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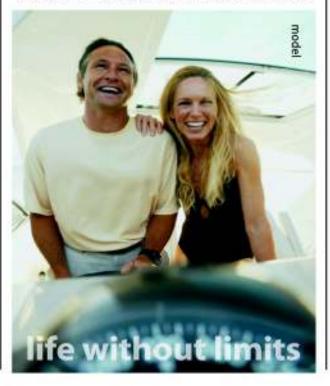
plicated and more difficult to correct, depending on the extent of the irregularity and its cause.

Usually astigmatism is hereditary, i.e. it is passed down through generations and may get worse over time. It may also result from an eye injury that has caused scarring on the cornea, from certain types of eye surgery, or from keratoconus, a disease that causes a gradual thinning of the cornea.

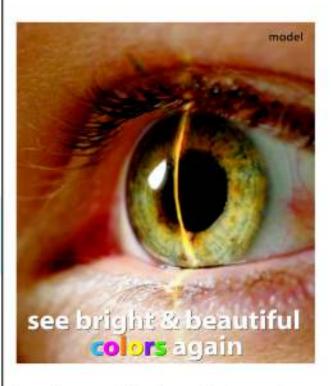
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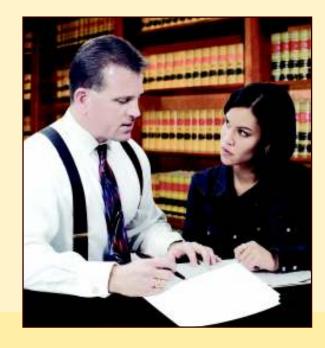
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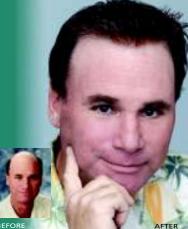
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**Sand castle** One of the most ostentatious houses on Del Mar's gold coast is up for sale with a hefty \$50 million asking price. The 5200-square-foot mansion was custom built in 1999 along 120 feet of beachfront by local investment magnate



\$50 million estate

Arthur Nicholas, cofounder of the Nicholas-Applegate investment firm. Designed by **Ken Ronchetti**, it features a ten-person Jacuzzi overlooking a "cozy fire pit" with "sunset views," according to the property

listing, along with "health spa, theater, pool, tennis court, greenhouse and two guest houses." Worried about nasty winter storms wiping out your marine abode? "Complex sea walls, designed in conjunction with oceanographic engineers from Scripps Institute, are constructed with fiberglass, rebar and concrete in a continuous glass wall." Other amenities include "imported limestone flooring, classic oak sandstone patios and Getty stone accents." There's a "gourmet state-of-the-art kitchen," along with "disappearing glass walls, which create a tropical feel, melding the beautiful interiors with abundant landscaping." Beachgoers report that the lavish use of glass works both ways, as occupants of the house can be witnessed by public beach passersby getting into bed on some evenings. The asking price represents a considerable jump from the current assessed value of \$8,076,096. A real estate woman working for Nicholas, who owns a small part of the Boston Red Sox as well as one of downtown's biggest penthouses, said publicity about the jumbo listing, which has been widely circulated on the Internet, would cause a "security problem" and slammed down the phone when asked whether her client would give an interview.

**Paper trail** It's a story you might expect to see on the front page of a big daily newspaper: the United States Equal Employment Opportunity



Commission files suit against a prominent local employer, alleg-

ing that it discriminated against a deaf worker by refusing to promote him. But in this case the employee works for the Union-Tribune. According to the government's complaint, filed this February, Gerard Mitchell was denied a promotion from the position of "packager" to that of "paperhandler/helper" in the *U-T*'s pressroom. Three weeks ago, the commission filed a motion in which it accused *U-T* owner Copley Press of providing "boiler plate responses" to the government's charges. The company had previously rejected a settlement offer calling for it to pay Mitchell \$75,000 in punitive damages, along with back pay, and give him the promotion. For its part, the U-T argues that Mitchell refused to discuss "the job requirements in relation to his limitations," and thus "Copley was unable to identify an effective accommodation" for him. "Mr. Mitchell cannot communicate with coworkers because he cannot hear, read lips, verbalize words, or speak with other employees," a lawyer for the company wrote. "It would have been an undue hardship on Copley to require it to retool the

presses and paperhandler job equipment to accommodate a deaf employee." Mitchell rebutted the company in a deposition conducted with the aid of a sign-language interpreter, saying he had little trouble communicating: "If a person had just met me, they wouldn't be used to my speech, and I would teach them, and learn how to lip-read them....When I don't understand them and when they speak to me, I say, 'Can you please write instead." As part of its case, the government filed a statement by  ${\bf Jim\ Crouch},$  another U-T pressroom worker: "I know of one individual that is legally blind (Steve Smith). Someone reported his disability to Human Resources and he was demoted.... He was demoted from working on the color machine to the black ink machine." Crouch, who is also hearing impaired, added that an inability to orally communicate on the job "is no big deal since there are Hispanics and Vietnamese workers in the Pressroom who speak little or no English" and "most everyone wears earplugs because of the noise level caused by the presses."

**Cash and carry** As expected, big money has begun pouring into San Diego's mayoral and council political races, but some of it hasn't been legal. The San Diego County Apartment Association's political action committee was one of the earliest major donors, spending \$4322 each on yard



Ben Hueso



Vavin Faulcona

of the association, most of them landlords, gave to the PAC, including the San Diego Housing Commission, a taxpayer-funded public agency, which kicked in \$878.50. Questioned by a reporter last week, a commission spokeswoman said the contribution was a bookkeeping error. The next day, the association said that a refund check was being offices via courier.

signs for Eighth District

council candidate Ben

**Hueso** and Second District

hopeful Kevin Faulconer.

According to the group's

October 27 filing, members

sent to commission offices via courier.

Other contributions to San Diego pols included \$4800 on October 25 from an outfit called California College Republicans, headquartered in Burbank, to San Diego's GOP Central Committee. On that day as well, San Diego Democrats picked up \$2500 from Heat and Frost Insulators & Asbestos Workers in Azuza and \$2580 from Commerce Printing Services in Sacramento; at the same time, the party reported spending \$2580 on behalf of **Lorena Gonzalez**, running for the Second District seat vacated by **Michael Zucchet**. Not all the political money was spent in the city: San Diego's McMillin Management Services, an offshoot of developer Corky McMillin, reported giving \$5000 to the Committee for Vital City Services in Tulare.

— Matt Potter

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## **Growing Pains for Online Charity**

By Don Bauder

he "M.D." in Harry E. Gruber, M.D., should stand for Mach Dollar. In the past, he has amassed dollars at Mach speed as

companies he helped found went public and then were sold quickly for a fat premium. But the latest company he founded, Kintera, is stumbling along at anything but Mach speed.

Kintera's mission is to provide software that permits nonprofit institutions to use the Internet, particularly in fund-raising.

The ill winds (Katrina, Wilma, etc.) should blow Kintera some good. They have in one sense: revenues are up stoutly. But costs are up even more. The company has never made money since launching operations in 2000, and losses are getting worse, despite the flood of charitable donations in response to the worldwide natural disasters.

The company recently admitted that questionable accounting was prettying up its bottom line. It had to restate its losses downward.

After going public in late 2003, Kintera made eight acquisitions. That's Mach speed—the corporate equivalent of a category four hurricane. The company admits

that integrating these new companies could be a problem.

And the jury is still out on Kintera's business model: the Internet is not used significantly to raise charitable donations, and there is a possibil-



Harry Gruber

ity it won't be.

The company went public December 19, 2003, at \$7. That day, the stock shot up almost 50 percent to \$10.30. By mid-April of 2004, it was above \$17. But it was all gas. Now the stock is around \$2.55. On November 9, the company comes out with its next quarterly earnings statement.

A disappointment will probably bring more selling.

When Kintera went public less than two years ago, the cumulative deficit was \$31 million. Now it's almost \$75 million. For the six months ended June 30, the company lost \$21.8 million compared to a loss of \$8.9 million for the same period a year earlier. Operating expenses more than doubled in both the quarter and the six months. Because of disaster-related business, revenues were up 120 percent over six months. But the cost of achieving those revenues was up 187 percent.

On August 11, to no one's surprise, the company announced it was laying off 10 percent of its workforce to get those costs under control. It adjusted its future sights downward. It had earlier said it would become profitable in the current year's second half. It delayed that expectation until early 2006.

On August 15, Kintera announced that it had made accounting errors. It had capitalized costs that should have been considered operating expenses. It's the old trick of classifying a cost as a long-term investment item instead of charging it to current operations. That was the sleight of hand WorldCom was per-

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## Neal Obermeyer



## **Firefighters Union Chief Under Fire**

By Scott Barnett

istrict attorney Bonnie Dumanis has charged him with a felony, but members of the San Diego City Fire Fighters Local 145

apparently think Ron Saathoff is doing just fine. This past summer they reelected him president.

"Ron may be an SOB," said one veteran firefighter, "but he's our SOB." The firefighter, who asked to remain anonymous, explained that Saathoff has been a strong advocate for the union rank and file.

A former board member of the San Diego City Employees Retirement System, Saathoff was charged on May 17, along with five other board members, with voting to approve a deal that continued underfunding of the pension system and increased benefits. Specifically, they were charged under Government Code Section 1090,

press release issued by Dumanis, states that "City officers or employees shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity or by any body or board of which they are members." Among the benefit increases the board approved was one that boosted Saathoff's pension by \$2530.23 a month to \$9703.66. If convicted, Saathoff could spend three years in state prison.

which, according to a May 17

Following Saathoff's indictment, the firefighters union made extraordinary salary concessions to the City of San Diego. According to Johnnie Perkins, the union's director of governmental affairs, the concessions that San Diego's public employees unions agreed to will save the city \$17 million

The election for president of San Diego City Firefighters was held in July. Saathoff's legal problems combined with the salary concessions granted under his leadership made for a tempestuous campaign. "In the 20 years I have been on the department I can't recall a more contentious election process, and I hope I don't see another before I retire," firefighter Dan Saner, a member of the union's board of directors, wrote on the union's website, SDFire.org.

One of the candidates, Paul Vandeveld, railed on his website, SDFDmembers.com:"The reason we are being asked to take a 2 year pay freeze and make a 3.2% contribution towards retirement is because in April of 2002, Ron Saathoff got an extra benefit towards retirement. In November 2002, Ron Saathoff voted and got the rest of the Retirement Board to vote to allow the city to not have to make a \$600





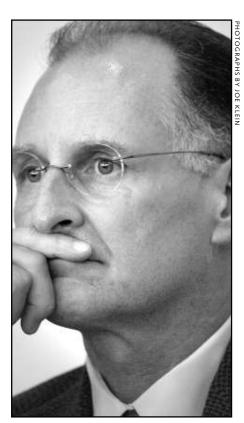


Michael Zuccher



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Million contribution into the pension fund. In fact he had been allowing the city to skip out on contributions into the pension fund for as far back as 1996."

Vandeveld continued, "That is why the FBI is investigating Ron Saathoff. He was OUR elected Representative to the Retirement Board. He had a fiduciary responsibility to make sure that the city contributed and that the fund was run ethically and according to the rules. HE FAILED TO DO THAT!!!! We contributed our share and he let the city skip out on theirs."

A guest posting by "Angryman" on Vandeveld's website bulletin board picked up on the anti-Saathoff drumbeat. "Ron Saathoff screwed us. He didn't do his job in the first place, and then by his incredible greed, he ruined our public image."

Another wrote sarcastically, "I like giving \$125 more a paycheck plus \$55 more also for the exact same benefits I had last year. Nothing like a \$350 per month pay cut."

(Saathoff declined requests for comment, and Perkins declined to respond to allegations against Saathoff.)

Despite the invective, Saathoff, who has been the union's president since 1981, received 66 percent of the votes in July, 491 out of the 746 cast.

Adding fuel to the fire of discontent at the union was the fact that the election, which was conducted by mail, had to be held twice.

"One of our members told us his ballot was returned," said Perkins. According to Perkins, the union's secretary/treasurer, Chet Bertell, called the post office. Bertell told Perkins that "they said that since the bill was not paid, they closed the P.O. box and sent letters without return addresses to the dead-letter office." Perkins said Bertell asked the post office if he could pick up the ballots. "They said, 'Sure, they are in Minneapo-

Why wasn't the P.O. box bill paid? "I don't know," said Perkins. "P.O. boxes are not in my job description."

Fumed Vandeveld, "The whole snafu on the PO box is either corruption or complete incompetence, and that fact cannot be hidden."

Union board member Saner referred to the voting debacle in his SDFire.org website message. "I want to thank [candidates] Paul Vandeveld and Mike Finnerty for pointing out the shortcomings of our election process and making it painfully obvious that we cannot continue with the process of voting with mail-in ballots. I will make it my personal goal to work with the board and bring our membership a voting process that values every vote."

Secretary/treasurer Bertell

also acknowledged the mailvote problems in a message on the union's website dated July 2005. "I want to personally apologize to all the candidates who were inconvenienced by the election snafu. Hopefully within the next few days, we will have the election wrapped up and office holders assuming their duties. Good luck to all."

Another message posted on Vandeveld's website was unforgiving. "Someone forgot to pay the P.O. box???? Are you kidding me??? If anything, it goes to show that the curent leadership is inept or otherwise occupied at best, and if it was intentional, corrupt. Maybe we can hire officials from Mexico or Iraq to insure a more honest election process."

Notwithstanding Saathoff's strong reelection, the union while putting on a brave business-as-usual front — is facing unprecedented turmoil. The federal corruption conviction this past summer of Councilman Michael Zucchet was a blow. Before he was elected to the San Diego City Council in November 2002, & Zucchet served as the union's governmental affairs repre- 👨 sentative. Saathoff had put the union's prestige and a significant amount of its treasury

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## **Growing** pains

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forming. For Kintera, it was a big write-down: the company restated its first-quarter loss from \$10 million to \$11.7 million.

After the mea culpa, a shareholder sued, charging certain officers and directors with breach of fiduciary duty, abuse of control, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets, and unjust enrichment. Kintera says the suit is without merit.

In its most recent quarterly report, the company lamented, "We will need to increase revenue and reduce operating expenses to achieve

profitability, and we may not be able to do so."

In the quarterly report, Kintera listed the eight acquisitions it made last year and this year and confessed, "We cannot assure you we will succeed in completing integration efforts on a timely basis, or at all."

"The company has not found a way to make money," says Bud Leedom, publisher of California Stock Report. Intense price competition may be a factor. "They don't disclose what pricing is. These guys are fighting to win the business and not watching the bottom line." Leedom wonders if the business plan will be successful: "There is a question if online charitable

giving is a viable model. A small amount of charitable giving is over the Internet. The bulk of donations are made by large organizations or rich individuals; the Internet may not be a medium for these types of givers."

There are tough competitors: eTapestry, B2P Commerce, MicroEdge, and Convio, among others. Some big fellas are in: Microsoft, PeopleSoft, Intuit, and Sage. But the market would appear big enough for all, and then some: worldwide giving is \$600 billion and growing at 7.8 percent a year.

The leading company is South Carolina's Blackbaud, which provides both software and other services to charitable organizations. The company is profitable. "We love this software firm," gushes research firm Morningstar, Inc., lauding Blackbaud's "fantastic business." Standard & Poor's gives it an investability rating of 81 out of 100 very good.

John Moores's JMI Equity owns 3.47 percent of the stock; a former JMI employee is Blackbaud's chief executive. San Francisco's Hellman & Friedman owns 37.7 percent. The firm's chairman, Warren Hellman, is father-in-law of Robert C. Dynes, former chancellor of University of California, San Diego, onetime backer of Moores's ballpark hustle, and now president of the University of California system.

Gruber is a former geneticist and rheumatologist at UC San Diego. He left in 1986 to cofound biotech Gensia Pharmaceuticals. He served as its chief scientist and was instrumental in the founding of two related biotechs, Aramed and Viagene, which were sold for good prices.

Gensia stock crashed in the early 1990s as its leading drug candidate failed. The beleaguered company was sold; subsequently, so was the company that bought it. In an interview last year with the Chronicle of Philanthropy, Gruber said he had been fired by David Hale, chief executive of Gensia. That's no disgrace: after the Gensia debacle, Hale went on to Women First

HealthCare, which went bankrupt, and now Cancer-Vax, which last month plunged 44.5 percent in one day after poor trial data forced it to abandon research on its leading drug candidate. Cancer-Vax slashed employment by more than half.

After his gains from the buyouts, Gruber was worth \$50 million, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy story. Then Gruber rode the late-1990s bubble to riches. Fasten your seat belt. He formed Intervu, a company specializing in audio-video delivery for the Internet, in the mid-1990s. He took it public in mid-1998, and by early 2000 its stock was selling for \$173.63.

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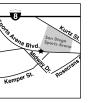


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## **Growing** pains

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In February of 2000, just one month before the bubble burst, he announced it would be sold to Massachusetts-based Akamai Technologies for \$2.8 billion in stock. At the time of the announcement, Akamai was selling for \$228.63 (having dropped from \$345.50 in early January). On April 20, when the merger was consummated, Akamai stock was down to \$86.94. It ended the year at \$21.06 and in 2002 was as low as 56 cents.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy story says Gruber netted \$250 million on the deal. But much would depend on how soon he was able to dump the plummeting Akamai stock that he had received, and at what prices. However, neither Kintera nor Gruber will respond to questions.

Don't weep for Gruber: Kintera insiders got their shares for 77 cents apiece. So the stock can sink a long way before the doctor is ailing.

## Chief under fire

behind Zucchet's candidacy. According to records at city hall, the San Diego firefighters spent \$106,784.93 to elect Zucchet. In contrast, during the same election cycle, the union gave a total of \$5536 to Donna Frye's and Ralph Inzunza's city council campaigns.

Saathoff flexed his political muscle again in 2004, when the union supported Dick Murphy for mayor. Not leaving well enough alone, Murphy's opponent Ron Roberts publicly attacked Saathoff, saying that he had cut a private deal with Murphy to not alter the pension board in exchange for the endorsement.

Murphy and Saathoff denied the allegations, and Saathoff got the last word when he directed his union to spend \$111,766,40 on television ads attacking Roberts in the final ten days of the campaign. Roberts came in third place, behind Murphy and write-in candidate Donna Frye. These expenditures were the deathblow to Roberts's mayoral dreams.

In next Tuesday's special primary election, the union endorsed Kevin

## CITY LIGHTS

Faulconer — Zucchet's 2002 opponent — for the District 2 vacancy and Benjamin Hueso for the District 8 vacancy. But the union decided to sit out the mayoral face-off between Jerry Sanders and Donna Frye.

Other complaints against Saathoff and the union focus on a lack of openness. Saathoff, who's acknowledged as extremely bright yet verbose, has been circumspect since his indictment. Even the "Message from the President" on the union's website focuses solely on the mundane issue of the website's creation.

"Welcome to our new website!! We couldn't be more excited to announce the launch of the San Diego City Fire Fighters, Local 145 website. This is a dynamic site that took many hours of hard work and dedication to develop."

The undated message goes on to address member communication.

"Our primary goal, when we set out to develop this website was to increase the level of communication we have with our members. We constantly strive to get you the most updated information in a timely manner. This tool will help us do that."

But Vandeveld takes exception to claims that the website offers effective communication, indicating that the only way to know what's going on is to show up at union meetings. "It is your right to show up at Union meetings, not your obligation," Vandeveld writes on his website. "If you are out of town, can't get child care, or just don't see any need to debate the issue, you can still vote on the matter without attending the meeting. Let's move into the modern world of maximum participation where every voice matters."

Vandeveld goes on. "We're tired of the blanket of deception, the half truths and the all out blatant lies? When was the last time that you were given any handouts at a Union meeting? You don't get handouts. The current leadership doesn't want anything in writing that will be contrary to whatever he has to say to manipulate the vote, he doesn't want to be held accountable, and doesn't want something that can be used against him later. From now on, it will be published."

Another firefighter, who did not want to comment on

the record, said he was unable to find copies of meeting minutes purported to be available to members on the website.

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When Perkins was asked for background information on the union, ballot statements, and ballots, they were not forthcoming. "I sent your request to Ron Saathoff and Chet Bertell," said Perkins.

In the past month, since documents the pension board recently released became public, the heat has been turned up on Saathoff. One e-mail, dated March 24, 2003, was sent by Sheila Leone [now Sheila Jacobs], the pension system's legal counsel, to the pension system's general counsel, Loraine Chapin. It recounts the reaction of Robert Blum, the system's fiduciary counsel, to Saathoff's \$2530.23per-month pension increase:

"Bob was shown Ron's 'presidential leave' benefit. He called it 'absolutely breathtaking.' "

The "presidential leave" benefit refers to the practice of including the union salary with the city salary when determining the amount of the pension.

A May 13,2004, legal memorandum from law firm Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek attorney Michael Leone (Sheila Leone's ex-husband) to Lawrence Grissom, the retirement system's administrator, also addresses the presidential leave issue, raising legal concerns that could bolster Dumanis's conflict-of-interest action against Saathoff:

'[T]he adoption of the 'presidential leave' ordinance affecting Board member Saathoff presents a significantly more probable basis for invalidation of the [pension] agreement....[I]t appears that adoption of this ordinance implicated only Board member Saathoff's interests..."

But at least at the moment, these matters seem little more than bumps in the road for Saathoff, who by all accounts is still powerful, with no heir apparent. A conviction on conflict-of-interest charges may be the only way Saathoff will lose power.

A Vietnam veteran, Saathoff is a former Green Beret who received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. When asked early this summer how he felt about the legal and political battles he was facing, Saathoff referred to his war experience. "At least then I knew who was shooting at me." ■

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- 1. How much money do you spend on dates a month?
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  - b. \$51-100
  - c. \$101-\$150
  - d. Over \$150

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  - b. 45 minutes
  - c. One hour
  - d. Over an hour

2. Have you ever used a dating service?

Yes No

- 6. Is your career or a relationship more important?
  - a. My career
  - b. A relationship

- 3. If interested in a 2nd date, how long will you wait to call?
  - a. Same day
  - b. 24 hours
  - c. 48 hours
  - d. 72 hours

- 7. What's the worst conversation killer?
  - a. Past relationships
  - b. Dieting or body image
  - c. Politics
  - d. Marriage

- 4. How many alcoholic beverages are appropriate on a first date?
  - a. One
  - b. Two
  - c. Three
  - d. Over Four

8. How many first dates did you go on last year?

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b. 4-6

c. 6-9

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## Without A Script

So Jerry Sanders won't let himself be interviewed by the Reader unless he gets the questions in advance ("San Diego's CEO or King?" "City Lights," October 27)? I'd rather have a mayor who can think on his feet and function without a script. We've tried having a script reader as president for the past five years, and it hasn't worked out too well. I guess at the end of the day, Donna Frye just has bigger balls than Jerry Sanders.

> Markel Tumlin via e-mail

## **CORRECTION**

In last week's "Blurt," it was reported that Howard Stern's program on 103.7/The Planet had been replaced. The station continues to broadcast the show.

## **Frve Ducked**

Your reporters, Messrs. Barnett and Potter, should not have allowed mayoral candidate Donna Frye to duck an issue with cheap ad

hominem ("San Diego's CEO or King?" "City Lights," October 27). Arthur Laffer is not the first to have asserted that the sales tax is highly regressive, nor would that assertion be refuted had he been the first.

As one looks at increasingly poor people, more of their incomes (or dissavings) go into the goods that are subject to a sales tax, and more of it goes into local purchases as opposed to things from elsewhere in the state, nation, or world.

Ms. Frye should also be informed that the phrase "trickle-down economics" originated in a journalist's misunderstanding of policies being advanced by those in and around the Reagan

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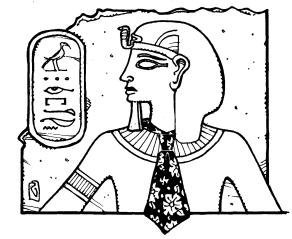
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP



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Where and when did the custom of wearing ties start? When were they deemed important in social circles? What a pain in the ass they are.

— Bob, the net

We traditionally blame the French for ridiculous fashion traditions, and this one's no different. Except it wasn't their original idea. They borrowed it from regiments of Croatians who came to Paris to support Louis XIV and defend the wobbly French aristocratic system. Instead of starched lace collars, the Croat militia wore scarves wound around their necks and tied in front. The idea took Paris by storm. Well, the rich and fashionable part of Paris anyway. Anything military was all the fashion rage, so colorful neck scarves became mandatory for the French court. There was even an elite French military regiment called the Cravate Royale (the Royal Necktie) that sported the hot new accessory.

Clothes are basically costumes. Always have been. They say who you are (or who you'd like people to think you are) and where you fit in society. So, what better than to take your fashion tips from the upper classes? The royal French neck scarf gradually spread in popularity around Europe and took on various local forms. The lavish and colorful puffy neckties trimmed in lace and embroidery generally were reserved for the upper classes, but the average guy adopted his own more practical version, more like a bandana. It could be used to mop your brow or removed to carry fruit home from market.

Neckwear and men's clothing for the upper classes was frilly and poofy and generally out of control through the 17th and 18th Centuries, with elaborate neckwear one of the features. Everyone tried to outdo the next guy with silk and laces and ribbons. But comes along a Brit, Beau Brummell, an arbiter of men's fashion in the 1800s, who proceeds to point out that the emperor perhaps has too many clothes. He advocated a plain and tailored style for the upper-class gent, with a dark jacket, pale pants, and a greatly reduced necktie in pristine white tied with one of any number of distinctive knots. From this point on, through the Industrial Revolution, men's fashion took on a much less flamboyant tinge. Kings and emperors no longer set fashion trends. But the necktie, in much reduced form, hung in there, still the accessory of choice for a businessman or someone in a slightly elevated social position. It started out as a personal identifier and by the end of the 19th Century it was taken perhaps to its ultimate form. Men could buy ties that bore designs that identified them as members of a particular club or school, military unit, or other social group. This was about the time that collared shirts became popular and ties assumed their now common form.

