle. The Fire Department administered lifesaving and CPR procedures. The subject was pronounced dead by the Fire Department at 10:35 p.m.

### **ARMED BANK ROBBERY**

**Location:** 262 North El Camino Real, Encinitas **Time/Date:** 3:15 p.m. on 10/3/05

**Investigation:** A white male adult entered [Vons] wearing what appeared to be a paintball mask, a white



pinstriped shirt with blue jeans, and carrying a black bag. The suspect approached a teller [of the

Wells Fargo Bank in Vons], revealed the butt of a handgun and demanded money. The teller complied with the request and filled the black bag. The suspect then left the store and ran west on Via Montoro, into a cul de sac on the south side. Witnesses lost sight of him at that point.

One of the bank employees thought she recognized the robber's eyes and voice belonging to Brandon H. (20 year old), a former employee of the Vons store. Two locations were developed where H. would probably be located. One was in Carlsbad and the other was in Alpine. Carlsbad Police Department responded to the first location and Alpine deputies went to the second. In Alpine, the deputies made contact with H.'s grandparents. They said he should have been home already and they expected him shortly.

H. did arrive shortly and was met by the deputies. He consented to a search of his vehicle. Paintball equipment, a white pinstriped shirt and a bag full of money were located. Deputies from the Encinitas station responded to Alpine to take custody of H.

# CAR JACKING, ATTEMPTED MURDER, FT AI

**Location:** 145 Vernon Way, El Cajon **Time/Date:** 6:15 a.m. on 9/28/05



Incident: The victim told officers that he was putting gas in his 2000 utility truck when the suspect approached him. The suspect threatened him with a knife and demanded possession of the vehicle. The victim complied and the suspect fled the area in the stolen pickup truck at a high rate of speed.

Approximately 60 minutes later, a CHP officer saw the truck, which

had now become involved in a singlevehicle accident on I-8 eastbound at Los Coches Road, in Lakeside, The CHP officer recognized the vehicle from the description given by dispatch and watched the suspect climb out of the vehicle. She took him down at gunpoint and called for El Cajon PD to respond. Officers arrived and took the suspect into custody and transported him to the police station for processing. During the booking process, the suspect suddenly became violent and attacked the arresting officer. The suspect grabbed the officer's ink pen and stabbed him twice, once in the neck and once in the arm. Other officers arrived in the detention areas and successfully subdued the violently resisting suspect. The suspect was...charged with attempted murder, carjacking, possession of stolen property, driving under the influence of drugs and parolee at large.

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**Location:** Corner of Eucalyptus Avenue and Alestar, Vista

Time/Date: 7:08 a.m. on 10/7/05



Report: Deputies responded to a vehicle vs. child [incident]. The vehicle was eastbound on Eucalyptus and turned onto Alestar at a high rate of speed. The child was on his way to

Lincoln Middle School and was crossing the intersection on the north side of Eucalyptus. He was mid-street when the vehicle struck him. The child rolled up onto the hood of the vehicle and then fell to the street. He did not appear to have sustained major trauma and was alert and calm at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle claimed to be taking prescription medications for psych problems but displayed signs and symptoms consistent with being under the influence of a controlled substance. The driver, Cary S. (05-10-60), was taken into custody and booked for felony DUI.

# IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE

**Location:** 1700 South El Camino Real,

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m. on 10/10/05



Report: Deputies from the Encinitas Sheriff's Station responded to a call of an improvised explosive device (IED) found beneath a vehicle. The device appeared to be a small metal tank with an ignition and timing device attached. The Bomb/Arson Squad was called to the scene and defused the device. The placement of the device is thought to be random as no motive could be established.

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"My first street bike I got when I was 18. It was a Kawasaki Ninja 500. So I've got twice the bike now. It's 998 cc, in-line four cylinder. It's got a slipper clutch. My understanding is when you're down-shifting and your rpm get too high, the slipper clutch keeps the wheel from back-spinning, so you're not losing traction. The specs on the bike are it'll do 104 in first gear."

"How many gears does it have?" "Six."

"So what'll it do in sixth gear?" "Like, 186. There's guys who go that fast. I didn't buy the bike to do that, but if I ever want to, I can.

"I go out to Borrego Springs or Palomar Mountain. I like going through the canyons. When we do trips like that, we put on full leather, boots, gloves, one-piece suits. We've got pictures of us going around corners, dragging our knees. Providing there's not too much Sunday traffic, we can go pretty fast. I put a steering stabilizer on the bike. In day-today riding, it's not really necessary, but coming out of turns and really accelerating hard, a lot of times the front end will speed-wobble, and it helps with that.