Why men have dumped wigs and high-heeled shoes but still kept the dreaded necktie is a trickier question. If you look at dress as costume and self-identifier, ties have always said "I'm important," "I'm serious," "I graduated from this prestigious school," "You can trust me." As part of a man's business uniform, it's pretty much mandatory. Maybe in some circles you could get away with a Rolex watch and no tie, but until some generally accepted high-credibility accessory comes along, the necktie is here to stay.

Dear Matthew Alice:

I read that back in the 1920s, the Jehovah's Witnesses bought a house in San Diego. Is this house still here? Do the Witnesses still own it?

— DMH, San Diego

They did, but they don't any more. The house in question is at 4440 Braeburn Road in Kensington. The Witnesses were founded in Pennsylvania in 1897 as the Millenial Dawnists. One of the most fundamental beliefs of the faith, then and now, is the conviction that Christ, David, Samson, Joseph, Abraham, Samuel, and others mentioned in the Book of Hebrews will return to Earth and re-establish the kingdom of God after the Battle of Armageddon. In 1917, Missouri attorney Joseph Rutherford took over as head of the Watchtower Society, the Brooklyn, New York, home base of the Witnesses. Perhaps Rutherford reasoned that the prophets might be more inclined to return if they had a nice house to live in. Perhaps it was just common sense that anyone, even a Bibilcal prophet, would rather rule the earth from San Diego than from Brooklyn. At any rate, the society bought the house on Braeburn Road, which they named Beth Sarim, and Rutherford moved in to wait patiently for his biblical guests. To make sure no messianic wool would be pulled over their eyes, the society stipulated in the deed, "Any person appearing to take possession shall first prove identity to the proper officers of the Society as the persons described in Hebrews, chapter eleven. Rutherford died at Beth Sarim in 1942 still waiting patiently on the porch. The society subsequently sold the house and it's been in private hands ever since.

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## 170 Kids On The Field

et's see, the University of Toledo football team was on ESPN2. Don't remember their opponent, being busy with newspaper, swilling coffee, and mindlessly rubbing bare foot against warm dachshund belly. I looked up and saw a marching band, must be halftime, and the first file auto-pulled from my memory was a San Diego State football game, back when they played in the Aztec Bowl. A gang of us would sneak in, swill distilled spirits, and occasionally observe the contest. Since the Aztecs were always lousy, the only memorable gridiron moment was when the drum major came onto the field.

He was something, dressed in impeccably pressed white trousers, white coat, and cape topped off by a white shako hat and its two-foot plume. He entered alone from the north side of the field and leaned so far backward that the line from the tip of his plume to the heels of his shoes formed a perfect backward C. Four-foot baton at the ready, he'd bound forward, taking impossibly long leaps, travel half way down the field, and stop on a dime. Then, the marching band entered stage right. He was stunning, and since the SDSU team was so bad, the drum major became a star and always got the loudest applause of the evening.

"What does a drum major do?"

I'm on the phone with Mira Mesa High School band director Jeanne Christensen. According to a parents-maintained Web page, Christensen has taken the band to compete and perform throughout San Diego County, San Francisco, Colorado, Disneyland, Magic Mountain, Hawaii, and Sydney, Australia. The foregoing, by the way, is but the slightest, smallest drop in the Mira Mesa Marching Band travelogue bucket. "So, what does a drum major

Christensen says, "When we enter bandreview competitions the drum major is judged, individually, and the whole band is judged. The drum major does a short, 15-second routine and then starts the band in their forward motion - obviously, he's in front of the band — leads them down the street, and beats time while they're moving.

"Is the drum major a conductor or another instrument?'

"My drum majors do not conduct. They play their instrument during the field show.'

"They're not controlling the movement of the band?

'No. Most of the large programs do not have the drum majors doing that. The band is trained to hear the drum major's whistle commands starting a parade, but once started, those kids are independently keeping time. We put in a lot of practice to get to that.

Want more. "Who becomes a drum major? Can any student walk up and say, 'I want

"No. Drum majors try out with me in the month of May every year," Christensen says. "They have to have a parade routine, kind of like what I was describing to you earlier. They also have to do field conducting in case I'm ever

I wanted to know about the overseas travel...was it normal for high schools?

"That's, kind of, me," Christensen says. "I was chosen to be one of the directors for the Olympics, and that, in turn, benefited my students." Silence. "It's almost year-round now. The last thing that we do is march in the Fourth of July parade. The kids get four weeks off and then come back in August to get ready for the start of school and the competition season. Right now, we're competing at different field tournaments every Saturday.'

The band — 130 musicians, 40 girls on the flag team, 170 kids on the field — is "doing drill designs. They've memorized 58 pages of different formations. And based upon the size of your group, you'll compete against other bands in Southern California that are your size. We've made state championships the last three years, and we're hoping to get there again this year. Last year, we placed seventh; the two previous years we were fourth.'

Worlds without end. "When I was in high school, band was the place kids went if they couldn't go anywhere else. Things seem to have changed.

"Now, it's all based on audition. You have to audition to be in these groups.'

"How many events do you perform per year?" I'm not sure I want to know.

"If you think about the football games, the competitions, the concerts we put on, the civic events we play at, all of that, it's anywhere from 40 to 60 in any given year."

Most professional rock 'n' roll bands would be envious. "More and more of high school seems to be year-round now. Sports, certainly. How long have marching bands been on the year-round grind?"

Christensen says, "I came into teaching 15 years ago, and it was set that way then. I talked to the director who was before me and he said competitiveness and the number of events have certainly changed. Like, we keep pushing the kids to do more and more.'

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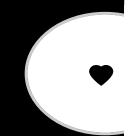


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Senior pastor: Elbert Eugene Spriggs, Sr.

Congregation size: 20–30

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Annual budget: would not disclose Weekly giving: would not disclose

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"If a Christian is a true seeker of God, they are better off reading the word of God at face

value than buying into the traditions of mainstream churches. When a believer sincerely cries out to God, God will lead them into

[our] community," said Wade Skinner, an elder of the Twelve Tribes community in Vista. Twelve Tribes was born out of the Jesus movement by Elbert Spriggs in the 1970s. "To me, Spriggs's teachings have an equal authority to Peter, Paul, or John," said Skinner, a friend of Spriggs for 15 years. Spriggs visualized the community as a new spiritual nation of God. The Twelve Tribes has grown to 50 communities in nine countries with two communities

in San Diego County. The Twelve Tribes community believes they are the only true disciples of Jesus on earth. "After the book of James was written, Christianity underwent a period of Dark Ages. where there is no evidence there were people living as the Holy Nation. Sincere Christians today are righteous people, but they are no different than atheists," said Skinner.

"If you are the seed of Abraham, you must do the deeds of Abraham. This means Christians will live as the early believers did in Acts 2, who sold their possessions and shared based on the needs of people." People who join the community give their possessions to Twelve Tribes. "When Christians hear about our community, they are very threatened by our life. All they want is personal salvation. But they are not truly God's people."

The communities' isolated lifestyle creates negative press attention. The U.S. government, claiming fear of child abuse, has raided the Twelve Tribes' group homes. "People see the outrageous behavior of people at Waco, Jonestown, and Heaven's Gate and assume we will do something outrageous. Some of the raids are because we are old school in how we discipline our children by spanking them," said Skinner. Children in the community are raised to be the "pure and spotless bride" for the second coming of Yahshua. The Twelve Tribes use Yahshua, the Hebrew name, instead of the name Jesus. Skinner believes the end of the world

will not come until their communities grow to several million and represent the 12 tribes of Israel. "We have 11 tribes established; the 12th is being established now," said Skinner.

"We grow like beehives," said David Alexander, a longtime member. "A community reaches 40 or 50 people and splits. A characteristic of all the communities is that there is no difference of opinion." The Twelve Tribes does not allow different interpretations of scripture in the community. "My Christian friends think I went off to the loony bin when I joined the Twelve Tribes," confessed Alexander, who previously served 27 years in Evangelical churches. "I was a pastor in Vineyard and Calvary type churches, but the Christian communities I was involved in were not living according to the way, the truth, and the life.

The Saturday-evening service began as the group gathered in a great room to dance and sing songs. Men, women, and children performed Israeli folk dances in the center of

the room as several people played tambourine, drum, flute, and guitar. Between songs, several men spoke about what God taught them from the Bible. David Alexander said the order of service is based on the Apostle Paul's instruction to the church in 1 Corinthians 14. The service ended with a several-hour-long members-only communion. Guests are invited to a dinner in another room.



lion miles following the Grateful Dead tour," said Alexander. "Two-to-three hundred people joined our community off the Grateful Dead tour. They were looking for a life of love and community but recognized they needed to do it without the damage of all the drugs and promiscuous sexual behavior."

I asked Elder Skinner what happens to a person when he dies. "People will reap what they sow; they will be judged by their deeds. God will judge and only those people whose deeds are worthy of the lake of fire will suffer the second death. Those who are judged to have lived righteous lives will live in the new earth as the nations. Skinner believes that those who live in their community will be the Holy who will rule over the nations for eternity. Alexander added, "Those who will be judged most strictly will be those who claim to be Christians."

– Drew E. Goodmanson



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## Dear Saffron.

I met a man through a Harley-Davidson personals column. We starting e-mailing, e-mails turned to phone calls, and then I flew over 2000 miles to meet him. I am quite a bit younger than him, but it didn't bother me. One of the days of my visit we went riding and had a beautiful time. That day he left around 3:30 in the afternoon and stated he would be back at 7 p.m. for dinner. He called at 7:42 pm and said that he had an issue to handle and he would call me later. I never heard from him until the next day. I hadn't rented a car and so was stuck at the motel where I was staying and had no way to go get anything to eat, etc. I was upset and left nasty messages on his voice mail. When he called the next day he seemed upset about something and blamed me for the situation I was in the night before. "You could have walked across the street to get something to eat," he said. When he arrived the next day we went to lunch and hung out. In the evening we went to dinner. I drank some wine, and you know what comes next. The following day I flew home. I thought things were going in a good direction. However, he now just wants to be friends. He calls less and less and gets off the phone more quickly each time. Before I went to meet him we talked three or more times a day and certainly longer than five minutes at a time. He doesn't joke with me anymore. I thought we had the beginning of a relationship, but not now. Any thoughts?

REVVED UP IN ENCINITAS

## Dear Revved Up,

Sounds like this guy is giving you a zillion signals that he's not interested. Chalk it up to experience, and move on. You did an excellent job of summing things up in your letter. You were hoping for a great connection, he sounded promising, then you met and it fizzled. That happens. Better to figure that out sooner rather than later. You don't have to put up with this kind of nonsense. Turn your attention to meeting someone who doesn't abandon you the first time you hook up and who's genuinely delighted to be with you. You deserve nothing less.

## Dear Saffron,

I used to play tennis with my best friend's exwife once in a while when they were married and shortly after they broke up — until, during one of our matches, she tried to employ my wife as a babysitter. She did this without telling my wife that's what she was up to. She kind of drifted out of our lives after that, then

disappeared. Occasionally she'd send me a strange e-mail. Otherwise I had no contact with her. Now she's returned to the game. I've noticed her on the courts where I play, with an older crew of people, getting in some drowsy doubles. So I say, "Hi, good to see you again." She starts e-mailing again, asking when I'll be on the courts, saying she loves to watch me play, that I play "gallantly," that she is "carnal," and then talking about men she wants to have sex with. Now she's coming to the courts not to play, but to watch me play. She does this for over two hours at a stretch, dressed like Jackie O with extra-large dark glasses, a knee-length slicker, and floppy hat. She kind of looks like a maniac. My tennis partner asked, "Who's that woman watching us? Do you know her?" She's creeping us out. I'm kind of not sure what, if anything, to do.

FREAKED OUT IN EL CENTRO

## Dear Freaked.

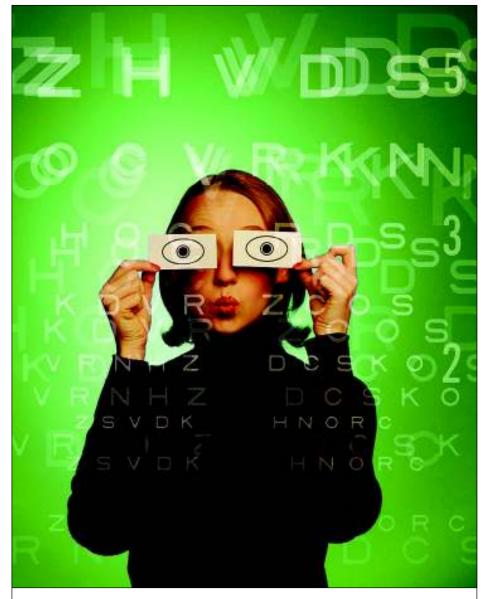
This sounds stalker-ish and alarming. Be careful. Keep your distance from this chick. If she e-mails asking when you're going to play tennis, tell her you don't know (and be brief) or don't answer at all. Her messages sound bizarre and inappropriately sexual, and her behavior sounds unstable. If you can't completely avoid her because you run into her on the courts, keep the interaction polite but to an absolute minimum. You might take your tennis partner into your confidence in case something comes up courtside where you need help in dealing with this.

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Sheep run uncounted in my mom's mind. She gave up on that sleep aid long ago. Mom's probably been awake for three-quarters of her life. Most mornings of my childhood, she would inform me over breakfast that she had been awake since 2:00

a.m., had cleaned the bathrooms, pushed through a couple loads of laundry, walked to town, attended Mass, and returned for a cup of tea. All before 8:00 a.m. I could not relate. During summer vacation through my college years, I rose from bed in time for lunch. Sleep was my ready companion.

Last week, during our family's reunion, Mom's sleeplessness weighed heavy on her. She was missing out on large portions of the day's activities, too exhausted to join and too spacey to clue into the jovial banter. Afraid of getting addicted to her sleeping drugs, she refused to take them, instead laying awake for large stretches of the night. I returned home determined to find her non-drug alternatives to help her sleep.

First call went out to friend Sarah, who herself suffered through a long period of insomnia. "I was so desperate because a lot of the over-thecounter sleeping drugs contain Benadryl, which helps a lot of people fall asleep, but not me. Benadryl has the opposite effect on me. It makes me excitable yet drowsy and leaves me feeling like I have caffeine in my system. So I turned to natural remedies. I talked with a lot of people who all had different suggestions," she answered. "'Put lavender under your pillow to help you relax,' or 'Turn the clock around so that you can't see the numbers.' The only natural remedy that worked for me was a hot bath and Celestial Seasonings Sleepytime Tea [\$2.99 for 20 bags at Henry's Marketplace]

During my sleepless days," Sarah continued, "I spoke with several doctors and every doctor talked about sleep hygiene. Completely cut out alcohol and caffeine, Celestial Seasonings even chocolate. That was a hard one. Wake up at

the same time each

morning, no mat-Sleepytime ter how little sleep you had. Go to bed when you are tired, which should be about the same time each evening. If you can't fall asleep within 30 minutes, get up and do something restful, like reading a book. Don't watch television, because it's too stimulating. Don't read in bed or watch television in bed because the mind will start to associate bed with those things instead of sleep. Try to exercise every day, but not too close to bedtime."

'Quietude [\$8.79 for 60 tablets at Henry's] by Boiron helped me," said my sister Cathy. "I was on a road trip with my kids up in Wyoming, and I was worn out from

"Put lavender under your pillow to help you relax."

getting to bed too late and pushing myself through the day doing all the driving. A friend I was visiting gave me a sleeping pill so I could finally have a good night's sleep. I took it and I had one of my worst nights of sleep. I felt buzzed and I woke up groggy. The next morning I found a natural foods store and the saleslady recommended Quietude. I took it that evening and slept deeply and woke up refreshed. Since then, I always have it available in my medicine cabinet.

"Another remedy I have used," Cathy continued, "is the homeopathic remedy called aconitum napellus [Hyland's brand \$7.29 for 250 tablets at Henry's]. My son will come

out some evenings saying 'My blood is all stirred up,' which I read

as he is restless. After a dose of aconitum, he goes right to sleep." Mv chum

Nancy's suggestion was, "Don't eat anything within three hours of going to sleep. And I've found that if I sit down with a good book and a cup of chamomile tea, within a half an hour I am ready for sleep."

Next I called Henry's and relayed Mom's sleeping woes to a salesman. "I would recommend she start with melatonin," said the salesman. "Melatonin [Natrol brand \$8.49 for 60 tablets at Henry's] is a hormone that helps regulate serotonin. In comes in different potencies: one milligram up to five milligrams. If she is waking up groggy, then she's taking too high of potency, so she should gradually reduce dosage. The other remedy I'd try is valerian [Nature's Way \$7.49 for 90 capsules at Henry's], which is an herb that helps the body relax. Some people also find kava [Kava De-Stress for \$8.99 for 1 fl. ounce at Henry's], which is an amino acid to help with sleep and relaxation.

"She really needs to start trying some natural remedies," said a saleslady at Whole Foods, "because with sleep aids, it really varies person to person for what works. I find that combination herbs work better than single herbs. We sell Sound Sleep [Gaia Herbs brand \$19.99 for 60 capsules at Henry's] and Deep Sleep [Herbs Etc. brand, \$21.99 for 60 soft gels at Henry's], which are big sellers. They contain valerian root, passionflower, and skullcap which all help for sleep. We also sell some teas which contain those herbs, if she would rather drink teas.'

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## **BACK WHEN**

## In the Reader

## **Thirty Years Ago**

"Gerald Warren is a good, fair, amiable newsman. Helen Copley was smart to latch onto him. If there is anything to be wary of now it's that element of small-town mentality as to what makes for news. For example, there was a picture story recently about a 'Welcome Home P.O.W.' message on a billboard. There's a question as to the newsworthy value of something like that."

— "THE STATE OF THE UNION (AND THE EVENING-TRIBUNE)," Paul Krueger and Steve Esmedina, November 6, 1975

## **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

Soderberg's enthusiasm for surfing is as strong today as it was when he was 15. "I don't know where I'd be today," he told me, "if it weren't for surfing.

"Most of my friends," he continued,
"my friends who surf that is...and I know I
do it, too, but they're automatically going
to be distrustful of someone who doesn't
surf, particularly if that person is real
straight. You'll find that most really hardcore surfers only have other surfers as
friends. With me, it's not really that I don't
have any nonsurfing friends or anything,
but it's just, I don't know, just not the
same. If they don't surf, there's just going
to be a gap between us."

— "OF WAVE AND CAMERA," R.W. Bell, Jr., November 6, 1980

## Twenty Years Ago

Although they only die once like the rest of us, it has forever been the custom of the Diegueño Indians to bury their dead twice: once at death, and then once again a year later. And so it was that the people of Santa Ysabel had gathered at the mission on a Saturday morning in October, one year after the death of Steve Ponchetti, to hold the ceremony in honor of the man who for more than 40 years had been their leader.... It was mostly the women and older people who sat in the small chapel and sang the old Spanish hymns.

Before the white man arrived, the people of the Santa Ysabel Valley, then known as Elcuanan, called the custom

"If you don't know how the Indians feel about their dead, then this is a hard thing to understand," explained Steve Ponchetti's widow, Flo.

— "THE SPIRIT OF STEVE PONCHETTI,"

Steve Sorensen, November 7, 1985



San Diego Reader, November 8, 1990

### Fifteen Years Ago

"[The gnatcatcher] is the barometer of the environmental well-being of this area," declares ornithologist Amadeo Rea, "and it's in very serious trouble. We're going to lose the cactus wren in another 10 or 15 years, and then we'll be down to the kind of California condor situation where it may be too late to do anything at all."

Both bird species occupy what is called coastal sage scrub. "There is an island of desert-like habitat right along the coast here," Rea explains. "It doesn't go very far inland."

—CITY LIGHTS: "GNATCATCHER SAFE AT HOME?"

Matt Potter, November 8, 1990

## **Ten Years Ago**

Slick-haired, sneering-lipped, slinky-hipped hurricane, *I'm all shook up*. I'm 14, waiting for Ramon to secretly come. A man with the weirdest name is singing on the radio, "Heartbreak Hotel," where the bellhop's tears keep flowing and the desk clerk's dressed in black.

— "WHEN ELVIS CAME TO SAN DIEGO," Sharon Doubiago, November 2, 1995

## **Five Years Ago**

Who remembers what happened on July 4, 1947, in Hollister, California?

Well, that's the problem right there. The Wild One, which was released in 1953, titillated the American media with what a New York Times reviewer called a "factual" account of the Hollister motorcycle riot. He said the movie described the "menacing element of modern youth.... Reckless and vandalistic, they live for sensations, nothing more — save perhaps the supreme sensation of defying the normal world."

In fact, drunk members of the Boozefighters and the Pissed Off Bastards inflicted little damage in Hollister.

—SIGHTSEER: "GANG-KISSED," Justin Wolff, November 2, 2000

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## Crasher

## FLATTERED AND SCARED

by Josh Board

attended a party that
Jamison, a hairstylist, hosted
at the Abbey Cafe in Hillcrest.
I asked Jamison about his
name, and he joked about his
mother being drunk on Jameson Irish Whiskey when he was
conceived. He told me there is
an actor with the same name.
Jamison introduced me to several of his friends and told me
that Rob Halford, the Judas
Priest singer and Hillcrest resident, might show up.

When Jamison introduced me to his cousin, I asked her about the tattoo she had on her breast. She was happy to tell me about it and talked for half an hour. She was interesting, but her friend was quiet. I find that people who talk a lot tend to hang out with people who are quiet — it's a perfect match.

A friend of Jamison's came down from Northern California to attend his party. His friend told me that she's seeing a guy in San Diego, but that the long-distance relationship is almost over. She was wearing a black outfit that showed her back, and most of her front. She was a Lara Flynn Boyle type (but one who's had a sandwich).

A waiter was coming around with appetizers. I told



him that he reminded me of Andy Warhol. He said, "I always hear that." As we were devouring chicken wraps, a woman gestured to the pile of gifts and said, "Everyone is putting their presents on that table, and the ribbons keep falling into the candles."

I met a dentist who owned a restaurant in Hillcrest. When Jamison passed (Another talker and quiet guy match.)

I listened as two older guys and a woman in a tight leopard skin outfit spoke Ger-

"He told me I was too heavy. He's six feet tall, weighs 278, and he's calling me fat."

by, the dentist said to him,
"Where are all the women? I'm
a straight guy, you know." He
told me several dentist office
stories, while his business
partner didn't say a word during the hour that I sat there.

man. Turned out the woman spoke several languages. She told me that she had grown up in Turkey and learned how to speak Italian and German from the years she spent modeling in Italy and Germany. I told her that I thought she looked like Sophia Loren with shorter hair. "Are you trying to hit on me?" she asked. She said that she worked at a restaurant nearby and asked me if I'd like to go there for dinner. I said, "Yeah, maybe I'll stop in sometime." She said, "No. I

We left the Abbey Cafe and walked down University. After dinner I told her that I had to leave to attend another party. She got upset and said, "Why would you take a woman to dinner when you have other plans for the evening? That is rude." I agreed and decided to

mean now."

skip the next party.

We headed downtown to the Gaslamp where she had a few drinks and asked me, "Are you some kind of faggot?" I said, "Excuse me?" She explained that because I was at Jamison's party, she assumed I was gay. She told me I was acting gay and I laughed, "I'm not even sure what that means." She grabbed me and said in her broken English (imagine Zsa Zsa Gabor), "This will prove if you are straight," and she leaned in and kissed me. I'm not sure what that proved but I didn't complain.

She proceeded to get drunk and embarrassing. A person walked by selling flowers, and she harangued the woman about how much she was charging for a single rose. When I told her it was time I drove her home, she asked me if we could see each other again. She asked me if I would teach her how to drive. I told her that I wasn't sure, and she started crying. This flattered and scared me, but she said she was upset because her sister needed a kidney transplant. Maybe she told me hoping I'd be the donor. She said she had a headache, so I was able to drop her off and head





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to my next party.

It was at a place called Flinn Springs Inn in Lakeside. It's a country and western place, but the DJ was playing hiphop. The party was on the back patio. Megan, the woman who invited me, was talking to a friend named Laura when I arrived. Laura was upset about a boyfriend who broke up with her. "He told me I was too heavy. He's six feet tall, weighs 278, and he's calling me





fat." She didn't look fat to me. Laura told us, "He cheated on me with his old girlfriend." "You're better off without him," I

I met a guy named Jono who was moving to Texas. He said something about having a house

going to put a horseshoe pit in. When Megan sugof his funny stories, Jono said, "I better drink another beer first." While Jono went for his beer, I had time to grab a piece of birthday cake, which I had to eat with a knife because they ran out of

gested that he share some

forks during dinner.

Jono told me about

getting his skull crushed

in a bicycle accident,

about being arrested in

Barstow for tipping over

cows, and about his time

as a drug dealer. Jono

told me that he used to

sell everything: "acid,

cocaine, heroin, pot."

Dealing drugs never got him into trouble, but he recently got hauled in for an open beer at the

When Jono ran out of stories and the party crowd went into the bar to dance, I prepared to leave. There were cop cars in front of the club. I

thought of Jono's recent trouble and was relieved I hadn't had a drink.

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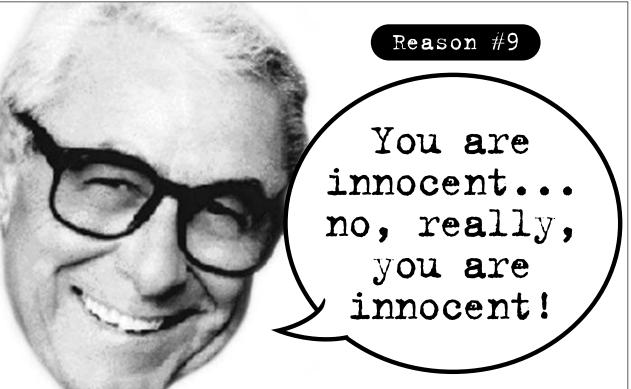








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by Barbarella

## **Movie Madness**

Theatergoing is a communal act, movie going a solitary one.

- Robert Brustein

re you ready?" I stood in front of the door, jiggling my keys.

"The movie doesn't start for *two hours*," David said, in his most exasperated tone of voice.

"To my amazement, I still find
parents bringing
toddlers into latenight R-rated
films. During the
most suspenseful
parts, we'd hear,
'MAMA!' really
freakin' loud."

"Right, we should have left five minutes ago." I smiled in an attempt to appear more relaxed, but my jaw clenched involuntarily. I don't know why he puts up with me, I thought. But when he met me at the door, my angst was replaced with relief and a sense of urgency to go, go, go, and we were on our way.

I had already purchased four tickets online — two for us, and two for Jason and Japhet, who would be meeting us at the theater. We arrived at Fashion Valley at 7:15 p.m. Wallace & Gromit was scheduled to begin at 9:05.

"I'm not going in yet," David said. His face was shaped into an adorable pout. I got our tickets from one of the machines in the lobby and agreed to venture only as far as the bookstore that was adjacent to the theaters. Not for the first time, I marveled aloud at the stupidity of all the people who wait in those long lines when there are three ticket machines right inside.

"I think we should go in now," I said after 20 minutes of book browsing. David sighed, put down the magazine he'd been flipping through, and followed me back to the theater. I left our friends' tickets for them at the customer service booth and marched inside. David took his time walking down the long corridor, pausing to study the posters along the way. When we turned the corner, I was ecstatic to find no one loitering in front of Theater 4, though David couldn't understand why — it was no surprise to him. I sat down triumphantly. David made a sarcastic comment

Fifteen minutes later, a woman rounded the corner, looking startled to see us.

"You here for *Wallace & Gromit*?" I asked.
"Yes." she answered.

"The last showing isn't out yet." I pointed to the marquee, where "7:00" was blinking in green. "Congratulations, by the way, you're 15 minutes less neurotic than I am."

"My friends think I'm crazy," she said.
"They're still in the food court, but it's important for me to get the seats I like."

"Yeah, me too," I told her. David sat between us without commenting. Then, because I couldn't help myself, I added, "But you're behind us. So I get first pick."

Like a good sport, she simply said, "I bow down to your superior neurosis." Lucky for her, she had two rows she liked. I have only one (the one in front with the rail to put your feet on), which is why those 15 minutes turned out to be so crucial — my row would have been her top pick. I would rather miss a movie altogether than watch it from a less desirable seat.

I realize that it's not fun for anyone to go to the movies with me. Except for my sister Heather. Like me, Heather has stayed true to her routine for years. She buys her tickets online and shows up to the theater early. Her first order of business — get good seats. Once seated, between snippets of conversation, she pokes fun at the cheesy music and bland, rotating advertisements on the screen. Fifteen minutes before the movie starts, someone has to save Heather's seat so she can "go pee" and then purchase one small Diet Coke and one small popcorn that she will *not* 

share (she's happy to buy you your own, but asking for any of hers will distress her in ways most sane people are incapable of understanding). She is disturbed when people bring their own food. "Food from Taco Bell smells wrong in here. I know you don't want to pay for the food inside the theater, but you don't have to stink it up. I want to smell popcorn and licorice, not chimichanga!"

Heather is always offended by the "preshow countdown," the handful of commercials that blare from the screen before the previews begin. She loves the previews, but her preview watching is always disrupted by her preoccupation with those who arrive during this time. A teenage couple stands at the front of the theater, searching rows of heads for any available seats. "It's always a source of amusement for me to look at their faces and find utter shock, dismay, even annoyance. Are you kidding me? The movie's supposed to be starting now. How can they be surprised that the tiniest theater in San Diego's busiest mall is full? Have they never been to see a movie before?" Each time someone appears in front of the theater, which can happen well into the beginning of the movie, Heather will pause from her watching to point them out and repeat

Heather has an irrational hatred for the theater's animated mascot — that little man made of cartoon film — every time he appears on the screen before a movie, as though she is pointing it out to her companions for the first time, and not the hundredth, Heather will lean over and whisper, "I *hate* him."



Though she has two young sons, my sister and I agree on the issue of bringing one's kids to the theater. I try to avoid encountering children by catching showings late at night. But to my amazement, I still find parents bringing toddlers into latenight R-rated films. During one horror flick Heather watched a group of people pass around a two-year-old girl. "During the most suspenseful parts, we'd hear, 'MAMA!' really freakin' loud. People made comments and finally, one of the members of their party picked up the child and walked to the back, and the theater erupted with applause." After the movie, the young mother, holding

her baby, said, "I can't believe these people were so irritated at a *child*. I mean, what the fuck!"

"I was so offended on so many levels," Heather said the next day. "We were irritated with *her*, not her daughter. She shouldn't bring a child to that kind of movie anyway, and then to be holding her baby and curse like that? It was just so foul."

While waiting for Wallace & Gromit, I sit with my foot on the rail and my purse draped over the two seats to my left. I have given up counting how many people asked, "Are these seats saved?" No, I think, the entire theater is filling up and two of the best seats in the house have

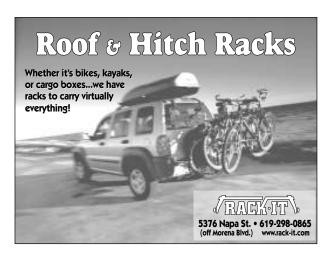
been sitting here just waiting for someone as bold as yourself to ask for them." But instead, I just nod and say, "Yeah."

Jason and Japhet show up as the commercials begin. Several people show up after that and stand, dumbfounded, at the front of the theater to search for seats. *Idiots*, I think. The theater darkens and the previews begin, drowning out the sound of rustling plastic wrappers. I turn to David, who has been waiting patiently, sitting bored as I went

through my routine, a similar version of Heather's. David turns his head to find me smiling and wide-eyed, the face of a little girl who just found herself in a secret glen with a unicorn. "I'm so happy we're at the movies!" I say,

allowing my excitement to bubble over as I grab David's hand and, still smiling, face the screen.

David sighs a "what am I going to do with you" sigh and whispers, "You're cute," and the movie begins.







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## Salvation M



## HINKING OF REX'S WORDS,

I check the weather forecast for Niland. During the next five days the lows would be 84, the highs 108. But this turns out to be wrong. On Friday, August 26, the temperature reaches 118, and on Saturday it's 121.

My plan is to visit Leonard Knight, creator of Salvation Mountain — once a toxic nightmare and now a folk-art extravaganza made up of more than 100,000 gallons of paint — which has kept Mr. Knight busy for the last 21 years. Passing through El Centro, I buy a gallon of red paint as a little gift.

Imperial Valley and Coachella Valley, to the north, form a great pancake about 100 miles long from north to south. Most is below sea level and ringed by hazy mountains, whose peaks create a jagged line, like a sheet of torn paper. Before the opening of the Imperial Canal in 1901, bringing water from the Colorado River, the valley was nearly uninhabitable. After the Hoover

Dam was finished in 1935, great farms began growing alfalfa and cotton, but mostly hay.

The smell of hay fills my car as I drive up Route 111. The few palm trees are all dusty. Walls of baled hay spot the fields. Some fields are being planted, some harvested, some growing, some are stripped bare. The towns — Brawley, Calipatria, Niland — seem poor, with mobile homes, small one-story houses squatting close to the ground, and fenced yards with rusting and unidentifiable machinery. The sign welcoming me to Niland gives the population as 1052 souls. What might generously be called "the business center" is two strips of squat concrete shops, a third of them empty, with the closed library, a laundromat, Ballestero's restaurant, and a burned-out gas station on the west side, and Bobby D's pizza, the post office, and a modest supermarket on the east. Turning right on Main Street, I pass five blocks of small houses and a decrepit trailer park at the edge of town. Five years

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ago the median household income was \$25,592, about half the national average. I cross two sets of railway tracks, then pass a power station and the road to the dump. Out in the brush a dozen shacks lean precariously. A storage facility advertises outdoor storage for \$10 a month. Inside its chain-link fence about 100 trailers and RVs await the return of the snowbirds. A narrow canal divides the final hay field from the beginning of the former Camp Dunlap. I pass an empty and bulletscarred concrete sentry booth. Part of the last Star Wars movie was filmed near here, and the landscape is spare and extraterrestrial.

But then in the distance I see Salvation Mountain. It would be hard to miss given its riot of color. At more than 30 feet high, and topped by a 15-foot cross, it forms the northern end of a bluff about a quarter-mile long. On the flat land in front of the bluff are two trucks — both over 50 years old and decorated with painted birds, flowers, trees, landscapes, and religious

phrases — a decorated tractor, a decorated Jeep Wagoneer, and a decorated moped. To the south are an elderly Ford bus, another tractor, a station wagon, and two trailers, one an old Airstream. I also see about ten bicycles and a rusted machine for supplying hot air to a hot-air balloon: a boiler, firebox, fan, and chimney. The only functional vehicle turns out to be one of the bikes. The ground upon which these objects, and many others, sit is the color of an elderly yellow Labrador retriever. There are no trees.

As I approach, I make out the largest words on the mountain: "God Is Love," in raised red-and-pink lettering. Beneath this quote, in white lettering inside a red heart ten feet across, is the Sinner's Prayer: "Jesus, I'm a sinner. Please come upon my body and into my heart." But this is only some of the writing, which includes the Lord's Prayer, quotations from scriptures, and references to scriptural passages important to Mr. Knight. Around the words are painted waterfalls, the

American flag, clouds, flowers, and trees, in blues, whites, reds, pinks, greens, a confusion of color that spills down into a painted sea with whitecaps and more flowers and what appears to be an old bass boat, without seats and painted dark red. The vehicles and Airstream are painted similarly. Every available surface is a splash of color and language. To the right of the mountain is a partly finished, dome-shaped structure made of hay bales and adobe, with thick stripes of pink, blue, orange, white, yellow, red, violet, and more, into which a dozen car windows and thick branches have been inserted. Scattered nearby are dozens of old car and truck tires — about 50 are arranged to spell out L-O-V-E — telephone poles, piles of car doors and windows, a railway crossing sign lying on its side, a broken satellite antenna, tiles, dishes, barrels, and a whole lot of empty paint cans.

I park beside a 10-foot-high painted sign made of paint, adobe, and hay bales. It announces "Salva-

tion Mountain" and "God Never Fails" and is decorated with painted flowers. Across the road in the brush are about 40 trailers belonging to Slab City, which has more enclaves stretching out over two miles. The only other car in evidence is black, expensive, and Japanese. Climbing from air-conditioning into Slab City's weather, I feel like hamburger slapped into the clamshell of a George Foreman grill. I grab my gallon of paint and proceed across a washed-out gully toward a truck that has a small shed with a gabled roof on its back. Beside it, three men are just getting to their feet. One is Leonard Knight, the other two belong to the expensive Japanese car and are dressed for the part.

Leonard waves as I approach. "I've been expecting you!"

Since he couldn't have known I was coming, I'm surprised. "I've brought you some paint."

Leonard takes the can from me. "Hey, high-gloss red. That'll go in that big red heart up there. Where's the other one?" He peers at my car



as if someone were hiding inside.

I tell him he must be mistaking me for someone else.

One of the men — distinguished, fit, and 70-ish — says, "He's not them, Leonard. I'll talk to the museums and see you in two weeks." He and his companion continue on to the Japanese car and soon they are gone.

I introduce myself to Leonard and say I'd like to chat. It turns out that he has been expecting two Canadian filmmakers, but he appears delighted to talk to me. "Let's go sit in the shade by my truck."

Leonard is a wiry fellow, 73 years old, five foot eight or nine, wearing a dusty white hat, gray pants, and a faded blue-and-turquoise shirt with patterns of shells and starfish in shades of yellow. His skin is like tanned leather, and he has flecks of white paint on his upper arms and

right earlobe. His hair, when he removes his hat, is long and grayishblond, mixed with white. His eyebrows are aggressive and sagebrush-thick. He has a thin face with thin lips, bright, birdlike blue eyes, and a long, pointed nose with a flat, dimpled tip, as if a bite had been taken out of it. He is clean-shaven and left-handed.

Though friendly, he's also quite shy, which leads him to speak in the phrases he finds most familiar, the phrases that tell about his mountain and what he is doing here, phrases he has used with dozens of other reporters and film people. There is, I come to realize, nothing insincere about him, but he regards his job as making his mountain and letting other people see it and photograph it. Although often called an artist, he objects to the term. "I've never seen myself as an artist. When

people call me one, I say, 'No, don't call me that.' What thrills me most is to let people take pictures of the mountain and then let me talk about the Bible a little."

Leonard was born in Burlington, Vermont, one of six children three boys and three girls — and raised in Shelborne, about ten miles away. "My parents had a 32-acre farm, four or five cows and thirty chickens and four pigs, a little bit of everything, and a two-acre garden, which was too big of a garden because we had to weed it all the time." He has a high Vermont twang, similar to Calvin Coolidge's: "git" for "get"; "kin" for "can"; "hep" for "help"; "jes" for "just"; he makes "church" and "lot" into two-syllable words, and "balloon" a one-syllable word. He has a high, musical laugh and laughs often.

We sit in the small piece of shade on gray

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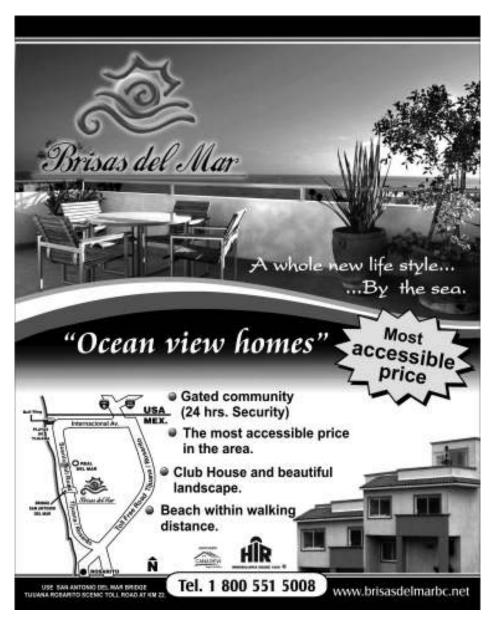
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plastic chairs by the rear of his '51 Chevy truck. The heat is like being swaddled by 50 heating pads turned up to max. A ragged couch where Leonard sleeps is pressed up to the side of the truck. Chairs, another couch, tires, water cans, a

rope, chain, motorcycle helmet, a mountain bike, a shovel, cardboard boxes, a moped, some clothes, a tire pump, three tables, empty gallon plastic jugs, various caps, a rake, and paint cans occupy our immediate environment. On the

couch is a Bible. Nothing indicates the presence of money except, perhaps, the moped — and it doesn't work. The sky is cloudless. From the Chocolate Mountains comes the distant sound of jets making bombing runs, and occasional

explosions.

"We had a good life on the farm," he tells me. "But I don't like cold weather, so year-round I like it better here in California. My parents tried to make me go to church as a little kid, and God bless them, they were dedicated and beautiful, but I wouldn't do it. And I never painted as a kid. I tried to paint cars for a livin' many years ago and I got everybody mad at me. So I figured I'd better not paint. I was the youngest boy. I didn't like school much and in tenth grade I quit. I hurt my mother by quittin' and it hurts me now to think about it. I can see her crying. She loved me. My older brother that's living in Ohio is very educated. He went to college in New York City and came out in the

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top three or something. He worked for a big boiler company and ended up fixing the real bad ones all over the world. I been protected by love. My brother, so many times, probably 80 times or less, I'd ask him for money when I was out on the road. 'I'm broke and I need \$20 real bad.' And he'd send me a hundred. And two months later I'd say, 'I'm sorry I didn't pay you back, but I'm broke again." Leonard laughs his musical laugh. "My older brother, all through my life, before I came here, always had to kinda take care of me and give me money and he never did let me down. So he supplies love and I can work on my mountain, because, gee whiz, back then I couldn't do anything. But I gave him a surprise last February, because he looked into the Reader's Digest and there was a story on me and he says,

'Leonard! I opened up the magazine and you stared me right in the face!' He got the biggest kick outta that in Ohio. It was a double page and I was right in the middle staring up at people.

"I never drank when I was growing up. My brothers, God bless their hearts, they knew I was kinda the black sheep of the family, and when I was sixteen they said, 'You can go to the beer joints with us, but you're gonna drink Pepsi because fools and drunkards drink.' So I respected them a lot and I never did drink. I'll have a beer now and then. I'll maybe have four cans a beer a year. Last year I don't think I had any. This year I've had about six, so I'm trying to catch up. I remember when I was 16 wanting to go out with a girl and my brother let me use his car and my other brother let me use his

suit, and I was all dressed up when I went to the movie with her."

I ask him if he'd ever thought of having a family.

"Hunh! A lot! Next question."

All three brothers were drafted and Leonard was sent to Korea, where he spent ten days at the front before the war ended. Afterward, he worked for nearly two years at Fort Knox as a tank mechanic. Following his time in the service, Leonard spent more than a dozen years wandering around the country, returning to Vermont and then leaving again.

"I tried to make a living real hard, painting cars and other stuff. My sister lived in Lemon Grove and I came out here with my brother in 1956. I worked in San Diego one solid year, a frame-and-axle place, cutting cars in half and trying to put them back

together. I took guitar lessons in San Diego, but I had such a bad ear I couldn't tune the guitar by myself, so people

would say, 'Oh, Leonard, get out of here!' But I kept it up, and after a while I was giving lessons to a bunch of kids. I wrote a song in 1994 about how I was contaminating California with a paintbrush, which they put on Canadian TV. I still play the guitar some. Then I changed truck tires in Arizona for four years. I was always struggling, trying to make a living, and having a hard time doing it. But people seem to take a liking to me. And I'm a sensitive person. If

somebody throws a lot

of rotten eggs at me, I'll

pout for a whole week.

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shouldn't have."

The event that dramatically redirected Leonard's life was a religious conversion outside his sister's house in Lemon Grove in 1967.

"This is very, very important. My sister said I had to go to church and I really didn't want to go to church. I didn't love God any. By that time I almost didn't love anything. And I was outside of her house on 222 Dayton Drive — I can pinpoint the spot. I was by myself because I was running away from her and running away from God. And I started saying, 'Jesus, I'm a sinner, please come into my heart.' And I said that eight or ten times and tears started to come to my eyes. 'Jesus, I'm a sinner, *please* come into my heart.' And I didn't know what was going on, but I said that for 20 minutes or a half hour by myself. And I ended up with tears coming down my

eyes and I really repented to Jesus totally. And the one scripture I'd like to mention is Acts 2:38 where Peter says, 'Repent to Jesus and get saved.' How I hit that right on the head! The next day I knew something had happened to me because I was still crying, and I was in my sister's house, and the people who were there wanted to pray for me and nobody had ever prayed for me before, so I was nervous. They sat me in a chair in my sister's living room and they started to pray and one woman knew about tongues, but I didn't know anything about nothing, and within ten seconds I just went, 'Baly onem moloka anda ladadada cloka.' And I said, 'What's that?' I didn't even know what it was. But God gave me tongues instantly, because I'd really repented and it comes through repentance.

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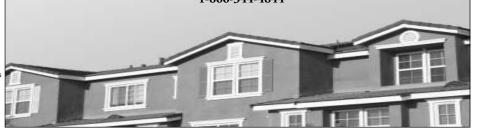
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I looked into the Bible and I read, 'The cloving tongues like as a fire sat upon me.' And I said, 'Jesus, I'm a sinner and I'm sorry, but I don't understand the fire baptism.' But God was opening my understanding to

Although Leonard's conversion was absolute — he says he still speaks and sings in tongues several hours a day — he wasn't sure what to do next. He visited a wide number of churches, but he didn't feel comfortable with any of them.

"I spoke in tongues in a Methodist service, and you know they threw me out of the church. I've been kicked out of a bunch of churches. I'd tell the evangelists, 'God has got his fishhook in your mouth, because you're getting mad at me.' But that time in Lemon Grove changed my life totally. I'm kinda proud of this, because it's like when Saul was persecuting the church and he turned out to be Paul. I told some minister, 'I love Saul and I love Paul too.' I love everybody, period, and it doesn't matter what they do now. For I would have criticized Saul for crucifying people or putting them in prison like anyone else, but God knew better. So now I don't criticize nobody. When I criticize anybody, I say, 'Jesus, I'm sorry, forgive me. I don't have that right.' And when people come against me real hard, I'll love them secretly even more, because they're not fighting against me, they're fighting against God. They're fighting against the Holy Bible. And I'll look people right in the face and say, 'I'm on the Holy Bible's side. You get a Bible and look into it.'

"God has given me such a privilege that it's staggering, that all alone with my skinny little dumb body, uneducated

and everything, and here's that whole mountain. And gee whiz, all of a sudden there's people scratching their head on it, saying, 'Leonard, what church do you go to?' And I say, 'I go to Jesus and I love him head-on.

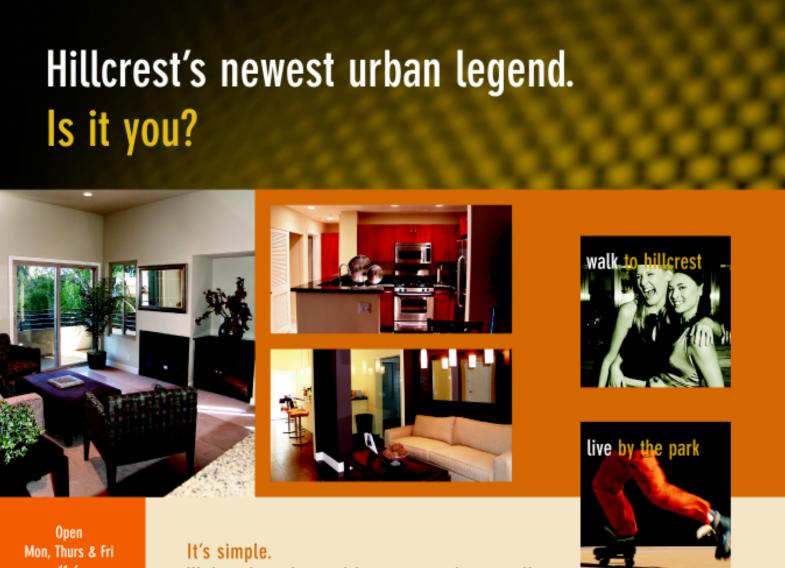
I love God head-on. I love the Bible head-on.' And them churches give me a really hard time. They say, 'Don't you know our church is the only one there is and you don't help us any?' Well, I say, I'm not going to

leave Jesus out six days a week, then get dressed up and listen to a man who talks about Jesus secondhand. I'm going to love Jesus head-on, on a one-on-one basis."

So Leonard had his own church founded on his belief that God is love, because he still hadn't figured out fire baptism. This is sometimes called the Jesus baptism, because Matthew and Luke quote John the Baptist as saying, "I have baptized

you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Suffice it to say that the contention surrounding the various baptisms would fill a large library.

Then in 1971 Leonard had another



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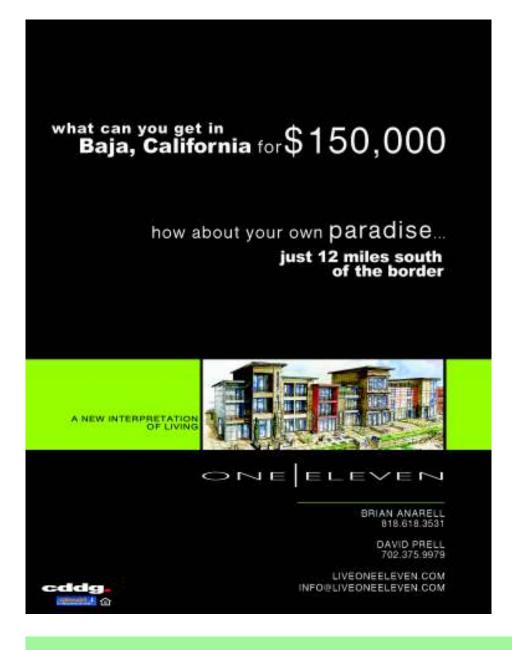


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transforming experience. Sitting in his gray plastic chair, he leans toward me and lowers his voice.

"I saw a hot-air balloon fly over Burlington, Vermont, and it had some advertising something on it. Kids are apulling their parents out of their houses by the dozens: 'Daddy, what's that balloon say?' and 'Mama, what's that balloon say?' And they're all looking up at this balloon. This is more'n 30

years ago. And I looked up and I said, 'God, I want a hot-air balloon that'll say, "Jesus, I'm a sinner, please come into my heart," and "God Is Love," so that hundreds of people might look up and say those words.' And for ten years I prayed almost every day, ten years and nobody would help me. The churches had all the education and all of the dumb nothings, and they wouldn't help me and

nobody would help me.
"Finally, in Nebraska
in 1980, approximately,
my truck broke down in

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thing like, 'What can I do?' And I says, 'I don't know, but I'm sure together we can do it.' And he was a very capable man and together we went to Ravens Industries in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They're the biggest balloon-maker going and they had new balloons there. They also had brand-new material with a little corner cut wrong, and for five dollars I could buy a whole bag of this stuff. So for four years, or three, I ran them out of this damaged material. Back in Nebraska I'd cut cottonwood for \$35 a truckload, and I drove a corn truck and every time I got \$50 I'd buy ten more bags of material. They gave me a little sewing machine and after three and a half years I had a balloon ten stories high with 'God Is Love' on it and the Sinner's Prayer on it. People in Nebraska said, 'Leonard, it's too big.' But I didn't listen to them, even though the balloon was 200 feet high and a 100 feet wide. I towed it behind my '51 Chevy truck, and I wanted to put it up in towns so people could take pictures of 'God Is Love. Then I came here to Slab City because it was free. I ended up here because Somebody upstairs, God Almighty, broke me down here. The balloon was in the back of my truck, and it rained a lot that year and it just rotted. And when the hot-air balloon rotted and we'd tried to put it up dozens of times — I knew that 14 years of effort was down the tubes. I meant to stay a week and make a little eight-foot balloon, but then I stayed a month, and then I stayed two months. The people in town and the whole valley and Slab City people treated me real good. I was doing something different, even though everything I was doing was falling apart, but they didn't mind. They just

come and tried to help me anyway. And I really believed that the Lord had touched the heart of many, many people in the valley, and so I stayed here. So that one week turned into 21 years."