"The fastest I've had it up to is 150. That was going toward a place called the Hideaway or the Hideout, going up toward Palomar. There's a

long stretch, and the guys I was following were way more experienced than I am, as far as street. I was trying to keep up. But when I hit 150, I backed off. That was enough for me.

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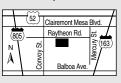


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The steam is what I miss. The steam that rose from under my scarf, out the front of my pea coat, and clouded my vision. The trees are black in Connecticut during winter. Leafless, they set against the brown, construction paper landscape, placed there by an artist.

We lived two blocks from a movie theater. Wrapping our heads in towels and scarves and wearing long underwear we thought we'd be safe against the blizzard outside. Two layers of socks, two pants, three jackets, we busted out the door into the freezing, wailing wind. We bounded down the steps and set out in a sprint across the frozen sidewalk, crunching snow beneath our boots.

### The Love

It was so cold that by the time we got to the movie theater, I had lost feeling in my gloved hands. While buying our tickets, Kim leaned down, looked at the teenager in his bright warm ticket booth, and asked him, "Why the hell would you come to work on a day like this?

"Why did you come to the movies?"

Besides snow, San Diego also escapes the ennui of the dark months. When Kim was gone I would stand next to the radiator, covered in a heavy blanket across my shoulders, and hold my knuckles to the cold window pane. I always think of the black plastic phone she left behind that wouldn't ring when I wanted it to. Until the day I heaved it at the kitchen floor and watched its wiring and batteries and little silicon chips scatter across the dark tan tile.

### The Trip

The following spring was mostly spent sitting. Sitting on trains. Sitting on planes. Sitting on benches in parks, opening bottles of wine. For every country I visited, I bought a tiny flag patch and sewed it on my backpack. There were sunsets over Eastern European castles, Italian girls who lit one cigarette off the last, and the four of us walking arm-in-arm down the cobblestone streets of Galway. I thought I would turn my ankle and go spilling down and bring everyone with me, but we made it to the pub in one piece.

When is that bike ride to Ensenada? April? I'll check that one off the list a month before my birthday.

# The Show

Phoebe, clear your schedule. We don't have much time.

# WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

# CRAZY PEOPLE (1990)

# COMEDY 8:00 A.M.

Dudley Moore should follow Vin Diesel and Ice Cube as the next XXX. They'll never see him coming.

# LARRY KING LIVE

# CNN 9:00 P.M.

When asked about her hardships, Martha Stewart complained to Larry King that her parole officer wouldn't let her attend the annual Pumpkin Regatta in Nova Scotia. I'm

not making that up. Pumpkin. Regatta. Nova Scotia. Was she trying to piss me off?

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

# **EMINEM'S GREATEST TV MOMENTS** MTV2 5:30 P.M.

My friend Sam and I went to a teppanyaki restaurant last Friday. Whipping those blades around and catching shrimp in a shirt pocket is definitely a skill. We wondered if there were little kids in Japan who dreamt of being the best teppanyaki chef ever, and we pondered how restaurants found a good chef. I theorized that there

was a competitive teppanyaki circuit and that potential chefs met in abandoned warehouses and had teppanyaki-offs. If someone wanted it bad enough, worked hard enough, and had the talent, he got the shoulder-tap from Benihana's.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

### **BRING IT ON AGAIN (2004)**

### USA 10:00 A.M.

Good God! This is the 89th time this month either Bring It On or its wretched bitch offspring have been played. A program director at USA must have a "cheerleader thing." Please, sir, spare us the fruits of your compulsion.

# **PLAY DIRTY (1969)**

### SHOWX 5:30 P.M.

Ron from North Park writes in with a new euphemism for that activity that takes up the time when every young man is alone. His phrase is, "playing the one-string bass," and Ron admits he is a virtuoso. I know a little more about Ron than I'm comfortable with, but I thank him for the addition.

# **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

# THE HORSE WHISPERER (1998)

# WB 1:30 P.M.

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# MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown

### CBS 3:00 P.M.

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# TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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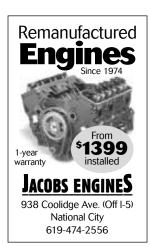
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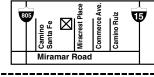
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# Whipped cream generously erupted over the sides of the glass

<u>By John Brizzolara</u>

This column recently came under fire in the form of two angry letters from the director of a local production company that offers live performances on Friday and Saturday nights here in town. As this troupe of very funny comedic actors use this venue as a kind of training or proving ground, I will refer to their enterprise as the American Clown College. Their artistic administrator, I'll call him Ringmaster Bob, found my "disgusting piece of 'journalism'" to be, "misleading, inaccurate, uneducated" and by an "unprofessional, snarky 'reporter' who is more interested in pretending to be an intellectual than in actually presenting anything newsworthy." He also threatened a lawsuit.