I asked Leonard if

he'd ever gotten his balloon off the ground.

"No, but I almost did 104 times. I was once in a balloon that went up 100 feet, but it was tied to the ground. Seems scary to be up in a balloon that's not tied

down. It might fly over a city and hit a smokestack."

Since Leonard couldn't put his message into the sky, he decided to keep it on the ground and put his message on the bluff.

"It was just an old mountainside, that halfmile ridge, and I started carving it out a little bit. The first mountain was made with concrete. A friend told me to use adobe, but I was too stubborn. You usually

mix cement four to one with gravel. Well, I mixed it twenty to one with gravel, because I wanted to make it bigger. And then five years later it fell down totally. I was painting the outside of the mountain, up about ten

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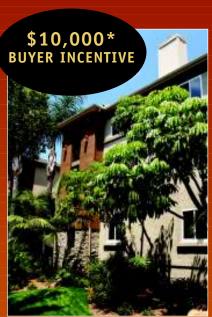
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feet, and I saw a crack in the mountain that I'd worked on for five years. And it got bigger. All of a sudden, within a minute and a half, the whole thing collapsed. I think God wanted to design it better and He did. Before, when I was making the

mountain, I didn't see the Bible the way I do now. What happened was I wanted to make the mountain by myself, like I said, 'God, You step aside and let me do it.' And it fell apart. And 14 years later it fell apart a second time. And I still

kept the same attitude — Let me do it, God. Then in 1990 I looked up and said, 'All right, God Almighty, You do it. You just get rid of Leonard and You do it.' And that's what happened. I think God is very patient with me. A friend said I should use adobe, and I said, 'No, everybody uses cement. You have to use cement.' And he kept anagging at me, so I got mad at him. And another friend said, 'Don't bother Leonard, he's too stubborn.' But that guy said, 'I'm stubborner than he

is and he's going to use adobe.' And finally I did. And every time I see that man, I always tell him, 'You're stubborner than I am and I love you.' Ha! So I started using adobe. The whole mountain is made out of clay, which is beautiful for adobe. God

was trying to tell me that 18 years ago but I didn't listen. So lately I been really trying to get out of the way of the mountain and let God do it. When the mountain fell down the first time, I didn't know anything about adobe whatsoever. After

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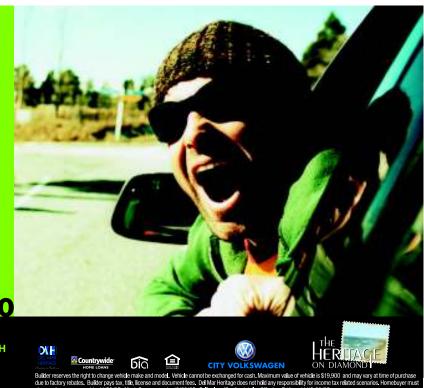
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the mountain fell down, that's when my friend came up and started nagging me to use adobe, and within a couple of weeks I started using adobe. And I found it the most beautiful equipment in the whole world, and the whole mountain doesn't mind if I use another 20 tons of it."

Leonard's apparent bad luck was not yet over, but the next crisis turned out to be good luck in disguise.

"In 1994 the Board of Supervisors wanted to take the mountain down to make a paid campground. A county official tested the soil for toxicity, and I ended up being told I'd made a toxic nightmare, contaminating the people of California with lead in the paint. Sacramento gave \$160,000 to put the mountain in a toxic dump immediately. And that was the best thing that ever happened to me. There were newspa-

and Los Angeles and they got the mountain famous. The San Diego Union helped me a lot, it really did. The Los Angeles Times, Tony Perry, he's still working for them, he said, 'The laws of God and the laws of man are going to collide in Niland, California.' A whole lot of museums came down on my side, and the commotion did me a lot of good. And the board members backed off as beautiful gentlemen. They said I was too popular to fight. But that was an obstacle that got me upset a little bit. Now I realize that God is going to have His way whether I'm upset or not, but back then I didn't see it like that. So the biggest problem I had back then was me getting angry. But I repented on that, and that's when things started to move real good. And today, as far as I know, all the supervisors in the

per articles in San Diego

valley, they love me no end and they want to keep the mountain up."

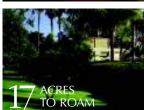
During his time of trouble with the Board of Supervisors, Leonard met Larry Yust, Hollywood producer and director of educational and feature films. Yust read the L.A. Times articles about Leonard's dealings with the supervisors and decided that he wanted to see the mountain before it was carted off to a toxic waste dump. Then he and Leonard ended up becoming friends. Yust made two short films about him, the second being Balloon Raising in 1998. He also published a book of photographs about the mountain with interviews with Leonard — Salvation Mountain: The Art of Leonard Knight (New Leaf Press, 1998) — and he started Friends of Leonard Knight, made up of people who want to protect the mountain,











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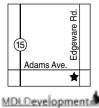
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like museum curators, because Leonard is now considered one of the country's most important visionary artists a description that causes him to scratch his head and grin. But he has also made a friend of Rebecca Hoffberger, curator of the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, whose 35,000 square feet of space includes a former Four Roses whiskey warehouse with 45-foot ceilings. Leonard's '51 Chevy truck was exhibited there a few years ago and now one of his balloons — 20 feet across, I was told — hangs from

the rafters.

This was news to Leonard. "Rebecca was going to send me a picture of it hanging up there. I guess she forgot."

It turns out that it was Larry Yust who had visited Leonard in the expensive Japanese car.

"I was excited he was coming down,"
Leonard tells me. "He's coming back next month, and he wants me to tell all the museums that have signed up as part of the Friends of Leonard Knight what I want them to do 40 years from now. Because I'll be old then." Leonard laughs and his blue eyes

twinkle. "I'm trying to get the mountain so it won't fall apart by painting it a lot, and I'd like to get all the museums to just keep it like it is and just have people come and take pictures of 'God Is Love' and all the rest. I don't want anybody else to come in here and do their thing on it. Just keep it like it is. And if I put that down on paper and get it documented, they'll know what to do. So I'm trying real hard to get this thing permanent. Rebecca Hoffberger was down here a couple of months ago, and Larry's put her in charge of making the

mountain declared a national monument and getting it through the Senate. Gee, I'm getting the best secretaries in the whole world — movie producers and curators and professors and storywriters. And that's what I think is important, just so people'll know about the mountain."

After we sit for a while, Leonard insists that he show me around.

"I start working at five-thirty or quarter of six in the morning. There gets to be nice air early in the morning, maybe from quarter to six until nine, then I take it easy. I don't want to strain myself, because I got another 40 years of work to do so I better cool it." He laughs. "Sometimes, when the moon is out, like last week, I like to get up at two-thirty in the moonlight and work for a while. I used to do that a lot, but I've simmered down a bit. But I've put over a thousand gallons of paint on it in the last two months, I think. And I've got two 55-gallon drums of white paint coming in from donations next month, so then I can paint more whitecaps on that blue sea there."

The ground is broken-up clay, not quite sand, but almost.
Leonard is hunched over a little and keeps looking back to make sure I'm following, peering up at me from under his eyebrows and hat brim. On his feet are blue-and-green running shoes that look fairly new. He wears no socks.

"As you walk over here you can almost see my two waterfalls in blue and the ocean in the blue and the boat in the waves. A fellow gave me that boat 16 years ago and for seven years it was just in my way. Then it wound up in the

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waves. I don't know what it symbolizes. I guess it can symbolize anything you want.

"I never named it Salvation Mountain. People used to call it all sort of things —Magic Mountain, Mountain of Love, Technicolor Mountain — but I liked Salvation Mountain, though I never mentioned it. But that's the name that seems to fit best. A lot of people are preaching salvation in this world today, but I like to get you into salvation so simple that you can't possibly overlook it. People will see Acts 2:38 written up there

and go look it up. And a person can't possibly look into Acts 2:38 and argue with Leonard, because I read it straight from the Bible."

The hundred or so letters on the surface are all raised, using hay and adobe, with the large letters in "God Is Love" taking about five hay bales each.

Leonard points to an area of empty paint cans to the right of his ocean. "I had a stack of paint there three fivegallon buckets high. I tried to put on between 25 and 30 gallons every morning, by just dumping a five-gallon bucket and taking a big broom and brushing it around, because I wanted to get the paint about six inches thick so it'll be here forty years from now. It takes thousands of gallons to do it. People donate stuff, but only when they want to. People donate paint. Last winter, January and February, I had 80 to 180 people a day come in here. Some days I'd have as many as 200. That's when the snowbirds were here. It was busy. And people donated good. So I kept some of it for the summer when they wouldn't be coming in, and I've been coast-

ing along real good. It's amazing the amount of things that's donated. People treat me super good and then I get enthused. Years ago a woman told me that religion had to be ugly. That made me so mad that I started putting flowers everywhere. When the adobe is wet, you can take a half a gallon of it and splop it on and then hit it with your fist. Then you got a flower and the California sun dries it. Then you paint it. So I been putting flowers all over the place. I want God to use me to try to explain to everyone in the whole world that

God loves you personally. The flowers are part of that."

I say that the paintings of flowers remind me of folk art that I've seen in Mexico, but Leonard says he has never seen any Mexican folk art. He leads me over toward the striped adobe and hay-bale construction to the right of the mountain.

"I'm making a museum over here that's getting a lot of attention. But this little museum came first."

Leonard goes down several steps into a domed cave or grotto. There is such a riot of color and so many things to look at that at first I see only a blur. It's at least five degrees cooler than outside.

"I made this about ten years ago with 80 bales of hay, and it's all made out of adobe. Then I find glass out in the highway and I just decorate it. This was on the England Discovery Channel eight or nine years ago. Your paper, the San Diego Reader, was one of the first magazines to do anything on me. Before that I didn't have much publicity. I got it in here someplace."

Leonard begins peering at the walls. The

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grotto is about ten feet across and ten feet high. The walls are white, but filled with painted squares that resemble pictures hanging in a gallery. Some of the squares have only words: "Bible"; "Jesus Loves You"; "God Is Love." Others have flowers and bluebirds, bits of colored glass, mirrors, beads. Many have pictures from newspapers covered with panes of glass. There are painted clouds and hearts. White adobe ledges are available to sit on, but they are seriously dusty.

In a brown-framed picture of blue sky and white clouds over green mountain peaks, I find bits and pictures from a *Reader* article dated March 10, 1988.

"They call you 'the preacher,' "I say.

"I'm not a preacher. I let my mountain do my talking, but it talks pretty good."

On one of the ledges are three trophies that Leonard received for his decorated '51 Chevy truck — one from the February 1997 Niland Tomato Festival and one from a fair in El Centro in 2002.

"That parade in El Centro was in the biggest parade I've ever been in. Must have been 80,000 people went through the fairgrounds. And I was there 14 hours and, man, I had a headache and I can't take people like that. I left early just to get out of there. Three days later I went into the hardware store downtown and a fellow says, 'Leonard, you won a trophy in that parade.' And

I thought it would be about six inches tall, but I won the first prize of the special editions and it was three feet tall."

Leonard's truck has also been featured in a book on art cars, *Wild Wheels*, by Harrod Blank (Blank Books, 2001), and in *Self-Made Worlds: Visionary Folk Art Environments* (Aperture, 1997). Leonard tells me it is also in a movie about art cars that will soon be coming out. But, he adds, there are dangers involved.

"The movie producer in Hollywood, his wife, she told me something some time ago. She said I was getting a lot of compliments on that truck because of the way I had painted it, but that I was getting carried away with that truck too

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much. She looked at me and she said, 'Leonard, you know the main thrust here is that mountain.' And she was right. She and Larry don't talk about God or Jesus any. They don't want to hear it yet. And I don't push them any, but look how much they've helped me. Gosh. So I tell the Lord, 'You push and I'll pray for them behind their backs.'

"A while ago a friend gave me a guest book to put in here and I didn't use it. When he saw I wasn't using it, he got mad at me and said, 'Well, Leonard, I'm not going to give you anything else.' I said, 'Look, don't give me anything, because when I give you something it's yours, and if you give me something it's mine.' And now

my roadway is washed out and every year it washes out three times, and it's going to cost thousands of dollars to fix it. So I don't want a roadway. People are going to have to walk up, look at the mountain and see the mountain. And I want them paying attention to the mountain, not looking at a guest book. They'll see a friend in there and say, 'Oh, look at that,' and they'll go back to the hotel and someone'll say, 'Did you look at the mountain?' and they'll say, 'No, we forgot. But we looked at a guest book.' So I don't want one. And I don't want a big picnic area here where people can come in, make a mess, and leave. Have your picnic

come in and look at the 'God Is Love' mountain. Every time somebody wants me to do something commercial, I don't want to do it."

Laughing, Leonard leads the way to the larger museum, which is about half built, with the rear part still open to the sky. It rises up more than 25 feet. Hay bales, tires, buckets, sticks, boxes, and paint cans lie about. We pass through a rainbow archway with "Jesus Loves" in raised red letters at the top. Again, it's a little cooler inside.

"This is the inside of the hot-air balloon that rotted out, and there's over a thousand bales of hay in it. And about eight or nine years ago it started to crack on me here and there, so I told God I'm going to quit. So





somewhere else. Just





He brought in some tractor tires and I just filled them full of adobe and made this handmade cartire tree. And I found these sticks out in the desert and I started poking sticks into the tree. And it got in a German magazine, which I can show you — my handmade cartire tree holding up a rotted-out balloon and bales of hay. It's gettin' kinda popular."

The tree has 20 or so adobe fist-flowers on its main trunk — red, pink, yellow, and blue — the trunk itself is turquoise, white, and brown; the tangle of branches are red, green, white, blue,

and purple, going up about 25 feet. Adobe bluebirds sit on some of the branches, but several grosbeaks are fluttering around as well. They have speckled backs, long tail feathers, and rust-red breasts. Their beaks are open, as if they were panting from the heat. The walls of the museum are painted with thick stripes and flowers. A white car door is set into the wall, with "Jesus Loves You, You Love Jesus" in red paint next to a red heart. We walk around a corner into a larger space, where the ceiling is held up by tire trees and branches.

Everything is brightly painted and very dusty.

"In here I'm making a museum, but eight, ten to twenty times bigger than this. I think I should have started when I was five years old. People like my car-tire trees, so I began making that tree here with car tires from out in the desert. And I find limbs out in the desert to hold it up. And telephone poles. If I can get 3,000 more bales of hay, I want to dome over this whole thing. People are bringing in car windows. I'll probably need another half a thousand car windows. This is part of Slab City so it's rentfree. The mountain gives me the beautiful adobe and the sticks are out in the desert by the millions. The old car tires have all been thrown away. Everything is like recycled. So I say this as a joke, I think God is recycling me too. And for years I've been having a good time being recycled.

"I had 30 bales fall in on me when I first started this thing and I didn't know how to stabilize it. And I jumped back real excited, and I says, 'God, I don't know what I'm doing.' And He calmly says, 'I know that, Leonard.' Now every

time I put in a bale of hay, I put in a stick to hold it up. And it went through a lot of rain last winter and it's still standing. And so maybe if I get it complete as an igloo, it'll be here a while."

This is one of Leonard's favorite jokes, and when the Canadian filmmakers show up the next day he tells them the same story: "About 35 bales of hay kinda fell next to me and I got all excited..." A day or so later I read another version of the story that he had told to Robert Pincus in the San Diego Union-Tribune back on May 1.

"So," I say, "does

God talk to you?"

"He talks to me in the Bible. If He don't talk to me in the Bible, then I'm as blind as anybody

We move into an open area by the bluff with barrels, branches, tires, and hay bales. Leonard is like a Realtor showing a new house to a prospective buyer.

"This will be the inner museum, and there's a 30-foot tree I'm starting to hold it up with if I can get it complete. I want to put a hundred branches around it to hold up the bales, roofing over the whole thing."



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"You're an ambitious guy," I say.

Leonard laughs. "I have to kind of argue with that lately. Here's the clay. Feel it. The whole mountain is solid clay. God, it's really good material." He takes the lid off a yellow half-barrel. Inside is a mixture of wet clay and hay. "You soak the clay all night and it gets like that, but I better redo this batch because it's getting hard. I shoulda put it on three days ago and didn't. I'll put in a gallon of water and get it all juicy again.

So I got the material here and the clay is here. People are donating things, and people are really making me happy. I can go into town any time I want to, which can be two or three times a day just to get out of the heat. Sit in the restaurant."

"Do you ever have people help you paint?" I ask.

"Mostly, it's mine. But Larry says with all the museums that want to help me keep it up, there'll be a lot of people who'll want to come out and help and I should say yes. If I can get young help here, I can get the bales of hay up there faster. And it's getting to the place where more people want to help me. Larry wants to bring some kids down from L.A. to work on the roof. Not long ago I carried a bale up a ladder, about 28 rungs. I barely did it. I'd heave it up and take a step and heave it up again. Some guy was videotaping and he said, 'Leonard, that's the dumbest thing I've ever seen.' That ladder was ashaking and trembling. It was terrible. So maybe I should watch myself.

"I'll be 74 this year. Larry told me about five months ago, 'Leonard, you're getting old and I'm getting old and we better take the time to smell the roses and take it easy so we can coast along for another 20 years.' Because he says we've got things to do that're going to be fun. So I don't strain myself anymore. If it's too hot, I'll sit in the shade. I don't want to hurt myself, because that

would really interfere. I'm glad I don't have back trouble because that would hold me up a little. I haven't even answered the telephone for two years. Every morning at five, I get coffee at the gas station and I listen to the news for maybe two minutes. I hate to listen to the news when it's cool, because I could be working. It's better to take it easy when it's hot. I feel very fortunate. I'm very fortunate when it comes to the Bible. The Bible and I are closer than anybody I've ever seen. It's just that if God puts it in his Holy Bible, then I'm going to believe it. He's built that whole mountain with just me and without any churches helping me."

Leonard gets \$240 a month from Social Security and people give him food. Some years ago he had 1000 puzzles made of a photograph showing the mountain with him standing on top waving. Production of the puzzles cost \$4000. Some are sold at Bobby D's pizza for \$8 each, but





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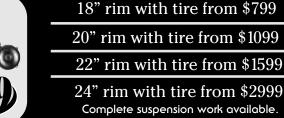


















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the great majority Leonard gives away. "In the winter," he says, "people visit the mountain, I give them a puzzle for free and sometimes they give me money." By now he's distributed nearly 5000 puzzles. "But I've got no head for business. You wouldn't even talk to me if you knew how slothful I am in business. It's pitiful."

I ask if he ever gets lonely.

"No. I guess I'm so happy with what I'm doing. If I get lonely, I go into town. The people in Bobby D's pizza are friendly. So I go in there, and they joke around and kid a lot. Today somebody there told me he saw me twice last week on the History Channel. But I really don't want to be famous at all. I want the mountain to be. I just pray to God that if I ever get that built and have all the museums protecting it, I can see it off and just let the mountain do my talking. Right now I'm thrilled on how it's going. But if I ever get in the way and take more

credit than I should, then I hope God tells me. I sometimes say, 'God, I'm all cocked up and my mouth runs off and everything else.' But when I think of the Bible and how important it is that the preachers and ministers and church leaders and the deacons know about these scriptures they're not paying attention to, then I believe that God revealed them to me for a reason. They're a tool, a tool that thrills me a lot, because I'm not afraid of the word of

God. If I know 'the rushing mighty wind' is in Acts 2:2, then it's in there. There's no Mickey Mouse about it."

"Do you ever get frightened out here?" I ask

"No, but I've had things that should frighten me. The Bible says, 'Perfect love casts out fear.' One time I had a 300-pound man come in here drunk as a hoot, cursing God and looking like Hoss Cartwright. And he looked me right in the face, and he says, 'Boy, I just love that

mountain a lot!' Then he staggered off, and it only took ten seconds to do that and, gee, I didn't have time to be afraid, so I just hollered at him, 'I love ya, thanks for coming.' And he staggered off. I have a feeling that when things like that happen I'm in good hands. As for snakes, I've got a cat out there almost 18 years old. About 16 years ago that cat came in and she had a rattlesnake a couple of feet long that she'd killed and she brought it to me and I haven't seen a rattlesnake since. And I still have that cat and I love her and I treat her good every day. So she takes care of scorpions and reptiles and snakes. I like cats a lot. So that's how it is. I like sleeping out here on the couch, and usually the stars are out and it's just nice at night, and if I've got that cat purring around me I feel as comfortable as all get-out."

I ask him how he gets along with the people in Slab City. Leonard is a little hesitant about this and picks his words carefully.

"Yeah, yeah, we know each other. We, ah, we just don't visit much, 'cause, ah, I'm too busy painting. That's what I told them. And my roadway, you almost have to walk in because it's washed out."

Leonard's truck, where we had been sitting, is less than 100 feet from the road.

He laughs. "And I

can't take time fixing it, I'm too busy painting the mountain. So it seems all I want to do is paint the mountain. In the winter there's a couple of thousand over there. They park and visit each other, enjoy the sun. Then when it gets too hot here, they'll go back to Michigan or wherever. Most of them are older people. They have a lot of fun down here. They have a happy hour and dance and sing and have campfires. In November they'll start coming in again. There'll be a cold snap up in Canada and look out Slab City. I'll be waving at 25 to 30 people a day, it seems like. Some of them I've seen over and over again. You get so many people you kinda wish it'd relax a little bit, then in the summer nobody comes. Works out just right. But they understand I'm busy over here.

"I'm really dedicated to putting 'God Is Love' and the Holy Bible to people. God writes a Bible and churches, well, it's a shame what we're doing with it. There are scriptures in the Bible, and preachers have been working 40 years and they don't see them. I like to have one scripture up there, Acts 2:38, the one that happened to me, 'cause people are looking at that mountain and saying, 'How come a little shy farmer boy that can't do anything builds a mountain by himself, and there are 50 great big churches spending zillions of dollars and they won't help a minute and







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they don't build no mountain.' It seems I get upset with that. Someday, someone's going to come in and have me talk for ten solid minutes on just the Bible, and I got about 15 or 18 scriptures down here that churches don't want to talk about. And I'll say, let's talk about it. Well, I'm the puniest little dumb thing that God ever made. Gosh, I'm nothing, but I want people to look at the mountain and scratch their head and say, 'Gee whiz.'

I think of St. Jerome with his lion in the desert and the many hermits among the early church fathers. For every one we remember, there must have been 100 others who were dismissed as nuts. Leonard is eccentric, but he doesn't seem nuts. He truly seems uninterested in fame, and his creature comforts are nearly nonexistent. He speaks a lot about the Bible — far more than I've indicated — and he talks a lot about fire baptism.

"It's in Act 2:3, Pentecost, 'Cloving tongues like as a fire sat upon them.' Now if churches are leaving that out, and I'm talking about hundreds of churches, and my mountain is getting into TV all over the world, thousands and thousands of big ministers and small ministers are going to see this in the Bible and they're going to come against me. But I welcome this, I want this, I want a worldwide commotion with evangelists and the Pope about fire baptism, because I can tell everybody in the world, 'I'm backed up by the Holy Bible. You grab your Holy Bible and look in there and see.' To me that's the most important thing that can happen. And I'm anxious to do this. I tried to do it six years ago, but it wasn't time. Nobody would listen and the cameras wouldn't do it and they

But all of a sudden, as the mountain becomes famous, maybe it's become time. But it's up to God Almighty to open our understanding. How can I tell the Pope or big-time evangelists, 'You been baptizing people wrong in water?' And then I can tell them Ephesians 4:5 says there's one Lord, one faith, so there can be only one baptism. Pentecost is the one Bible baptism. Well, water baptism is going to get smaller and fire baptism is going to get bigger. It hasn't happened yet. Ten thousand people baptized in the water and nobody wants to baptize in the fire. But God's going to open the scriptures to millions and millions of people. Acts 2:3: 'Cloving tongues like as a fire sat upon them.' This is positively scripture-sound." The next day, when I

shut me up and so on.

drive up, two Canadian filmmakers from Montreal, Oliver and Mary Jo, are filming Leonard in his museum. They are in their late thirties. Oliver is dressed in black; Mary Jo is dressed in black with a white T-shirt. It is even hotter than yesterday. They have brought an ice chest filled with bottles of water. Mary Jo and Leonard face each other, sitting on white plastic buckets.

Mary Jo asks, "What is your favorite color?"

"Every high-gloss pretty color is my favorite color," says Leonard. "I love high gloss because it makes the whole mountain shine."

Mary Jo doesn't know what adobe is, so Leonard shows how it is made. He is comfortable before the camera and submits calmly to repeated takes. He tells them some of the same stories he told me. They are filming Leonard for a ten-part program for the CBC on public displays of individual obsessions. Leonard will be in a halfhour sequence on religious-driven art. Forty different people will be interviewed for this half hour. Oliver and Mary Jo discuss what to do next in French. They probably spend a dozen hours at Salvation Mountain, interviewing Leonard and filming the mountain. Maybe Leonard will be on the tape for two minutes, if he's lucky. I'm impressed.

Leonard has said that he bathes in a hot springs about a quarter-mile down the road by the old sentry post. Mary Jo wants to see it. Beside a row of bushes is a concrete-lined well with a metal ladder and a stream of warm water pouring into it. Beyond is a narrow irrigation canal and hay field. Leonard climbs down the ladder and, on direction from Mary Jo, he pours water into his hat and then puts the hat on his head. Water runs down his face and shirt. Leonard says, "That's living high on the hog, maybe."

There's a noontime pizza special at Bobby D's — a small pizza with one item for \$5. Leonard says he'll take us. Mary Jo protests and seems embarrassed.

At the restaurant it seems wiser to get one large pizza. They all want the veggie. We drink gallons of ice tea.

Norma, who runs the restaurant, greets Leonard as an old friend. She's an attractive woman nearing 50. Norma says, "Hello, Leonard, you been doing any work out there today?"

"No, but my mouth has been going up and down."

"Well," says Norma, "it's supposed to."

Mary Jo tells Leonard that they have seen his balloon hanging from the ceiling of the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, which makes Leonard proud. He can't understand why Rebecca Hoffberger hasn't sent him a

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"She's very busy," says Mary Jo with her French accent.

Norma tells me: "I've known Leonard since he came here 21 years ago. He hasn't changed a bit. He looks

the same as always. The weather must suit him. Maybe he's slowed up a little. The last five years or so he's gotten a lot of attention. People see him as eccentric, but he's a likeable guy." She describes the "business"

she has with Leonard, selling the puzzles and postcards in the restaurant. She also sells them on eBay. The restaurant is small; thirty people would fill it.

Back at the mountain, Oliver and Mary Jo drive around in their van, filming the environment at two miles an hour, while I talk a little more with Leonard.

"Love is the strongest force in this whole world. People have got to start loving more and lift up God and lift up people, and love is going to change this whole world into a beautiful place and it's gonna happen because the Bible says it's gonna. I've never argued with God's Holy Bible, from

Genesis to Revelation, and I've built a mountain. God will say something and fourteen churches will argue at me, they know it all, they've got the education, I don't know anything, I'm too scroungy

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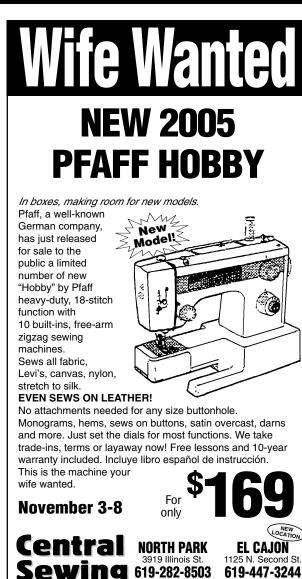
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and skinny and stupid, and they know it all, but when it comes to the word of God, whew, I can stack up against them, because I'll just say, 'Lord, I'm sorry I don't understand it, forgive me, but I believe it. You wrote it. It's in the Holy Bible.' If I had a chance to get on one of the biggest TV shows in the world and talk about the fire baptism, I'd do it in a minute.

"I think everybody needs a task in life and I think everybody's looking. If I'd known when I was 16 that I'd wind up in Slab City making a mountain out of paint, I would have complained. I spent a lot of time complaining anyway." Leonard laughs and

scratches his head. "But God has guided me in everything that is good. The best place in the world - and check this out — to build a mountain like this is right here. The weather's better'n any other place, the adobe is here, Slab City is free rent, the hot spa's right down the road, the hay's here. Can you think of a better place? Many times in the Bible God uses the smallest of the small

people to do what He wants to do. Look at David, he was just a puny guy. I just say, 'Lord, I've done the best I can.' I feel good that the mountain presents it."

Sitting next to Leonard's Chevy truck, in a corner of shade, this place feels like the end of the world. Jets are still screaming over the Chocolate Mountains. Certainly this is an improbable spot to make a 21-year-long religious statement. But film crews have found their way here from Japan, Europe, Canada, and all over the United States. Photographers, writers, and reporters have come to take pictures and write books and articles. And, as Leonard says, he and his mountain have become famous.

"Not me," said Leonard, "I'm just its representative. Myself, I'm nobody at all."

— Stephen Dobyns

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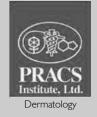
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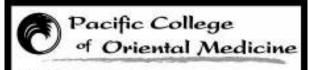
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ornography. Doesn't that word make you want to throw up? That's the effect it has on me. It always has. I have never seen video pornography, but the thought of someone watching people have sex disgusts me. It seems wrong.

I have seen Internet pornography by accident. I was 15 years old, surfing the Internet. Back then, I liked to take random quizzes, so I was looking up quiz sites. There was a title of a quiz that looked interesting. I forgot what it was, but it was a pretty innocent quiz title. The site name looked innocent, too. So, I clicked on the link to get to the site, and the sides of the pages were covered with ads for lesbian porn. I never watched any of it, but it was there. As I looked at these ads, I thought to myself, Why would anyone want to see this stuff? It is completely disgusting. So I immediately forgot all about taking that quiz and closed the window.

Seeing this pornography did not change my mindset at all. I thought it was disgusting then and I do now. I don't know what the appeal is about pornography. Maybe I'm too innocent and naive to understand; maybe it really is disgusting and there are some weird people in this

In society, advertisements remind me of the pornography industry more than people I know, thank goodness.

— Holly Benderman, Mission Bay H.S.

s children, we are raised with plastic guns, cops and robbers, and violence on TV, yet sex and pornography are shielded from our eyes. News flash to parents of America: the more you safeguard your son or daughter from sex, the more curious they grow. And curiosity always finds a way to be

As it is with so many kids of my generation, I first stumbled upon porn via Al Gore's wonderful invention, the Internet. At school, more-experienced friends taught me essential Internet porn strategies, such as how to clear the Web-page history and how to bypass the pesky AOL parental controls.

One day, at age 12, while I was home alone, my curiosity broke free. My right index finger punched B-O-O-B-S into the search engine and then glided to ENTER. I saw more than boobs that day. And most of my questions concerning sex were answered thoroughly.

Since then, pornography and I have remained good friends. I have not been affected negatively by my viewing of porn. It is not an immoral or filthy industry, but one that records a natural and healthy act between man and woman (or woman and woman, whichever you prefer). Pornography is beneficial in two ways: it helps release sexual tension and encourages sexual behavior. I see no downsides.

Driving on El Cajon Boulevard to my favorite Vietnamese restaurant, I smile when I pass an erotic bookstore and sex shop. Do I think it is a sinful, impure building that is corrupting our citizens? Of course not. It is providing a public service, much like a firehouse or homeless shelter, and deserves its place in American society.

> — Patrick Cole, Eastlake H.S.

was about 13 years old, waiting for school to start, when I was first exposed to pornography. Guys stood outside class, all huddled around something. I went over to see what it was and found out it was a porn magazine. I wondered how they got it, but that feeling left me as soon as I looked closer at the magazine. I was not 100 percent sure what I was looking at. I knew they were naked

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women, but I wasn't sure why they were that way. All the guys were describing what was going on in the magazine, talking in terms I hadn't heard before, and I felt left out. I looked up and saw the teacher coming toward us and walked away from the group.

I forgot how, but the teacher found the magazine during class. He asked for the owner to step up and when nobody did he made the whole class write an essay about the last book they read while he explained how irresponsible it was for the magazine to have shown up at school. Nobody got in trouble that day, but I went home feeling guilty even though I wasn't responsible for the disruption at school.

When I left school that day, I had a new outlook on the media. Between the television shows I watched and the music I listened to, sex was everywhere; it had always been there, but my eyes had been opened to it. Pornography seems to be everywhere these days, between unwanted popups on the Internet and mainstream movies such as *The Girl Next Door*, everywhere you look, sex is used to sell everything.

> — John Twilla, Hilltop H.S.

don't remember the first time I heard the term pornography, but, like most kids who get spam in their e-mail, curiosity struck, and I clicked onto the site. Naked women with sparkles that covered their most intimate parts flashed in front of my 12-year-old eyes. None of it interested me or fazed me

My parents told me I was not supposed to look at porn, and if it was in an e-mail, I was not to open it. The lesson was the same as the one taught about the lighter or needle at the neighborhood park: stay away from it. When I was

growing up, I remember hearing news stories about how parents can block images from being viewed on the home computer. I always thought it didn't matter if kids looked at porn; if they do, their parents should know and talk to them about it. My parents did not shelter me, but they told me the dangers of the porn industry and how it can hurt people.

When I started dating guys in high school, I was never exposed to porn by any of them. In fact, I remember one guy who was embarrassed that we came across a porn DVD in his player. I knew people with expansive collections that they flaunted. I didn't think this meant much; it just seemed immature.

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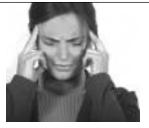
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called Women in Society, and my professor spoke about how it would not be uncommon for many young men's first sexual experiences to be with porn.

I have been thinking a lot lately about how women are depicted through porn. It offends me when porn relates sex to violence; porn usage does not necessarily make people behave violently, but I believe it desensitizes people to it and violence becomes acceptable. This is demeaning to both men and women.

The objectification of women's bodies for an entertainment purpose angers me. Should this be for everyone to see? Wouldn't sex be more special if it was kept between partners? This is what puzzles me most about porn. How did it start and was it created for the lonely or the virgins who thought they needed experience? It seems like the real thing

would be more arousing and exciting. But if you can have porn at work, at home, on your phone, anywhere and anytime, why have real sex or a relationship?

— Honora Swanson Bober, Point Loma H.S.

was 12 years old and in the sixth grade when I first saw pornography. Up until then my parents had done a good job of sheltering and hiding from me the things that corrupt human beings. Like any normal day before school, I woke up, got ready, and met my buddy Luis. We walked to school together daily. As we passed by a construction site, we came across a few pornographic magazines. Of course, as a male, I was curious about the material. For a while, I thought of those photographs every time I encountered an attractive girl.

Those magazines changed the way I viewed

women for a while. I would look at women and let my mind wander off, thinking disrespectful thoughts. Now it seems immature and boyish to bring myself to watch that stuff; it portrays women as things that they aren't — they aren't things, period.

Pornography can be addictive. I have a friend at school that can name the most and least famous porn stars in the industry. It's sad to see what all this trash is doing to him; he seems to get all of his enjoyment and fulfillment from it.

Pornography encourages only the physical connection with women when much more excitement can be fulfilled by an emotional and psychological relationship with the opposite sex. Sex is something that should be cherished between a man and a woman.

— Joel Herrera, Monte Vista H.S. ■

#### RESEARCH STUDIES

#### BIPOLAR DISORDER DEPRESSION SCHIZOPHRENIA



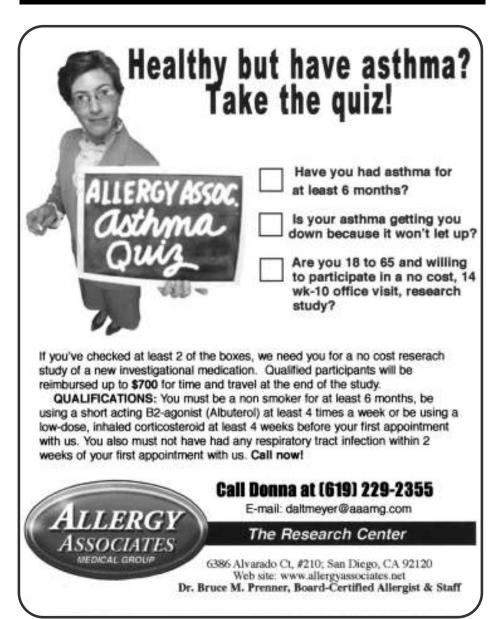




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TALES OF THE SOUTH CHANNEL ISLANDS: SAN NICOLAS (Part One)

San Nicolas, the smallest and most westerly of the South Channel Islands (the others are Santa Catalina and San Clemente), lies 76 miles due west of Camp Pendleton. Currently the 10-mile-long, three-mile-wide island is as secretive as Area 51. Sophisticated weaponry gets developed at the Naval Air Training Cen-

ter and 36,000-square-mile
by Sea Test Range. Around 200
civilians and military personnel live at Nicktown, near
which lies a 10,000-foot run-

way able to accommodate large aircraft. Round telemetry centers resembling giant baseballs scan the skies. "San Nic" has been top secret since the government bought it in 1933. As at Area 51, a well-armed security force tells visitors, in no uncertain terms, to leave.

THE LAST OF THE NICOLENOS. Sebastian Vizcaino, who named the island on December 6, 1602, reported that San Nicolas had a thriving native population. In 1811, a Boston ship, carrying 30 Kodiak hunters, sailed down the coast from Sitka, Alaska. The captain dropped the Kodiaks off at San Nicolas to hunt otter for him. Fierce battles ensued, over island women and pelts, and wiped out many Nicoleno males. By 1835, only twenty natives remained. That summer, asked by padres to bring them to the mainland for their safety, Isaac J. Sparks sailed his schooner, Peor es Nada ("worse is nothing"), to the island. He returned with most of the natives, some going to Los Angeles, others to San Gabriel Mission.

A second, smaller vessel, captained by Isaac Williams, aided the removal. It sailed from San Pedro to the South Channel Islands "for the purpose of amusement as well as profit." At the northwest end of San Nicolas, the crew saw an "old veteran" and three women trying to hide in brushwood. Using friendly signs, the hunters invited the group to their launch. But the "elder" woman ran away. Many accounts say she went in search of her "nursing baby." Others say her brother. Both could be later romanticizations. The mainlanders' rough behavior may simply have terrified her. As the woman fled, storm clouds gath-

As the woman fled, storm clouds gathered, forcing the ship to leave without her.

The three Nicolenos went to Los Angeles. But it wasn't long before the abrupt change of diet took the women's' lives, most likely by dysentery. The disconsolate old man wandered door-to-door through the pueblo seeking his companions. When he learned of their loss, he sat on a San Pedro cliff and stared out to sea. Alfred Robinson: "Unhappily, one day his body was seen floating upon the water, crowned with seabirds." He was buried on a little island, near the entrance of the harbor, named "Dead Man's Isle" in his honor.

Touched by the story, padres from Mission San Gabriel offered a \$200 reward to bring the lost woman to the mainland. San Nicolas is so isolated and windblown (the predominantly northwest wind averages 18 knots) that few tried. In time everyone assumed a pack of Alaskan malamutes — half-husky, half-wolf, brought to the island by the Kodiaks — had killed her.

No one knows how the nameless woman, the "female Robinson Crusoe," managed to survive so long. Some say she had visitors. Scott O'Dell, in *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, has her befriending the leader of the wolf pack, a pair of birds, an injured sea otter, and living in harmony with nature.

She had two dwellings. A circular hut, constructed of whale ribs covered with brush, stood on a sandy ridge. From there she could scan the rocky terrain. She also lived in a large cave at the north end of the island. She hid dried food and bones in its crevices, too high for the dogs to reach. ("She seemed desirous," wrote George Nidever, "of preserving everything that could sustain life.") She also painted drawings on its walls. Some say these record passing vessels.

During the colder months, she wore an ankle-length gown, bare at the neck and shoulders, made of skins cut in squares and decorated with cormorant feathers pointing down. Her yellowish-brown, weathered hair was thick and matted. She probably had tattoos: wide blue lines down her chin and decorations on her arms.

She hunted and fished with crude devices, including an all-purpose carving knife: a sharpened iron hoop attached to a wooden handle. She drank fresh water from a bottle made of tightly woven grass. She ate mussels, clams, and chewed dried seal blubber, which eventually wore down her teeth. She also ate the large red abalone and spiny lobsters that once abounded in the shallows. She would dry the meat or eat it raw, first sucking the "blood," then consuming the rest.

She also sang a song, like a mantra: "*Toki Toki yahamimena/weleshkima nishuyah-mamimena.*" I live contented because I can see the day when I want to get out of this island."

Alexander Selkirk, source of Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*, lived four years on Juan Fernandes Island. The nameless woman spent 18 on San Nicolas.

In 1850, George Nidever and Thomas "Charlie Brown" Dittman, fur trappers and crack shots, sailed to the South Channel Islands to hunt otter and gather seagull eggs. At San Nicolas, their Indian guide swore he saw a naked woman running across a distant ridge. A case of "squaw fever," mused Nidever, not



giving the mystery woman a second thought.

On a return trip, in April, 1852, Nidever spotted small footprints in the wet sand: "in all probability the Indian woman." The crew came ashore at dawn. By 10 a.m., the wind began to howl. Their ship dragged anchor. After weathering an eight-day blow at the island's semi-protected south side, they headed for Santa Barbara Island through heaving swells.

In July, 1853, Nidever, Dittman, an Irishman called Colorado (for his "florid complexion"), and four Santa Barbara mission Indians sailed back to San Nicolas, where they planned to hunt for at least two months. Near the headland, 600 feet above the ocean, they found three whale rib huts. Tall grass indicated they'd long been unoccupied. As Nidever inspected the site, Dittman moved on. In the distance he spotted something black, "like a crow seated on a bush." Then it moved.

It was the woman, by now maybe 50 years of age. "Of medium height and rather thick," her face smooth and skin "much wrinkled," she sat cross-legged in a whalebone enclosure similar to the three huts. Only her head and shoulders were visible.

#### QUOTATIONS

1. Dr. John Johnston, Camp Internet: "People arrived on the Channel Islands a little before 13,000 years ago. At that time, the sea level was lower than today and the islands were united as one large island."

2. Thompson and West: "She finally became reconciled to her fate, and commenced the routine

of life, varied only by hunger, thirst, cold, and fear of wild animals for near a score of years."

3. George Nidever: "The thoughtful reader will be apt to make mental inquiry as to the secret of her having kept her heart warm through the long solitude, for that she had the love, gratitude, and affection of a child, none who knew her will deny."

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Piles of ashes and bones were evidence "she'd lived in this place some time." Pieces of blubber hung from a clothesline. "Near her was the head of a seal from which the brains, already putrid, were running."

When his companions arrived, Dittman signaled them to circle the old woman, "lest she should attempt to escape." Then he slowly stepped in front

of her. But instead of becoming alarmed, she bowed and smiled, "as though it was a delight to see me and my visit an everyday occurrence."

She talked swiftly in an unknown tongue. The others



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came up, including Nidever. All sat in a circle. As they tried to communicate with her through signs, the woman roasted roots on coals. She passed them around, encouraging everyone to eat, as if for an afternoon

Nidever asked the mission Indians if they'd need force to take her back. They

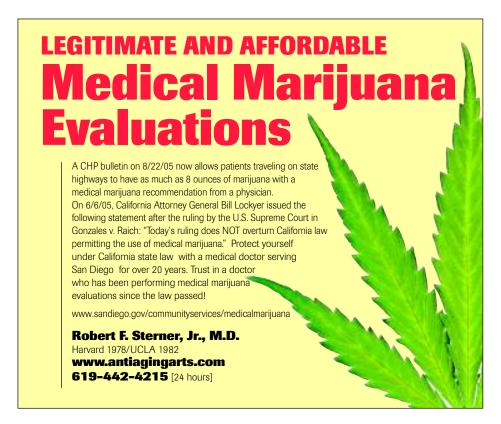
said no. Dittman said if he could convince her what they wanted, "she'd go willingly."

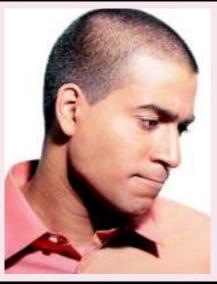
Dittman tapped the woman on the shoulder to get her attention. He made signs of packing her baskets, loading them on his back, and walking down toward the ship. "The motions she no doubt understood, but the word

vamos seemed more intelligible, as upon hearing it her face brightened up and she set to work with alacrity to get ready."

She filled her baskets, including the seal's head. With a load "heavy enough for a mule," she followed the Indians to the beach. Dittman and Nidever trailed behind to prevent an escape,

RESEARCH STUDIES



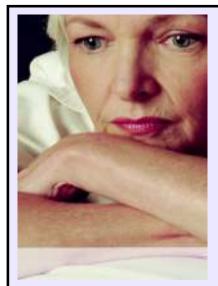


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The purpose of this research study is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication for the treatment of insomnia associated with anxiety. All qualified participants will receive an approved anti-anxiety medication in addition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

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"though no such precaution was necessary.'

At various points on the island, the woman gathered old bones she'd stuffed in cracks and fissures for times of need. She sucked every speck of meat off them. "She ate very little, but took food several times during the day."

The crew camped at the beach — today's Dutch Harbor — for almost a month. The woman "took readily to all of our food," and was elated at its abundance. Dittman made her a skirt out of ticking (a strong cotton fabric). Nidever gave her a white shirt, a black necktie, and a tattered old cape. While the others hunted, she wove baskets with bone needles and foraged for wood and water. Dittman: "She was always anxious to help when she saw an opportunity of making herself useful. She was always cheerful, always talking and laughing.

When they boarded the ship, she sat near a stove on deck. She made signs that she'd found a good warm place. As the ship raised anchor, the wind came up. The woman indicated that she could stop it. Facing the gale, [Dittman] "she got down on her knees and remained so for some time, apparently engaged in prayer. This she repeated several times during the day until the storm abated late in the afternoon.' When it did, "with a beaming countenance" she pointed to a patch of blue sky and signed that she'd accomplished her

On September 8, 1853, as the ship approached Santa Barbara, the woman couldn't believe her eyes. It wasn't the site of a growing pueblo; it was a team of oxen, pulling a cart along the beach. She'd never seen their like. And when Nidever's son George met them at the landing on a horse, she petted it again and again. She examined its rider and puzzled at his connection to the animal.

She turned to Nidever, stuck out her left thumb and made a V with the first two fingers of her right hand. Then she lowered the fingers over the thumb and made them move as if they were walking. Then she gave a mighty laugh.

News of the island woman swept through Santa Barbara. Nidever: "We had barely reached my house when half the town came to see her." Visitors arrived every day, bringing presents. The woman "was always in good humor and sang and danced, to the great delight of the children and even older ones.

She called Captain Nidever "tata" (father). On several occasions he refused large sums of money to have her exhibited to the public in San Francisco.

No one understood her dialect. Padres from the mission, who baptized her Juana Maria, invited Indians from Santa Inez to Los Angeles to identify her language. She "looked into every face for recognition." When no one could, she realized she was the last of her people.

Nidever's wife, Sinforosa Sanchez Nidever, noticed a decline in the woman's spirits. Then her health. The Nidever home overlooked the Pacific. Sinforosa made a bed for the old woman on the front porch and ministered to her

needs.
"She was like a child in every respect," writes George

Nidever. "She was excessively fond of fruit, which she would eat at all hazards. It produced a dysentery which, in spite of careful nursing and attendance, terminated fatally."

The lost woman of San Nicolas died seven weeks, to the day, after her arrival in Santa Barbara. She was buried in an unmarked grave at the mission.

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## **Have a Knife**

was a Sunday afternoon in May, a beautiful, bright, sunny day. My husband was home with my son, my niece and nephew, and his own son from his first marriage. I needed to buy some earphones for my radio, so I said goodbye to this happy group and drove a few minutes down the street to the Dow store on Sports Arena Boulevard. This is a large shopping center with a Ralphs grocery store on one side and a Target department store on the other.

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I bought my earphones and came out of the store. I was parked close by, since the lot wasn't full. I got in my car. I sat down and began to put the key in the ignition. Suddenly, a man put his body between me and the door. He was a transient, filthy, in crusty jeans and a wrinkled flannel shirt. His hair was long and greasy. He said, "Just

scoot over, lady, and give me the keys," and pushed his hip against my body. I said, "No — oh" in a weak, surprised voice.

He shoved me with his hip again and showed me a knife, turning it and making a jabbing motion. "I have a knife," he said, and I felt, looking at the knife, as if I were in a movie or a dream, not in real

life. This could not be happening.

I moved over. His black, oily hair swung in my face as he reached over to lock the passenger door. He had a cigarette hanging out of his mouth. Hand-rolled. I thought it was a joint, and a tremor passed over me. Someone on drugs, someone crazed.

He started the car and drove out of the parking lot. "Please," I said, "you can have my car and my purse. Please, just let me go."

"No," he said. "I have to take you with me."

My mind began to race. Where was he taking me? What was he going to do? I saw another car pass close by. I could see the faces of the people inside, and I looked them dead in the eye and let all the fear I felt show in my face. "Help me," I mouthed; and then I realized with a jolt of fear that my captor might see me do this. I looked over at him, but

he was watching the road. I closed my eyes for a moment and made myself passive to him.

He pulled out onto Sports Arena Boulevard and turned left. I looked out the window at the Wherehouse video store, so familiar to me. It seemed as if I'd died and come back to Earth. The Wherehouse was not mine anymore. "Please don't hurt me," I said. "I'm a mother. Please don't hurt me."

"Hey, lady, I don't want to hurt you any more than you...I just got to get out of this mess. You just do what I tell you to do." "I will." "Don't try anything

glanced at me with two cold, mean eyes. I knew he meant I'd caused trouble when I said no as he

I eyed the inside of my car with two steady beams of desperation. My hand was very close to the door handle. Was the door locked?

"I won't." "You already did," he said, and his voice broke with anger, and he

got in the car. I also knew from his voice that he would use that as an excuse to hurt me. I

looked around the car, eyeing my escape routes. I didn't think it could be done.

I looked back out the window and felt more alone than I had ever felt in my life. I realized with dead finality that nothing I had could save me, not money, not my house, not my car, not my husband. Nothing I had built up over the years to protect me. I might as well have been naked, newly born, alone in that car with a stranger who could do anything he wanted to me.

The car reeked of

cigarette smoke and urine and the musty scent of a person living outdoors. "I'm not going to rape you or anything, he said and laughed. "Think of me as your brother, for that matter." He turned the wheel, squinting his eyes in the smoke of his cigarette. Then he looked me over, up and down, and I knew he was thinking about raping me now that he'd said it, seeing what he

I was weak with fear. I reached down inside myself to see if there was anything to hang on to. I

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"He's going to come right out."