That yet another pretense of mine at being an intellectual failed so miserably to convince, firmed in me a new resolve, a born-again sense of diligence and determination. Reluctant as I may be to admit it, I should be grateful for this wake-upcall and see it as an opportunity buttress what may have become a flagging - nay, failing sense of journalistic and or critical duty. I will take this opportunity to correct my course and deal with the materials at hand with the kind of respect and attention, the (and here's a word actors seem to like) gravitas the work implicitly demands.

The highlight of any enjoyable Friday night, whether out on the town or at home with a game of Twister, might well include ice cream. And what grander form does this treat come in than the hot fudge sundae?

This past Friday night I stopped into Ghirardelli down in the Gaslamp on Fifth Avenue to check in on the state of the art of this American tradition.

What better place than an old-timey soda fountain from a Norman Rockwell painting on a Disneyland Street in a Magic Kingdom part of town. It was happy hour, about 5:30, but I had the place to myself. I plunked my two bucks down and looked up at the flavor choices. "Hot fudge sundae!" I grinned. "And make that with two scoops of rocky road!" Purists might object but what the hey?

'That will be \$7.47, please." The young man was well spoken, his Rasta locks rioting out of his paper hat at all angles. His attention seemed to be on young ladies out in front. Both teen girls wore sunglasses, chewed gum, held ice cream cones in one hand and cell phones in the other. Between their laughter, like the gargling of rock candy, and the shouting of phrases like "Oh my God!" and "Don't even trip!" around mouthfuls of confectionary products, I expected them to collapse choking, helpless with mirth.

I counted out the rest of the money in small change as if I were used to carrying this kind of wad around and took a seat mumbling about the economy.

As they constructed my order, I took the opportunity to visit the restroom and clear my bowels and cleanse my palate with the remains of an earlier cigar I was saving. This took longer than expected and when I emerged I saw no sundae.

'It melted," said the pleasant soda jerk. 'We're making you another."

"Oh, I'm sorry. That's very nice." A waitress named Sandy brought my order in a thick glass chalice of the kind from which I used to drink root beer at a childhood haunt, Weiss' Drugs in Chicago.

Whipped cream generously erupted over the sides of the glass, chopped nuts oozing in a slow avalanche toward the base. Saving the cherry for last, I set it at the edge and took a generous spoonful. I would say I savored the textures and flavors thoroughly, except that from the first excavation I became aware that the experience would be over all too soon. The portion was far too small. Since I had approached this venture on an empty stomach, as any food critic should, I make allowances here for my hunger.

Otherwise the fudge was indeed warm if somewhat more oleaginous in texture than my taste prefers, the rocky road one of the better ones I had tasted recently with buoyant, puckish marshmallows that seemed to giggle, "Me next! No, me next!" and the nuts evenly and generously distributed. My mind in an alpha state, I began ruminating; when had the convention, a French one I believe, of eating ice cream with a fork, give way to the spoon? Was it at the time Dolly Madison introduced the dish at the White House? That seemed likely but unspecific.

Slowing my eating pace as to avoid the dreaded ice cream headache (a malady to be blamed on an overzealous nerve bundle in the mouth's roof and which rarely lasts more than 30 seconds, anyway) I allowed my mind to drift, Smiling a chocolate smile, I recalled some early myths surrounding ice cream's history. The material in the classic Funderburg study has been largely discounted as unverifiable — stories of Charles I in the 17th Century, for example, threatening palace chefs with their beheading should they give away the secret recipe. These intrigues remain

undocumented. Charles himself was beheaded in 1649 but not, as legend has it, in an attempt to rid himself of a stubborn ice cream headache. Emperor Nero's fondness for iced fruit drinks is well known and his dispatching of slaves to the mountains for snow and ice to facilitate this fondness are rooted in fact, but his alleged composing of the song 'Tutti Frutti" on the lyre or violin is specious. The recounting of Marco Polo's introduction of water ices and sherbets to European courts remain reliable but new research by Liddell and Weir indicate that Catherine



de Medici's frightening measures (involving, again, beheadings and poisoned "Jimmies" or sprinkles) to insure ice cream secrecy are, at best, apocryphal. Finally, the earliest records of the stuff remain Chinese and should keep researchers busy for

Growing sadly close to the bottom of my sundae (why that spelling? I've forgotten and Matthew Alice is at lunch) I administer another test. Producing a new Stephen King paperback from my pocket, I begin reading The Colorado Kid. My reading is not distracted by the quality (or lack of) in the sundae but by King himself, who describes a character in expository prose as "skinny as a rail" and wondered why we forgive King for such clichés. The answer may lie close to why it is we overlook the empty calories in the hot fudge sundae for another order of gratification

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