"Oh please!" I knew once another man got in the car there was no hope for me. My heart began to pound and my knees trembled.

"Just stay cool, lady." I eyed the inside of my car with two steady beams of desperation. My hand was very close to the door handle. Was the door locked? I could see red on the button. Did red mean locked or open? I could not remember. He pulled into a driveway and stopped the car. I saw a man come around the

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driver's side of the car, a big man with short blond hair, carrying two duffel bags. He looked around in front at me to see what his buddy had gotten.

The driver asked, "How do you open the trunk?"

"You just pop...right there by your side." I motioned.

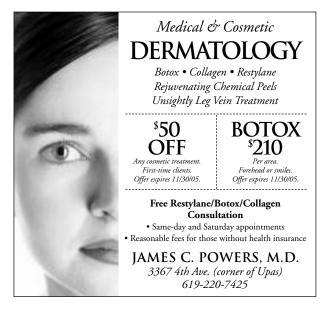
He began to search for the lever, and I reached for the door

lock, slowly at first, then fast. I tried to flick it open at the same time I went for the door handle. He noticed me, sat up and went at me. I pulled once, long and hard, on the door handle and felt sick when it did not yield. Then I tried again, wildly flipping at the lock. The driver was scratching at me with his hands, trying to hurt me. He fumbled with the knife and then

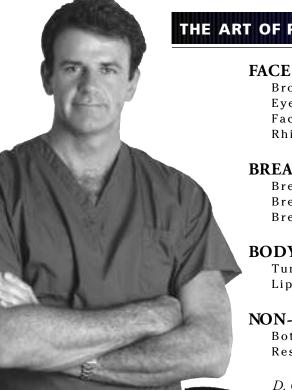
stabbed the dull blade into my side over my shirt. I hesitated. Was I dead? The knife did not go in; it was dull. I set my mind back to the door. I had it open and was almost out when the second man came around the back, running, with both duffel bags lifted up in front of himself. He stuffed me back into the

I pushed against him once, and he seemed to be everywhere. I fell back into the seat, and a wave of hopelessness came over me. I could not make it. I might as well give up. Then the thought of my son flashed through my mind. Not him, really, not his face or his body or his smile or his laugh, but the essence of him, the love. Oh, that was good. I pushed forward again and pushed my body past the man. I came out the other side and ran down the sidewalk as fast as my feet









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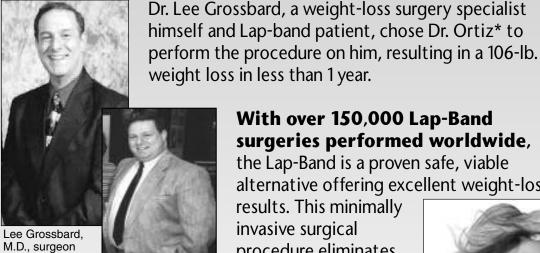
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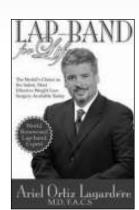
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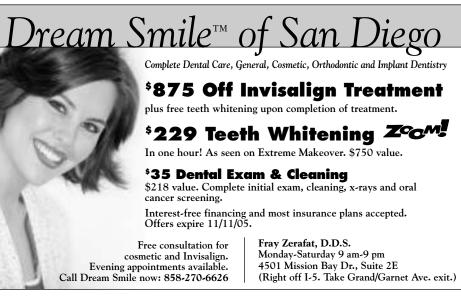
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would fly. "Help me, people!" I cried. "People, people, help me!"

I kept running and kept screaming, not knowing if they were behind me. I saw a retirement village ahead of me and the back of some old lady as she pushed a shopping cart down the sidewalk. I was disappointed. She couldn't save me. Then a van came around the corner, and I stepped in front of it and waved my arms over my head. A woman driver opened the door and I got in. "Start driving, lady. Go fast."

"Where? What's..."

She suddenly saw this hysterical woman in her van, and at the same time I looked around and saw the tiny baseball heads of two little boys. "I've got children in here!" she

"Just drive, it's okay. Drive!'

She stepped on it. "These guys..." I started to explain, "this guy stuck a knife in my side and made me go with him in the car

She slammed on her brakes. "Get out! Get out! I've got children in here!"

"No, it's okay. Go straight ahead. Just get me someplace with people and I'll get out. That restaurant there. There." She looked. Her eyes

I could see the restaurant up ahead, and for the first time I real-

I went to the police station a few times to look over photos of transients. Nothing appeared that matched either man.

were wild. One of the children in the van began to cry, "No, no, go away."

"Okay," said the mother and took off

ized I was free. I smiled a big, happy smile. "I got away!" I said out loud, and the woman looked over at me and saw my

smile. "I did it! I got away." And then I said, "Go! Go! The light's green," and laughed.

She pulled into the restaurant parking lot. One of the kids was still saying, "Go away. No. Go away," and flagging his hand at me.

I climbed out of the

"How did you do it?" she yelled, a beautiful blonde, her hair swinging back and forth as she put the van back into gear.

"I fought like a wild woman!" I said and made a fist in the air, laughed, and ran into Allie's, where I called 911.

The police found my car shortly afterward, ditched at a hospital. There is a transient camp in those woods. But no police dogs could pick up their scent. I went to the police station a few times to look over photos of transients. Noting appeared that matched either man.

It's an odd feeling to think that those men are still out there. And that someone walking to their car in a shopping center in the middle of a sunny afternoon could be kidnapped. But it happened to me.

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# The City's Burning Down and We Won't Get Our Fire Trucks Until January

INTERVIEW WITH CITY ATTORNEY MIKE AGUIRRE

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother.

— Henry V, William Shakespeare

a 16th-floor corner office with a spectacular view of San Diego Bay, San Diego city attorney Mike Aguirre sits behind his file-covered desk. On the walls hang portraits of Winston Churchill and FDR, and on the desk's corner sits a small bust of what looks like Jack or Bobby Kennedy — obscured, except for the back of its bronze head, by folders. Aguirre's credenza is piled with books, including *Xenophon: The Education of Cyrus* (about the founder of the Persian Empire).

On October 7, Aguirre, tieless and bedecked in a charcoal gray suit, spent an hour and a half with two reporters, stopping occasionally to munch on a turkey sandwich and sip a Diet Pepsi. Although reviled by most of the city council and public employees' unions, Aguirre is, according to recent polls, popular with voters. One insider at the city attorney's office describes Aguirre's birthday party this year. An employee had brought a horoscope-related birthday book. September 12, Aguirre's birthday, was headed "Fearless Crusader." He also has his quirky side. Word is he continually plays the movie *Henry V* on his office DVD player and walks around reciting Shakespeare's "Band of Brothers" St. Crispin's day speech.

Aguirre, who clearly had in mind the message he wanted to convey, started talking before the first question was asked:

The group that has, in my judgment, the biggest gang problem that we've got in San Diego is the San Diego City Council, because the rule of law has completely broken down. They never listen to any legal advice they don't want to hear. Donna Frye, of course, does, but Scott Peters or Madaffer, whatever, they just go out and hire somebody else that tells them what they want to hear.

And the irony is that, it's not so much that there's this villain or that villain — it's that the whole system isn't working. And so somebody's got to get everybody to realize that there is a vested interest in having the system, and having all the goodies that the system throws off, be based on productivity — not based on stealing, not based on lobbying wrongly or paying people off, or whatever.

I think that there are so many signs. When you have two individuals [councilmen Inzunza and Zucchet] convicted of extortion saying that their behavior is the norm, to some degree they're right. It has become the norm. Now, I don't know. Is it the same elsewhere? Is it the same in Washington, D.C.? Perhaps. I don't know. And can you change the whole system? I don't know that either. But I think you can change one relatively small city with a lot of effort. You can at least make things better. So that's what I've been trying to do.

And what's interesting is that we're taking fire from just everybody. It's unbelievable. I mean, the stuff they put in the paper sometimes that they find newsworthy, like the *U-T* today did not run the story that was in the *Voice* and in the *Transcript* about this memo that they showed where they pressured the lawyers. They had that story, but they didn't run it. But they *did* run a story about two people associated with the illegal benefits suing us to try to open up some kind of counter thing. Or they ran the thing about Donna Frye wanting to come up with [new tax] money to pay the legal [pension] benefits. And they [the *Union-Tribune*] agree the illegal benefits should go, but they don't even want to pay the legal [benefits]. And that's how we got here to begin with, is everyone, well, they say, "We don't need to raise taxes."

I'm not saying... I wouldn't give those people at city council a dime right now. But my point is, you have a dysfunctional system that has operated in a way that has created just a Mount Everest set of problems. And the idea is to try to bring about a change in the direction.

Do you have the power under the charter to reestablish what you refer to as the rule of law?

Let's say this: You have the *authority*. From an ethical point of view, a public attorney is supposed to achieve *just* outcomes, as opposed to just winning one for the client. There's much more of a duty to the city as a whole. So I have the *authority*. The *power*? Right now I would say that the power is more limited because the people that have pretty much destroyed our city are still in control, although their power is lessening.

You have the city manager still operating as an extension of Scott Peters, Madaffer, and that crowd. You have the [public] employee unions — even though their leadership has been thoroughly discredited — still calling a lot of the shots. You have some of the conservative elements within the paper [the *Union-Tribune*], and that's the thing that's been the most amazing. Although the paper says they want to do away with illegal benefits, they're pretty much backing the people that want to keep them. More of the same.

The thing that came across to me about Mayor Murphy, which ties into this, is he built an extremely interesting coalition. Firefighters, MEA [Municipal Employees Association], Republican Party, downtown establishment, and the right wing. John Kern built a very interesting — he built the coalition that he could that was available to him and then wielded that into a successful mayoral race by the thinnest of margins and then pretty much kept it there. He didn't really expand much beyond that. He had the token Latinos and the token African-Americans and the like, but that was pretty much his base throughout. But he was smart, and Kern was smart because he was part of the culture of the current MEA, the Judie Italiano MEA and the Ann Smith MEA. And so they provided him and the firefighters with Ron Saathoff. But he wasn't aligned with the police and he wasn't aligned with the other unions, which is really interesting. He put together just enough of a coalition from that element to provide him some troops while the anchor was with the downtown element, and then the big numbers came out of the Christian right.

You are trying to put a halt to the pension benefits of former councilmen Zucchet and Inzunza and Mayor Murphy. The city council has indicated its intention to stop those efforts.

Well, we're proceeding. One of the things we're doing is we're proceeding, in part, under the Political Reform Act, and that is purely and completely my authority under the state law, and they have no ability to interfere with that. We are also proceeding in a fashion that they had

previously authorized, which is to set aside benefits that are illegal, so long as I make it clear that I'm doing it on behalf of the city as the city attorney and not necessarily on their behalf. But, really, what's behind that is they're not so worried about Murphy, Zucchet, and Inzunza.

The charter point-blank says you've got to have ten years to vest [for pension benefits]. So when the term limits came about, that created a real issue. And the way that they had gotten around that, they said you vest in four years. But there's nothing that says that you can vest in four years for elected officials. So the first line of attack is to say you can't vest in four years. The second is that, just before [Mayor] Susan Golding left at the end of 2000, she and her colleagues passed [a pension] increase and provided no

funding source. Well, the charter requires, if you're going to create a liability, you have to have the sameyear revenue to pay for the liability.

The reason that you start to see that people are going to make more when they're retired than when they worked is because they were hiding the fact that they were increasing these benefits, and that got so out of control. Then — that was in 2000 — and the end of 2001 [former councilman] Mike Gotch got ahold of Madaffer — which you've heard about - and got Madaffer to propose an ordinance that made the per-year accumulation 3.5 percent for all retired and any councilmember that served before September of 2000, so you have all these people that are retired and he increased their benefits, and it's a pretty sig-

#### WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?

Mike Aguirre, 56, was narrowly elected San Diego city attorney in November 2004. Aguirre graduated from Arizona State University in 1971 with a B.S. in political science, received a master's in public administration from Harvard University in 1989, and earned his law degree from UC Berkeley in 1974. From 1975 to 1976, he served as an assistant United States attorney in San Diego. His private law practice focused on stock- and consumer-fraud litigation. Previous political experience includes unsuccessful runs for U.S. Congress in 1982, for San Diego City Council in 1987 and 1993, and for district attorney in 2002. Aguirre is a dedicated marathon runner, having competed in 20 races, and is the father of two children, Arthur, 22, and Emilie, 19. The San Diego City Charter restricts city attorneys to two four-year terms.

nificant number. And again, course, have an effect on all the councilmembers. We're

also going after most of the councilmembers about pension credits.

The interesting thing about the pension credits was that the people that bought the pension credits were defrauded themselves. They didn't realize it. You know why? Well, they were all told, "This is a magnificent opportunity. If you put some cash down now, you're going to have, you can buy" — in the case of the councilmembers — "five years at three and a half a year for a fraction of what you're going to get back." So they also had SPSPs [supplemental pension savings plans], which is a kind of 401(k) account, so they transferred — the councilmembers and the city employees transferred \$121 million out of their SPSP accounts, which were 100 percent funded over a threeyear period, and they transferred it into an account which is 58 percent funded, all because they thought they were buying these magic pension credits that were going to pay off four- and fivefold. And now, unfortunately, what they've found out is that that was really a scheme to get

liquidity into the pension plan, because its liquidity, and the funded ratio, was dropping so dramatically. So when you compare the drop in the funded ratio to the increase in the transference out of SPSP into the pension plan, you'll see that there is an inverse relationship. They did things like, "We're going to close this out in 90 days," or "You only have 60 days left." And people would just scoop their money out.

manager Jack McGrory, who was the architect of the 1996

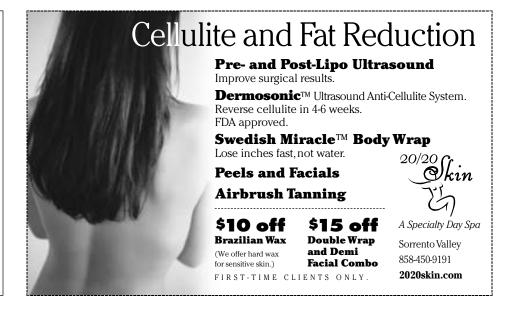
with no funding. Then [former city attorney] Casey Gwinn was added to it, and his benefits were increased the same way. So we're going after that, which would, of

What about former city pension plan? What I decided to do

was only to go after the key players who were involved both in '96 and in 2002, because I wanted to be able to argue that there was an ongoing conspiracy and thereby get around the statuteof-limitations problems that we'd had — because 1996 is

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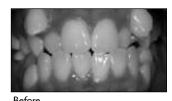
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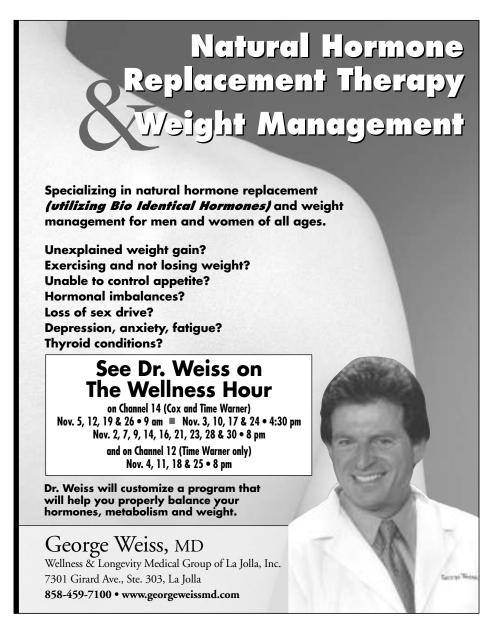
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Do you think the average citizen out there really cares what's going on? And how does this impact them?

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What about the pension benefits of city employees who've retired and are receiv-

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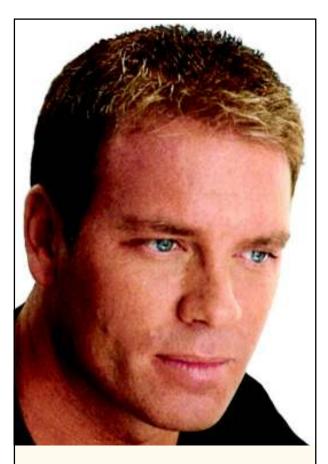


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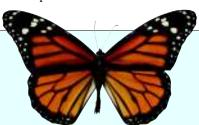
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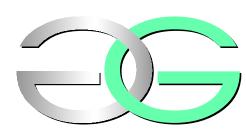
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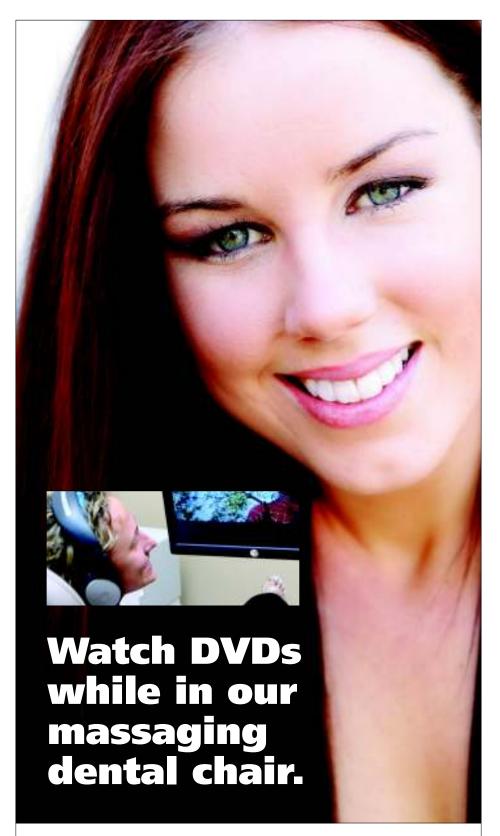
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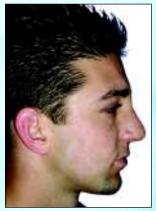
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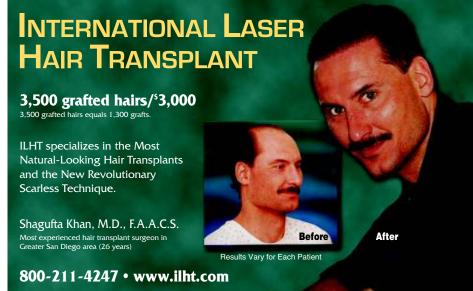
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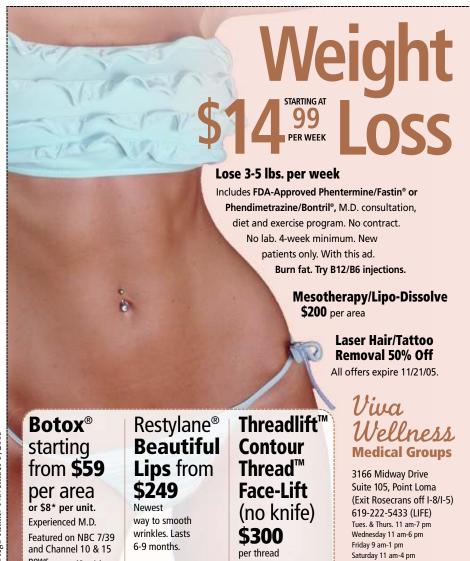
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What about the so-called corporate welfare aspects in the budget or the leases on public land? How do you deal with those? Have those been fairly drawn?

The whole system is set up like the Salvation Army at Christmastime: just to give out, just to give away. And the people that are playing the game are basically the ones that are stealing from the city, with the lobbying and the special benefits and the campaign contributions and all the inside influence, corporate sports, leases. One of the things that we're trying to do within the city attorney's office is to remind people that they have an obligation under the charter and state law to prudently manage public funds and that they cannot be giving away public funds. And that means they go through a process that shows that they are actually making those decisions consistent with their fiduciary obligations. That *does* not exist now. The analysis that takes place [now], it's more sales documents and polit-





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No. No, I haven't. Well, I think that Donna Frye's [financial recovery] plan is really, realistically the only one that has a chance. I like Jerry, and he's a good person, but his plan seems to be more drafted by [campaign consultant] Tom Shepard, and Donna's plan seems to be more a combination of the city attorney's plan and Pat Shea's plan. [Attorney Pat Shea, husband of pension-system whistleblower Diann Shipione, was involved in cleaning up Orange County's bankruptcy.] You're partial to that one?

[Laughs.] I'm partial to that one since she's adapted to a lot of my ideas. But I think that that's really what the question in this race is going to be: do you want more of the same, or do you want to take a chance at change?

And Jerry Sanders would be more of the same?

I think so. If you look at who's supporting Jerry, it's pretty much the Murphy people. If you listen to what's coming out, it's pretty much what Murphy was saying. Keep everything kind of nebulous, and stay one step ahead of the news coverage, or at least try to. And I think Jerry's doing an excellent job in that way. He probably would be an improvement on Murphy, but I think it's going to take a completely different kind of person, a total break from the past.

And Donna—I mean, I've had the advantage of working with her; I have not worked with Jerry — Donna's the hardest-working public official I've ever worked with or known, and she's really committed to doing what's right. She goes to the unions and tells them she's going to







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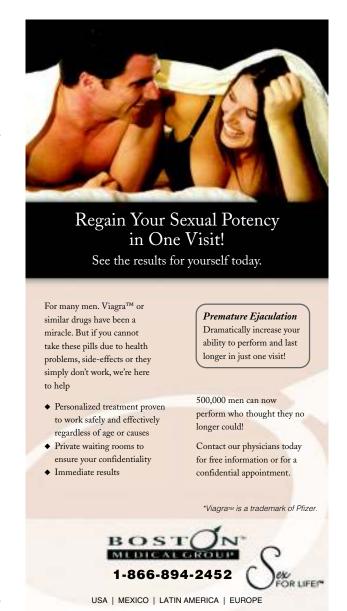
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immediately cut back on their benefits. Then she goes to the taxpayer and tells them to pay the legal benefits. The city of San Diego, the citizens don't appreciate that they're hearing what is going to have to be done. And if they don't support it, you know, that'd be disappointing. And that's what this race is going to be about.

If the city proceeds with bankruptcy, what role would the city attorney have in choosing a bankruptcy trustee?

I don't know what Jerry's idea would be, but under Donna, her idea would be, yes, that she would probably look to the city attorney's office to play a role. We would obviously look to Pat Shea to help us. But the key thing there is the plan. The bankruptcy filings and all the bankruptcy law, there's a ton of people that could play that role. The key thing is to get someone who is an expert in turning around organizations and who has worked on — and I'm not talking about small organizations, I'm talking about someone from New York, someone that has had massive experience with a large city with thousands of



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You mentioned sports leases as one of the problems the city has faced. Do you have any second thoughts about the role you played as cochair of the campaign for Prop C, the ballot measure for the Padres' new ballpark?

I have second, third, fourth — that was a definite

mistake. *Because...* 

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Meaning what he promised is not what the voters are getting?

Correct. The reason that I broke from the Padres is that that was changed so it wasn't a TOT [hotel tax] driven financing scheme anymore. That was one of the first mistakes that Mayor Murphy made, and one of the issues now is whether there was a failure to disclose [that] in connection with the ballpark bonds.

What, if anything, can the city attorney do about that? For instance, Prop C called

for John Moores to build a 600,000-square-foot office building and 150,000 square feet of retail. Can the city attorney go back and say, "Okay, you need to fulfill those obligations"?

I don't see how legally. I just don't see how—because they [city council] entered into a second contract. It was ratified. The parties have performed. Much of that was tested in the courts, and those cases were lost, unfortunately. And, you know, the problem with so much of this is the courts in San Diego, they have not shown a willingness to take on those issues. In my experience, no matter what the voters vote for, that's

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not what they're going to get.

So was the deal with Moores changed to be inconsistent with what the voters approved when they voted for Prop C?

In my opinion, yes. But in the court's opinion, no. But I would say absolutely.

Have you heard about the discussions between John Moores's company, JMI, and the Convention Center Corporation?

I read that in the paper. I don't know much about it. I don't know anything about it. But that's something we're going to have to look into. The problem is too much wheeling and dealing. And the city attorney's office, you know, we only have 150 lawyers. I think one issue we have to look at is whether we even want the Port District, whether we even want a port. I don't understand why we would have the vast majority of the port be in the city of San Diego and be working with Chula Vista with our convention center to help them build hotels down there. That just seems ludicrous! You know, it's just mindboggling to me. This is the strangest thing. It seems like we've created these spin-offs [boards] that now have a life

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So 150 lawyers — you were tongue-in-cheek when you said you only had 150, or do you think you're understaffed?

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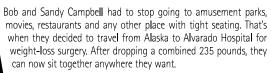
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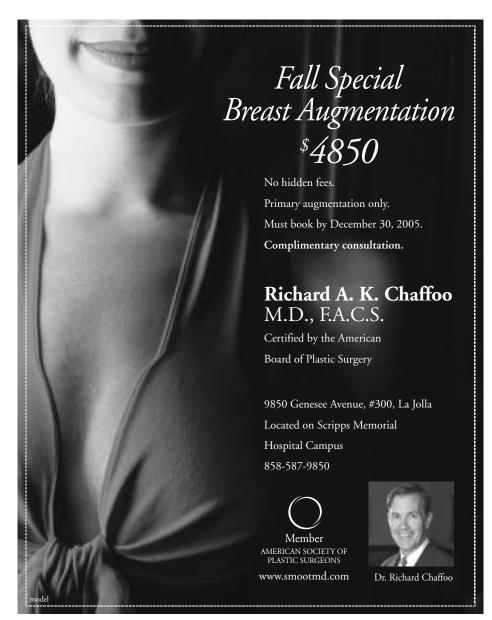
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for another job elsewhere, which is a little tough going right now. So we really don't have a city manager, and because we're going to change into the new system, we can't really make any progress now. The city's burning down and we won't get our fire trucks until January — we won't go into the new system until January. Scott Peters and the council, they're trying to strengthen their hand as much as possible. No one's really representing the mayor. So we try to do as much of that as we can.

I think what we really need to put on the ballot is the creation of an elected charter commission to go back and redo the charter. And what we really need to do is to go look at all the mistakes we've made. Corporate sports, no subsidies for corporate sports. Open meeting requirements, public access requirements, require votes for any increase in pension benefits, you know? Change the composition of the pension board so it's 100 percent independent people. Things like that. We need to make a list of every mistake we've made and then how the charter might be changed so that it reflects those prior mistakes. The oversight, the budget oversight. Maybe the auditor should be elected rather than appointed. That all should be done by an independent elected commission of a cross section of San Diegans in a methodical way, just like we did in '31. And that's what the state constitution envisions for cities like ours that are charter cities

Wouldn't the elected members of a charter commission be backed by special interests too?

Normally, yes. Right now, I think the voters are looking for a reform group and especially if Donna Frye is elected. I mean, she'd carry a lot of political gravitas. Then you'd have a pretty good group elected, like in '31.

You know, the 1920s were a lot like what we [are going] through. People were exasperated by the fact that the city attorney kept okaying everything. They used to call them the High-Hatted Charlie Boys, And they had all these schemes and things. The Hodges Dam was a big issue. And there was a Mayor Clark — apparently quite a controversial character -



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and in '31 he was thrown out of office and a guy by the name of Walter Austin was elected, who was quite the young reformer. It was a day of real celebration in San Diego because they rejected the old ways when they put Austin in charge. And so I think that where we are right now is in a unique period where we can actually bring about a lot of reform — if things break.

If we revert back to governance by the San Diego Union-Tribune editorial board — and I *like* the board members, don't get me wrong. They're all nice people. I just don't want to be governed by them. But let me give you an example. Arthur Levitt [city audit committee consultant] couldn't make it to the city council meeting where they were making their last report.... At that time Madaffer and Peters said they were saving money by not having Arthur Levitt here. Yesterday Arthur Levitt was at the editorial board of the *U-T*.

On his dime?

Oh, veah, sure. And my point is, he wasn't hired to report to the *U-T* editorial board. No offense intended. But the way it's turned out is, he has really become a political player. And so that's why I disavowed any recognition of him. I don't recognize him as part of the audit committee. The audit committee, as far as I'm concerned, has no credibility whatsoever. And they're just basically fronting for the council at a million dollars a month.

A lot of your ideas are broad policy proposals, reforms for the city. What about running for mayor?

I just think I can do better as a lawyer. That's what I'm trained to be. If Donna Frye gets elected, she'll be a great mayor for eight years.

There are those, including the Municipal Employees Association, who have said that Donna would be a pawn of yours, that you have undue influence over her. The MEA

sent out a cartoon that shows Donna sitting on your lap.

Donna has never sat on my lap, first of all. [Laughs.] I wish I could have one puppet, you know. I think anybody that knows Donna knows that what aligns us is not my domination of her but our shared vision for the city. And both of us are very pro-MEA, we're very proemployee unions. What we're *not* pro is pro-corruption. We see it even as more important to reform the union movement and to move away from the corrupt deal that was struck, because in the long run the public is going to lose faith. I mean, look at where we are right now with Prop 75. That may very well go down because of the excesses. That doesn't serve the movement.

What changes do you think need to be made in the city attorney's authority or power?

Well, one is if I could bring the Ethics Commission back over here. The Ethics Commission has elevated the insignificant to the significant and then passed on the important stuff. And I'd love to have subpoena power. I think if I had subpoena power I could make very, very good use of it.

Some people might be frightened by that.

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of it is that there are obligations that the city attorney should be performing that I'm not able to perform. For example, the pension system. If I can get back over there, I can really help clean that thing up. It doesn't make sense to have...the city attorney—whose job is to enforce the misdemeanors in the city, which can go all the way up to homicides and manslaughter — not have subpoena

Well, the voters oversee

the city attorney in terms of being able to vote him out. At least right now, my sense

The other thing is this: the Ethics Commission is under control of the manager and the mayor and the city council, and that is not a good situation because they're basically regulating themselves.

Do you think it's because of that control that the Ethics Commission has ignored the allegations of wrongdoing on the city council and looked at minor political infractions instead?

I don't know how they could have ignored the situation with Lance Malone and the two [Inzunza and Zucchet]. What they're basically doing is taking an authority that belonged to the city attorney — who is elected and accountable directly to the people — and replacing that with political appointees that the mayor puts in there. Yet they're supposed to be basically monitoring the lobbying and all that activity. From just a rational point of view, it doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me. Maybe if they were all elected.

Does the city attorney have the authority to investigate zoning violations or code violations by city departments on city-owned land? There's some criticism that it hasn't done that.

The city attorney represents the city, not the individuals, and so that's the idea of self-policing, self-regulating. It's only when the selfregulation doesn't work that you need to bring in the feds and the DA. Somehow, that all got subverted, so the city attorney under Casey [Gwinn] didn't have the responsibility of the hardest part of the job, which is keeping the thing honest, maintaining the rule of law.

I think that there's a very well known law-review article called "The Many Hats



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So do the elected or public officials, when these questions come up, have to retain legal counsel at their own expense?

It depends. It depends. Like, if Ralph Inzunza calls up and says is it okay for him to take \$5000 from the stripper industry in exchange for him changing the notouch, I'm going to say, "You better get your own lawyer on that one." Because we'll probably have to have a prosecution on that. If someone calls up and says, "Hey, if I am going to a charitable dinner, can I take the meal or is that something that I have to report the full value of? Or how do I do that?" we have to help them on that. So it just really depends on what is implicated. And that's what is required, is a case by case. Not just to say in a very

sloppy way, "Well, I'm your lawyer now. Let me help you with your divorce." And that's what it became.

Do you think former councilmen Zucchet and Inzunza should receive jail time?

Absolutely. Absolutely. Do you have any insight into the current plans by the Chargers to get a stadium ini-

tiative on the ballot in 2006?

Well, I think it's very embarrassing for the Spanos family to have to go to other cities where [the teams] have a new stadium and have to live with the shame of that.

I've been all over the city of San Diego, and I've never had anybody tell me that a high priority is to build a third stadium in the city. If they want to build a new stadium, they could buy the land and they can build a new stadium. But I don't think there should be any other subsidy. They're no different than any other business. You know, all those arguments are as old as Egypt. If the voters vote it in, I'll do the legal work, but before they get there I intend to do an extensive report on the liability.

And the other part is that I would hope that the Chargers, the Spanoses, would recognize that the city's really hurting financially right now, and part of that is because of the subsidies we've already given them. They promised us that the [Qualcomm] renovations would be good enough to bring in those Super Bowls on a regular rotation. And somehow we dropped off the regular rotation of the Super Bowls. And now, the deal that we struck, we have to pay \$5.4 million a year [for Qualcomm Stadium bonds]. It doesn't have the viability; it doesn't have the duration that they represented it would have. So having not been good negotiators with us, or good partners with us in the past, having stuck it to us on the ticket guarantee, having bamboozled the public into thinking they got rid of the ticket guarantee when, in fact, they extended it and made it more expensive, it just seems to me there's not really a strong case to be made.

Now, I anticipate that the corporate-sports industry is going to be strongly backing [a new stadium]. The real concerns of the city are not about the inadequate housing for the Chargers. It's about the inadequate housing for many thousands of people in San Diego who can't afford housing. And the idea that somehow we would be concerned that

the Chargers have an inadequate home to play in and that that would become the high priority of the city no other city in California is going through that. Even Los Angeles, and they don't even have a team.

You mentioned the change to the deal last year where the city council eliminated the ticket guarantee but ironically ends up with the Chargers paying less rent. Is there any way you could change that?

I wish I could. I keep hoping that somehow that gets investigated, but I don't know that as a practical matter I can do it. I just... I mean, I'd love to. They did the damage, and I don't know that I can undo it. The best I could do is just to make sure it doesn't happen again. ■

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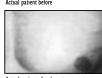


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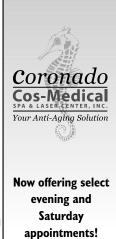
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#### **Read Three Covers**

I've been reading the *Reader* for 16-plus years, and I've only read the cover story three times. Jay Allen Sanford's cover was great ("Underground with the Celebrity Dead," October 27). I'm a local, and I read all of his articles. I really enjoy "Famous Neighbors" and "Overheard in San Diego."

Oliver Andriesse via e-mail

#### No Cemeteries In La Jolla

Concerning your cover story, "Underground with the Celebrity Dead" by Jay Allen Sanford, in today's October 27 Reader. I would take issue with one thing. It's a very interesting article, but he mentions several famous people as being buried in El Camino Memorial Park in La Jolla. I don't think there are any cemeteries in La Jolla. El Camino Memorial Park is in Sorrento Valley, off of Carroll Canyon Road, which would be north of Miramar and south of Mira Mesa.

Name Withheld

#### To Set The Record Straight

Wow - I just read Jim Mills's rant about our design team receiving the architectural commission for the new main library nine years ago ("Bird's-Eye Lowdown," "City Lights," October 20). I'm not sure what brought that on, but I assume it has to do with the successful grassroots battle my neighbors and I waged to stop his plan to build overhead trolley structures through Little Italy. (To everyone's satisfaction, the trolley is now at or below grade.)

Mr. Mills is entitled to his own opinions regarding the value of libraries to modern Americans but is not entitled to falsely recount historical facts regarding our library involvement. His many misstatements of fact, some of them quite strange,

can be easily checked and verified by anyone. I don't understand why this wasn't done by the *Reader* before publication.

To set the record straight: (1) We have never been involved in the design of a

main library at 12th and C Street. I don't know who he was thinking of.

- (2) A design team consisting of myself, Tucker Sadler Associates, and SMWM of San Francisco was chosen through an international competition to design the new main library. The selection was based on experience and qualifications, not a proposed design for a particular site. The original site selected was just north of One America Plaza (Mills even got this wrong).

  (3) We created three
- concept designs for that site, one that met the very low preliminary budget (set by a staff member with no library experience) and two that were more expensive but responded more accurately to input from the well-attended public workshops the library held. The models and drawings were publicly displayed in a major exhibit at the downtown Museum of Contemporary Art. Both the public and the City endorsed the more expensive "Dome Scheme." The costs for this scheme were, and still are, less than most other West Coast main libraries.

(4) The decision to abandon the original site had nothing to do with the cost of the building as Mills states. In fact, it would have been much less expensive to continue with the first site. Our concept studies showed that the One America Plaza site was simply too small for the main library. We were asked to do twoweek feasibility studies of three other downtown sites to see if they might accommodate the library program better. None of the sites was at 12th and C Street.

The library board and the city council eventually selected the "Park to Bay" site in the East Village near the ballpark. It was a good choice in my opinion as it better accommodates the large floor plates the library requires, is more accessible to auto and public transportation, and has better winter sun access than the original site.

(5) Perhaps most bizarre, Mr. Mills states that the Architectural Selection Committee chose some unnamed architect who was then overturned by Mayor Golding, who hired us. As anyone who even remotely followed this very public process knows, we were the committee's original and only selection. Golding was not part of the committee and did not (as Mills states) overturn anyone's decision.

Happily, the 35-year site selection controversy and the many delays are now behind us, and a complete set of working drawings will be submitted to the building department next month. Naturally, costs have increased since we started work on the Park to Bay site but should be well within the standard escalation and inflation experienced by all construction projects.

San Diego's transit infrastructure has benefited greatly from Jim Mills's leadership (despite his misguided attempt to put overhead trolleys in urban communities). San Diego's public entertainment desires have been satisfied by the building of sports and nightlife venues. Now it's time to focus on the city's cultural and educational infrastructure. Creating a healthy library system is a good place to start.

> Rob Quigley, FAIA For the Main Library Design Team

#### **Mills Speaks**

One thing James R. Mills does is speak his mind, no matter what feathers it ruffles ("Bird's-Eye Lowdown," "City Lights," October 20). It's rare that anyone is willing to step up and say in public what everyone else is thinking. I applaud his courage!

J. Andrews Downtown

#### More Than Beaches And Good Weather

I must disagree with Senator James Mills's conclusion that San Diego would be well served by abandoning the plan to build a new downtown library ("Bird's-Eye Lowdown," "City Lights," October 20). He states that in this day of computers, the most important functions of library headquarters are storing and repair-

ing books and continuing electronic functions (although I'm not sure what he means by this). Further, he advocates turning the current building into a downtown branch library.

Senator Mills shows little understanding of what takes place in today's libraries and who uses them. Libraries are much more than places to store books. First of all, users of a central library, which houses more specialized material than the branches, often do serious research. Thus, a central library (especially one with inviting space) is a destination for people outside the immediate neighborhood. In addition, today's libraries offer a range of activities and programs that require staffing resources beyond what a branch library can afford.

Senator Mills also dismisses what the author of the article, Scott Barnett, refers to as "iconic aspects of having [a] monument to knowledge and learning" as not worth the money. Senator Mills not only shows a lack of understanding of libraries but a lack of appreciation of the role of architecture in contemporary urban life. Ask the citizens of Seattle whether they think their new "iconic" library was worth the money. Given its popularity, my guess is they would say yes.

Many San Diegans want the city to be a "world class" city, yet there seems to be little understanding that "world class" requires top-notch cultural and educational institutions in addition to beaches and good weather.

> Karen Kinney Talmadge

#### **Four-Liter Budget**

I've been reading Matthew Lickona's "Crush" column since he started writing it, which is a long time, and I enjoy it every week, even though I can't afford the wines. I've had some wine experience, and of course I drink wine every day, although I'm presently on a four-liter Carlo Rossi budget. But I like Lickona's column because it reminds me of wines in the past. I've been drinking wine since the 1960s. The column's always interesting.

Ledterman Normal Heights

### With a Grown **Man's Allowance**

#### Neat Stuff for the Inner Big Boy

uys are so into gadgets and, I hate to say, unconventional stuff. Women are more practical buyers, and men go out and buy motorcycles and stuff," says Heather Cook, account executive at Spear/Hall Advertising and Public Relations, the agency behind San Diego's first Big Boy Toys Show. The event takes place this weekend at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Shelly Hall, who started Spear/Hall in

#### LOCAL **EVENTS**

San Diego 25 years ago, and Ernie Hahn, whose family owns the Sports Arena, co-founded the Big Boy Toys

Show. "We've been friends for years," says Hall of Hahn. "Years ago we had started another show called the Golf Fest Show." Hall was aware of similar "big boy toy" shows, the largest of which he says is in New Zealand. "Fifty-two thousand people through in three days."

Hall and Hahn attempted to incorporate everything the "typical" male might be interested in. Jamie Zimron will be demonstrating KiAi Golf, which combines "ancient Eastern wisdom with leading Western psycho-physiological methods for mastery. The process uses Japanese swordsmanship to teach kata, the Japanese word for "form." Zimron, a professional golf instructor with a black belt in aikido, sells instructional videos to teach golfers how to "play golf like

"I've always wanted to try one of those things," says Hall of the Segway Human Transporter, one of the products that people can try out at the show. Many compa-

nies offer customers the chance to try out their products. Sport Court, a company that makes half-court basketball courts that people can build in their back yards, will be hosting open play on one of their courts throughout the weekend.

Attendees will receive a free race pass for the Miramar Speed Circuit. "It's not like the old go-carts where you go 25 miles per hour and race against the clock," says Hall. "Here you're going 35, 40 miles per hour, passing people up, spinning around the corners, and crashing.'

Health and fitness freaks can visit Frank Zane, a former bodybuilder who won the title of Mr. Olympia three years in a row in the late 1970s. "He created this machine for older men who are trying to stay active. It's basically a squat machine that takes the pressure off your knees," Cook says of the Zane Leg Blaster, which goes for \$399 on Zane's website

"The fun thing going on throughout the weekend is the poker tournament," says Cook. "Tom Gallagher is so good at playing poker that he's not allowed in Vegas casinos. He teaches a Learning Annex course. He'll have his table set up and running a contest [all weekend]." The winner of the poker contest will receive the custom poker

table on which the tournament is played. The table is worth \$540.

What kind of show for big boys would be complete without beautiful, hard-to-get girls? Model Denise Page will be signing autographs, Gulls Girls will be performing dance routines, and Hooters Girls will circulate while selling raffle tickets.

"If you look at shows around the country, I guess, you see [the answer to the question]: 'What do guys like?'" explains Hall. "We're trying to do it in a way that's tasteful. In Vegas it's a little bit different.

Perhaps one of the strangest exhibits is hosted by TASER International. "People will actually allow themselves to get TASERed," says Hall. "They just love doing

it. They love trying it out and seeing what it feels like.'

— Barbarella

The Big Boy Toys Show Friday, November 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Del Mar Fairgrounds, O'Brien Hall **2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard** Cost: \$10; children under 10 free Info: 858-586-1202 or http://bigboytoysshow.com



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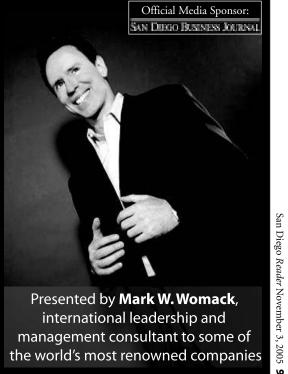
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#### BAJA

#### "The San Antonio Notebook."

Javier Manríquez reads his poetry, Thursday, November 3, 7 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636.

"Cartografia del Sueño," contemporary dance concerts presented by Aleph Teatro Kinésico through Sunday, November 13, at 7 p.m., at Teatro del IMSS (on Boulevard Salinas). \$6 U.S. 011-52-664-971-0019. (TIJUANA)

World Dance Festival with bellydancing, Brazilian capoeira, flamenco, Thursday, November 3, 7 p.m., at Multiforo ICBC, in Zona Río. 011-52-664-684-8609. (TIJUANA)

"Radiopatias." Fernando Ouintana, Juan Miguel Portillo, and Javier Lacroix present music and comedy, Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, 10 p.m., at El Lugar del Nopal (Callejón 5 de Mayo #1328). 011-52-664-685-1264. (TUUANA)

#### Armando Manzanero in Concert,

Friday, November 4, 8 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, in Zona Río). Tickets: \$50, \$60, U.S. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Baja Extreme Eight Hours, Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m., at La Misión. Disciplines include mountain biking, trekking, navigation, rock climbing, rappelling. 619-656-1897. (ENSENADA)

Napoleon in concert, Saturday, November 5, 9 p.m., in El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

**Baja Motocross Series Round** #13, Saturday, November 5, at new Rancho Los Cordero motocross track. Racing begins at 10 a.m. on new, 100 percent dirt

#### OUT & ABOUT

#### THE RWANDAN **GENOCIDE**

Inspired dances by Compagnie Jant-Bi, Saturday, November 5, UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium.

(SEE DANCE)



track. Admission: \$2 general, free for those under 12. Track entrance is in front of Festival Plaza Hotel. 619-819-6323 or 011-52-661-612-2525. (ROSARITO BEACH

"The Golden Ear" is the prize when bulls from Mimiahuapan meet up with matadors Eloy Cavazos, Mariano Ramos, Alejandro Amaya, César Castañeda as they compete for "the best prize," Sunday, November 6, 3 p.m., in Tijuana's Downtown Bullring. 011-52-664-686-1510. (TIJUANA)

The Play The Lady in Black performed Tuesday, November 8, 7 and 9:30 p.m., at Tijuana Cultural

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

"Altar to the Dead Ones" and tribute to José Guadalupe Posada on view through Wednesday, November 9, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636, (TIJUANA)

#### **OUTDOORS**

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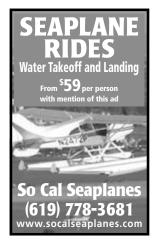
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### Calendar Local Events

mates.) By January, our mean temperature will have fallen to about 55° Fahrenheit, from an average temperature of about 70° Fahrenheit in August.

**Monarch Butterflies** arrive along the California coast this month, migrating from their summer homes in the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains. Some 25 of the 260 wintering sites on the West Coast lie within San Diego County. The local sites include Presidio Park in San Diego, the UCSD campus, Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, and Hosp Grove in Carlsbad.

**The Moon's** Cheshire-cat smile returns to the evening sky Thursday evening, November 3. You'll spot its very thin crescent shape low in the southwest about one-half hour after sunset. Look carefully and you may see the starlike

planet Mercury just above the moon on that evening. On succeeding evenings observe the moon's thickening crescent and its increased prominence in the early-evening sky. On Saturday, November 5, the moon will lie close to brilliant Venus — both well above the southwest horizon at twilight.

**Star Party** planned Friday, November 4, 7 p.m., in Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch Open-Space Preserve (access from Highway 67, southbound off Scripps Poway Parkway exit). Numerous telescopes will

be set up by San Diego Astronomy Association to view Mars, galaxies, nebulae, other celestial wonders. 858-513-4737. (POWAY)

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 OUARTER]

**Spot American White Pelicans,** vermillion flycatchers with

Audubon Society birders in Lindo Lake Park on Saturday, November 5, 8 a.m. Easy hiking. Free. Directions: 619-280-7710. (LAKESIDE)

Visit Clark's Valley Petroglyphs during three-mile-round-trip hike hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute, Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Petroglyphs were carved by Cahuilla Indians. \$30. Reservations: 760-767-0446. (ANZABORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

Clean Up! Learn the difference between native plants and weeds and help clean up around Buena Audubon Nature Center, Saturday, November 5, 8 to 10 a.m. Bring weeding tools, gloves if you have them; water. Free. Find center at 2202 South Coast Highway; 760-439-2473. (OCEANSIDE)

**Explore Oak Canyon** in Mission Trails Regional Park during threemile walk with elevation gain/loss of about 200 feet along a streambed rimmed by coast live oaks led by Canyoneers on Saturday, November 5, 1 p.m. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (SANTEE)

**History Walk,** Offshoot Tours offers hour-long history walk, blending Balboa Park history with its wealth of architectural and botanical treasures, Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m., from visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121.

**Explore the Plant World** in mesas and canyons around Mis-

sion Trails Regional Park's visitors' center with a ranger, Saturday, November 5, 1 p.m. Meet at visitors' center (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). 619-668-2747. Free.

See Coastal Goldenbush and Broom Baccharis during hikes on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, November 5, 6, 9, in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Walks: 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Guided Nature Walk, Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m., in Marian Bear Memorial Park. Trail guide Don Wetzel leads hike through trees, chaparral in search of birds, wildlife. Take Regents Road exit off Highway 52, look for parking lot and restroom on west side of Regents Road. 858-581-9961. Free. Bring binoculars, drinking water. (CLAIREMONT)

**Fall Celebration** planned by San Dieguito River Park organizers on Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead (12655 Sunset Drive). Live farm animals, teddy bear display, farm house tours. Free. 858-674-2275 x14. (ESCONDIDO)

Is It North South Park? Or South North Park? Take "Mystery Stroll" with Walkabout explorers, Saturday, November 5. Walk starts at 10:30 a.m. at 2412 30th Street (between Laurel and









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Help Rescue Wildlife in Trouble with Wildlife Assist. Volunteer recruiting sessions on Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m., at Clairemont Community Service Center (be-

hind Vons, at 4731 Clairemont Drive). Program repeats Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m., at Encinitas Community Center (1140 Oakcrest Park Drive). 619-921-6044. Free. (CLAIREMONT, ENCINITAS)

Mars lies at opposition to the sun on Sunday, November 6, which means that Mars rises in the east at sunset, sets in the west at sunrise, and remains above the horizon all night long. Although Earth in its speedier orbit is now pulling away from slower-moving Mars, the "Red Planet" will remain compellingly bright over the next couple of weeks and will be a good target for telescopic observation.

Nature Hike, mountain naturalist Clint Powell leads nature hikes around Lake Cuyamaca the first Sunday of every month, including November 6, 1 p.m. Three-hour hike covers about 3.5 miles. Bring binoculars. Day-use fee: \$6 per car. Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District center, 15027 Highway 79. 788-581-9904, 619-447-8123. (JULIAN)

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

**Escape to the Natural Beauty** of Elfin Forest Recreational Re-

serve, 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-half hour before sunset. 760-632-4212. (ELFIN FOREST)

#### DANCE

A Barn Dance "of traditional dances of the southern Appalachians and New England" with music by Hey Wire is Friday, November 4, 8 p.m., in ENS-380 at San Diego State University, Contradancing, big circle figures, circle mixers, freestyle couple dances,

calling by Graham Hempel. Lesson at 7:30 p.m. \$8 general. 619-594-6828. (SDSU)

19th-Century Waltz highlights beginner-friendly dance on Friday, November 4, in room 207 of Casa del Prado. Costumes encouraged. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing. Free. All ages; partners not required. 619-583-9956. (BALBOA PARK)

Hustle San Diego Club meets on first Friday of every month, including November 4, for beginners' instruction (8:30 p.m.) and dance afterwards at My Dance Academy (3837 Plaza Drive). \$7. 760-803-9982. (OCEANSIDE)

The Rwandan Genocide Inspired Dances by Senegalese ensemble Compagnie Jant-Bi, performing Saturday, November 5, 8 p.m., UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Work takes its inspiration from Murambi, Le Livre de Ossements (The Book of Bones), "one of the first fictional works about the genocide in Rwanda." \$34. 858-534-8497. (LA JOLLA)

"Hips and Objects," described as a new "docu-dance drama' honoring the struggles of single parents in Southeast San Diego, runs November 5-27 at Eveoke Dance Theater, Times, tickets: 619-238-1153. (DOWNTOWN)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, November 5, at

#### OUT & ABOUT

#### THE TRUTH (WITH JOKES)

told when Al Franken signs books, Friday, November 4, La Jolla Presbyterian Church.

(SEE IN PERSON)



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)

Social Dance Party with wide variety of music, first Saturday of each month, including November 5, at Dance North County (535 Encinitas Boulevard, suite 100). Lessons at 7 p.m., dancing 8 to 11 p.m. All ages, abilities. \$7. 760-525-5124. (ENCINITAS)

Ballroom Tea Dance, 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, at Cheek 2 Cheek Dance Studio (909 Grand Avenue). Big-band and ballroom favorites played by DJ Cal Senechal. \$5. 858-270-7100. First Sunday of each month. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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)

Swing to Soul, Funk Music on Sunday, November 6, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Kava Lounge (2812 Kettner Boulevard). Live music by Smokestaxx for singles, couples of all ages. "Swing to funk" workshop at 7 p.m.; open dancing from 8:30 p.m. on. Fee: \$15 for workshop and dance, \$10 for dance only. 858-395-6060. (DOWNTOWN)

The First Nutcracker of the Season, Moscow Ballet presents its "Great Russian Nutcracker" performances at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and

8, in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: \$25-\$65, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

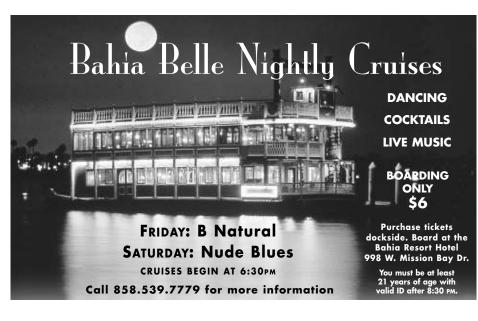
Giving Thanks is theme for Sufi dancing led by Toni Michael on Monday, November 7, 7:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street, room 112). Live music. \$3. 619-692-3079, (HILLCREST)

Five "Radical Dance Makers investigate issues of class, intimacy, consumerism, and environment" in pieces commissioned by Lower Left, with concerts presented November 10-13, in Sherwood Auditorium at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Curtain rises at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m. on Sunday. \$20. 619-235-8466. (LA JOLLA)

**Ocean Wavers Square Dance** Club offers new ABC squaredance 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

Wear Red to screening of Period: The End of Menstruation by local director and producer Giovanna Chesler addressing "a growing











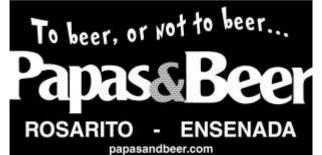
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trend which is changing the way women think of their bodies." Chesler will be on hand to answer questions following film. Saturday, November 5, 6 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10–\$20 sliding scale. 619-549-3074. (Red clothing is optional.) (BALBOA PARK)

**"Secret Cinema Salon,"** Sunday, November 6, 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 x123. (GOLDEN HILL)

**The "Twisty Thriller"** *Dot the I* by novelist, screenwriter Matthew Parkhill is shown during Film Forum on Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Li-

brary (820 E Street). 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Native American Film Series continues when *Incident at Oglala: The Leonard Peltier Story* is featured Monday, November 7, 6 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366.

"Life Is Beautiful" screens during First Tuesday Films series exploring "controversial social issues posing difficult moral dilemmas," November 8, 6:30 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). Discussion follows. Free. 760-839-4656. (ESCONDIDO)

The Charming Film Smoke Signals, based upon short stories by Sherman Alexie, screens for "Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self" film series, Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m., at Museum of Photographic Arts. \$10, 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Our Worlds, Our Paths to Peace and Justice" screens Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theater at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7509, (LINDA VISTA)

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**

"Consciousness, Creativity, and the Brain," filmmaker David Lynch (Blue Velvet, Twin Peaks, Elephant Man, Dune) appears with quantum physicist John Hagelin (from What the Bleep Do We Know?) and neuroscientist Fred

**OUT & ABOUT** 

#### FOUR YOUNG

followed in Boxers and Ballerinas, Museum of Photographic Arts, Friday, November 4.

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Travis of Maharishi University. Lynch will focus on creative process in filmmaking, and how Transcendental Meditation has helped; Hagelin and Travis will discuss new research on meditation's effects on brain function, creativity, conflict, peace. Free; tickets available now. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 4, in Price Cen-

ter Ballroom at UCSD, 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

"Portraying the Faithful: Rembrandt's Late Apostles and Saints" presented by Getty Museum curator Anne Woollett for "Art in the Afternoon" series at Timken Museum of Art, Thursday, November 3, 12:30 p.m. Free. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

The Wooden Window and Door Man Cometh! Matt Berowski plans hands-on demonstration to help owners of vintage and contemporary homes with repairs and installations for History Alive series hosted by Lemon Grove Historical Society, Thursday, November 3, 1:30 p.m., in H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). \$2. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"Women in Politics" — forum "to encourage women interested in pursuing a career and government and politics to continue their education" is Thursday, November 3, 1:30 p.m., in UCSD's Price Center Ballroom. Panelists include Pam Slater-Price, Lori Saldana, Lori Holt-Pfeiler, Maggie Houlihan. Question and answer follows. Free. 858-459-3192. (LA JOLLA)

**"Lost Scents: Perfumes** and Their Containers in Greek Antiquity" presented by Bill Biers, emeritus professor at University of Mis-











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souri, when Archaeological Institute of America meets, Friday, November 4, 7:15 p.m., in room G-101 at San Diego Mesa College (7250 Mesa College Drive). Free 619-232-6203 x119. (KEARNY MESA)

"Ray's Apu: The Greatest Indian Film Trilogy?" San Diego Union-Tribune film critic David Elliott shows excerpts, discusses Indian filmmaker Satyajit Ray's trilogy, Friday, November 4, 10 a.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. \$10. 619-696-1966, (BALBOA PARK)

Pruning and Grafting discussed on Saturday, November 5, 1 p.m., at City Farmer's Nursery (4832 Home Avenue). Free. 619-284-6358. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Know Your Ducks, Barbara Moore offers "eyes-on tips for birders from beginning to intermediate levels," Saturday, November 5, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Nature Center (1000 Gunpowder Point Drive), \$20, Bring bag lunch. Reservations: 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

**Composting Mini-Seminars** offered on first Saturday of each month, including November 5, 11 a.m., at Ouail Botanical Gardens (230 Quail Gardens Drive). Free. 760-436-3036. (ENCINITAS)

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scientists from Salk Institute focusing on fundamental cell biology, with experiments to isolate and see DNA, between noon and 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"Introduction to Photography" offered at Bella Pacifica Galleries (403 Wisconsin Avenue) on Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. Composition, equipment, lighting techniques, more. Free. Reservations: 760-433-7685. (OCEANSIDE)

This Art Rocks! 30th annual "Rock Art Symposium" hosted by San Diego Museum of Man is Saturday. November 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Diego Zoo's Otto Center. Participants hear presentations on latest research on petroglyphs and pictographs by noted archaeologists and researchers. \$45. Registration: 619-239-2001.

"Xeriscape: Lush Landscape on a Low-Water Budget," landscape designer Jan Tubiolo demonstrates why xeriscape is not "zeroscape," Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m., at Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). Lecture, garden tour. \$13. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Confucianism, Communism, and Commercialism: The Changing Experiences of Chinese Women" explored by USD history professor Yi Sun when U.S.-China Peoples' Friendship Association meets on Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-484-1085, (CARMEL VALLEY)

"Gourds for Home Décor" taught for those 16 and older on Sunday, November 6, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Preparation, tools, basketry techniques for rim of gourd, more, \$60 fee includes materials. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Denali — The Great One," slide-illustrated lectures by professional mountain guide Kurt Wedberg at Adventure 16 shops. Weburg "has used mountaineering to strengthen himself spiritually, emotionally, and physically."

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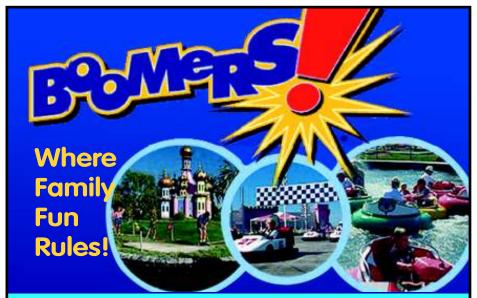
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**Decorative Arts Lecture Series** co-hosted by Palladian Society and Athenaeum Music and Arts Library continues with Jo Lauria and Suzanne Baizerman focusing on "California Design: The Legacy of West Coast Craft and Style,' Monday, November 7, at Athenaeum (1008 Wall Street). Continental breakfast, 9:30 a.m.; lecture, 10 a.m. \$27. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Sculptor George Trakas discusses process of creating garden and pocket park at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street) on Tuesday, November 8, 3 p.m. Included in regular museum admission. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Fix a Flat, learn brake and derailleur adjustment, more, when REI shop technicians offer basic bicycle maintenance clinics on Tuesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

"Pioneering Democracy and Human Rights in Zimbabwe's Wild Storm of Impunity" presented by Emmaculeta Chiseva of Women Peacemakers program, Tuesday, November 8, 12:30 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-7509. (LINDA VISTA)

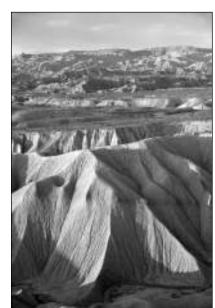
"Snow Camping Essentials" imparted during clinics on Tuesday, November 8, at REI Encinitas (1590 Leucadia Boulevard; 760-944-9020) and on Wednesday, November 9, at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive; 858-279-4400). Both begin at 7 p.m. Free. (ENCINITAS, KEARNY MESA)

### ROAM-()-RAMA

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

Deep in the corrugated folds of Anza-Borrego's Carrizo Badlands, a trio of sinuous dry washes invites your slow and careful exploration — first by truck or 4-wheel drive, and then by foot. Here, on the lower margin of the upthrust Vallecito Mountains, accumulated sediments dating back millions of years have been forced upward, tilted, and severely eroded.

Follow Highway 78 east to Ocotillo Wells, turn south on Split Mountain Road, and continue eight miles to the Split Mountain turnoff (Fish Creek wash, threaded by wheel tracks in the sand) on the right. After nearly two miles, you enter Split Mountain, where Fish Creek has carved a narrow gorge between



Carrizo Badlands at dawn

sheer rock walls. The gorge walls reveal layer-cake strata reflecting successive periods of invasion by the sea and reclaiming by the land. The primitive road ahead is sometimes blocked by slides or rendered impassable by heavy rain; it is definitely not recommended for lowslung passenger cars.

After 2.5 miles, when the gorge walls fully part, bear right (west) on the sandy road along the North Fork of Fish Creek wash. Continue through a landscape dominated by clay hills (also called "mud hills" for their consistency when wet) strewn with sparkling chips of gypsum crystal. Just ahead lie the three dry washes of interest - each with its own character. Oyster Shell Wash, in its upper end, features water-polished, fossil-

bearing sandstone walls and shallow depressions sometimes filled with water. Lycium Wash, threaded by a 2.5-mile-long spur road, is named after the shrub Lycium, or boxthorn, which flourishes hereabouts and blooms circumspectly in early spring. Beyond the road end, some semi-challenging scrambling on foot will take you farther up Lycium Wash — past a narrow trench, over tilted layers of sandstone, up and over three low "dry falls," and finally past a big, boulderchoked defile. After all this, a less breathless ascent leads to the crest of the

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there's Stone Wash, a west tributary of Lycium Wash, Floodwaters in the bottom of this drainage have carved several steep protruding rocks in the chutes provide enough handholds and footbolds to facilitate a painstaking passage.



"Why Men Earn More — And What Women Can Do About It" explored Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Landscaping With Succulents" is pondered by Point Loma Garden Club when Michael Buckner of Plant Man Nursery speaks on Wednesday, November 9, 10 a.m., at Ocean Beach Masonic Center (1711 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard). Free. 619-276-0209. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Paint the Town: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Acrylic Paint" presented by Esther Kim for Professional Artist Lecture Series, Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). 619-236-0011. \$8.

**Eight Gaden Shartes Monks** of southern India present "Sacred Earth and Healing Arts of Tibet" on Wednesday, November 9, noon, in student lounge at Mira-Costa College, San Elijo campus

(3333 Manchester Avenue). Free. 760-634-7806, (CARDIFF)

"Introduction to Sparrow Identification" offered by San Diego Natural History Museum with class on Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m., and field trip on Saturday, November 12, 8:30 a.m. \$69 fee includes transportation, Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Tour "Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks" when Asian art curator Sony Quintanilla presents Insight Gallery Talks on Thursday, November 10 (6 p.m.), and Sunday, November 13 (2 p.m.), at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in regular admission. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Fossil Treasures of the Anza-Borrego Desert" is theme for paleontology symposium hosted by Anza-Borrego Institute, November 19 and 20, at Road Runner Club (1010 Palm Canyon Drive). On Saturday, scientists and researchers shed light on some of over 550 types of fossils, plants, and animals that have been recov-

ered in desert; Sunday features day-long guided trips into desert.

Fee: \$150 for all activities; \$110 for Saturday events; \$60 for Sunday field trips. Registration required by November 15; 760-767-4063. (ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK)

#### **IN PERSON**

Smooth Jazz, Tangos, and when Peter Pupping performs for First Thursday Concert on November 3, 7 p.m., in Escondido Library's Turrentine Room (239 South Kalmia Street). Free. 760-839-4329. (ESCONDIDO)

Neil Simon's Comic Fable Fools is presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, November 3-5 (and November 10-12, November 17-18), in Granite Hills High School Little Theatre (1719 East Madison Avenue). Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7 for kids 12 and younger. 619-440-3237. (EL CAJON)

"Crack Dwellers" author Leslie Keehn reads from and discusses her book, Thursday, November 3, 6:30 p.m., at Bay Books (1029 Orange Avenue). Free. 619-435-0070.

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" continues through November 4 in University City High School auditorium (6949 Genesee Avenue). Performances begin at 2:20 p.m. on Thursday, 7 p.m. on Friday. \$8 general. 858-457-3040 x225. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Friedrich Duerrenmatt's Tragicomic Play The Visit performed in Roundabout Theatre at San Dieguito Academy (800 Santa Fe Drive). Play begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 3; Friday, November 4; and Saturday, November 5. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, students. 760-753-1121 x5156. (ENCINITAS)

"You Can't Take It With You" presented by drama students through Saturday, November 5, 7 p.m., at Scripps Ranch High School Theatre (10410 Treena Boulevard). \$9. 858-621-9020

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"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 Books on Friday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., at La Jolla Presbyterian Church (7715 Draper Avenue). Free; books for signing must be purchased from Warwick's. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

#### **Lindsay Cropper Reading Series**

features second-generation Korean-American novelist Chang-Rae Lee, Friday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., in Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theater at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4628. (LINDA VISTA)

"Twain by the Tale," piece showcasing "unpredictable wit and timeless perceptions" of the great humorist is offered at 7:15 p.m. on Friday and Sunday, November 4 and 6, at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). Offering. 760-753-6582, (ENCINITAS)

Jazz at the Point, concert on Friday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., with Paul Kenyon Jazz Quartet in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Guests: vocalist Renee Calvo, trumpeter John Revnolds. Pieces by Bill Evans, Ralph Towner, Dave Brubeck, Paul Kenyon. \$15 general. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

The King's Men Chorus presents annual concerts on November 4 and 5 at San Carlos United Methodist Church (6554 Cowles Mountain Boulevard). Men's gospel music, barbershop, comedy, more. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, 4 p.m. on Saturday. Offering. 619-464-4331. (SAN CARLOS)

Jazz Standards played by Tokeli and Ed Kornhauser Trio, Friday, November 4, 8 p.m., at North Park Vaudeville and Candy Shoppe (2031 El Cajon Boulevard). \$15. 619-437-0470. (NORTH PARK)

**Grammy-Winner Dave Alvin** plans solo show for AcousticMusicSanDiego on Saturday, November 5, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church (4650 Mansfield Street). He's been a Blaster: he worked with X. Tom Waits, Los Lobos, Little Milton. His new CD is Ashgrove.

Gordon Bok takes stage on Wednesday, November 9. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15, \$20. 619-303-8176. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

New Meanings for Normal, Carlette Anderson discusses and signs Dysfunctional Is Normal, Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Alpine Library (2130 Arnold Way). Free. 619-445-4221.

Local Author Chet Cunningham discusses and signs Caring for Your Aging Parents: The Caregiver's Handbook, Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m., in third-floor auditorium at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). Free. 619-236-5800.

A Dog Fashion Show is planned when author Kristi Porter shows off designs from her book Knitting for Dogs, Saturday, November 5, 11 a.m.,

at Knitting in La Jolla (909 Prospect Street). 858-456-4687. (LA JOLLA)

The Chapin Sisters perform for San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). \$12. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Comedienne Tina Kim makes her Southern California debut on Saturday, November 5, 8 p.m., at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). \$25 at door. 760-720- $2460.\ (\text{CARLSBAD})$ 

The Russian Folk Trio takes stage for Fall 2005 World Music Series, Saturday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., in Oceanside Library community rooms (330 North Coast Highway). Music from all over will be performed. \$10. 760-435-5560, (OCEANSIDE)

Singer Patti Page performs for "Friends of Faith Gala," Sunday, November 6, presented by Faith Community Church by the Sea at 5 p.m. at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Also on program: 80-voice Emmanuel Faith Choir. Tickets: \$35, \$55. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Scientific Specialists helped write Fossil Treasures of Anza Borrego Desert, which contributor (and museum paleontology curator) Tom Deméré will discuss and sign on Monday, November 7, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Free. Registration: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

**Acclaimed American Author** Gore Vidal and Professor Dennis Altman discuss Altman's new book Gore Vidal's America on Monday, November 7, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Vidal has produced "bestselling novels, essays, plays, and pamphlets which have impacted major political and social debates for 50 years." Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

Wordsmiths Richard Lederer and Martha Barnette of KPBS's A Way with Words program speak for Society for Technical Communication, Wednesday, November 9, 5:30 p.m., at Marriott Courtyard (8651 Spectrum Center Boulevard). \$32. 858-642-2503.

Poetry Reading by Ioanna Warwick for Magee Park Poets, Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Cole Library (1250 Carlsbad Village Drive). Warwick has had work in many publications. 760-602-2012. Free. Open reading follows. (CARLSBAD)

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Japanese Shakuhachi and Dance presented by Philip Gelb (bamboo flute) and dancer Eri Maiima for Concert Hour series on Thursday, November 10, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Origins and Meaning of "Lefty Mystique" explored by David Wolman in A Left-Hand Turn Around the World, which he'll discuss and sign on Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). 858-454-0347. Free. (LA JOLLA)

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Fall Foliage and Apples, 15th annual Julian 10k run, 5k run/walk, and 1k kids' event is Saturday, November 5, starting at Juian High School (1656 Highway 78). Race-day registration: 6:30 a.m., racing at 8 a.m. 760-298-7400. (JULIAN)

Blowfish Surf Series, Saturday, November 5, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at south jetty at Oceanside Harbor. Free for spectators. 805-234-2563. (OCEANSIDE)

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**Angel Adventure Fundraising** Walk and community day hosted by National Brain Tumor Foundation, Saturday, November 5,

9 a.m., at Hospitality Point (in 2500 block of Quivira Way). Registration: 8:30 a.m. 866-455-3214. (MISSION BAY)

Kayak in Search of Black Sea Turtles during event in San Diego Bay hosted by San Diego Natural History Museum, Saturday, November 5, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$50 fee includes guide, short lesson, equipment, transportation, lunch. For those 13 and older, Reservations: 619-255-0203, (SAN DIEGO BAY)

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Walk Now San Diego, 5k walk benefiting Cure Autism Now, begins at 8 a.m. at Vacation Isle, Saturday, November 5. 323-549-0500 x17. (MISSION BAY)

Family Kayak Demo Day is Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Allen's Kayaks (819 Fernando Place). Equipment provided. Bring shoes that can get wet, lightweight shorts, light jacket. Participants must be able to swim. 858-488-5599. (MISSION BAY)

UCSD Melanoma 5K Walk for a Cure, Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m., starting at Sun God sculpture on UCSD campus. Registration: 8:15 a.m. 858-822-0023. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Chargers are in New York for game against Jets on Sunday, November 6, 10 a.m. Game

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Komen Race for the Cure 5k run/walk is Sunday, November 6, in Balboa Park. Events begin at 8 a.m. 760-692-2900. (BALBOA PARK)

Western Surfing Association Championship Tour hits beach at north harbor jetty near Oceanside Harbor, Sunday, November 6, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free for spectators. 949-369-6677. (OCEANSIDE)

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

Rock n' Rollerskate during "Hellraiser" benefit by San Diego Derby Dolls roller derby skaters, Thursday, November 10, 8 p.m., at Skateworld (6907 Linda Vista Road). Skaters are raising funds for local banked track. \$8. (LINDA VISTA)

#### **SPECIAL**

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.

Children's Book Festival with "great bargains on books for kids," Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Children's Room (on second floor) at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 619-236-5838.

Winter Wonderland, Porcelain Artists of San Diego host annual show, Friday, November 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Portuguese Hall (2818 Avenida de Portugal). Display of all types of porcelain art. Admission: \$5. 619-224-5822, 619-922-1584. (POINT LOMA)

**Thomas Aquinas's** *Summa* provides fodder when Great Books Reading and Discussion Group gathers, Saturday, November 5,

# Poetry |

BLACK STONE LYING ON A WHITE STONE

I will die in Paris, on a rainy day, on some day I can already remember. I will die in Paris — and I don't step aside perhaps on a Thursday, as today is Thursday, in autumn.

It will be a Thursday, because today, Thursday, setting down these lines, I have put my upper arm bones on wrong, and never so much as today have I found myself with all the road ahead of me, alone.

César Vallejo is dead. Everyone beat him although he never does anything to them; they beat him hard with a stick and hard also

with a rope. These are the witnesses: the Thursdays, and the bones of my arms, the solitude, and the rain, and the roads...

Fall Plant Sale and Picnic hosted

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– César Valleio

Translated and edited by Robert Bly, and published by Beacon Press in Neruda & Vallejo: Selected Poems

2 p.m., in third-floor conference room, San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). 858-755-8978. Free. Newcomers welcome. (DOWNTOWN) ings from 20 local specialty growers, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (free admission). Catered barbecue, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (\$5). Eight lectures by local

experts on variety of garden topics.

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

**Liberty Station** community bus tours, at the former Naval Training Center, Saturday, November 5, beginning at 9, 10, 11 a.m., at Point Loma farmer's market (at Womble Road and Truxtun Road). 619-794-1428. Free. (POINT LOMA)

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

"Afternoon in the Gardens," benefiting Real Estate Scholarship Fund for middle and high school students, is Saturday, November 5, noon to 4 p.m., at Pikake Gardens (15515 Villa Sierra Road). Music by Valley Center Thunderhawk Jazz Band, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres. \$30.760-749-2888. (VALLEY CENTER)

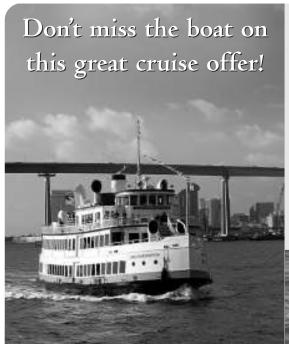
"Conversations in Glass," all forms of glass showcased — blown, fused, torch-worked, stained glass, cast, etched, mosaic — in 24th annual juried art glass show, on display through Monday, November 14, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Reception for artists: Saturday, November 5, 7 p.m. Concurrently, Art Glass Guild hosts patio show and sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, in Studio 25. 619-702-8006. (BALBOA PARK)

Fine Art Festival II hosted by Artists Guild at San Diego Museum of Art, Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thirty-two painters, sculp-









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# Reading

## The Coldest Winter: A Stringer in Liberated Europe



Henry Holt and Company, 2005; 144

#### FROM THE DUST JACKET:

In 1946, Paula Fox walked up the gangplank of a partly reconverted Liberty with the classic American hope of finding experience - or perhaps salvation - in Europe. She was 22 years old and would spend the next year moving among the ruins of London, Warsaw, Paris, Prague, Madrid, and other cities as a stringer for a small British news service.

In this lucid, affecting memoir,

Fox describes her movements across Europe's scrambled borders: unplanned trips to empty castles and ruined cathedrals, a stint in bombed-out Warsaw in the midst of the Communist election takeovers, and nights spent in apartments here and there with distant relatives, friends of friends, and in shabby pensions with little heat, each place echoing with the horrors of the war. A young woman alone, with neither a plan nor a reliable paycheck, Fox made her way with the rest of Europe as the continent rebuilt and rediscovered itself among the ruins.

Long revered as a novelist, Fox won over a new generation of readers with her previous memoir. Borrowed Finerv. Now, with The Coldest Winter, she recounts another chapter of a life seemingly filled with stories a rare, unsentimental glimpse of the world as seen by a writer at the beginning of an illustrious

#### WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:

From Booklist: In her acclaimed memoir, Borrowed Finery (2001), Fox wrote with quiet power about her traumatic childhood. Now she writes about huge political upheaval, and once again she brings it close with small, intimate details. She remembers herself in 1946 as a journalist

stringer in post-World War II Europe. She meets the famous, including Paul Robeson and Jean-Paul Sartre.... In an unforgettable scene in a freezing, bombedout opera house in Yugoslavia, the orchestra plays the Brahms violin concerto, and the audience listens so intently "it was as though we had never heard music nor would again." You read the simple words slowly, and they haunt you.

From Publishers Weekly: In sparse, careful prose, Fox relates her experiences in London, Paris, Prague, Warsaw, and Spain in 1946. Her writing style is detached, often sparing details (e.g., "We fell in love," she states simply of her brief relationship with a Frenchman).... The picture Fox paints of postwar Europe is both profoundly beautiful and sad, and her memoir is affecting, leaving one wishing she had stayed there longer.

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Paula Fox, born in New York City in the 1920s to a bibulous screenwriter father and a termagant of a mother, is the author of one previous memoir, Borrowed Finerv, and six novels, including Desperate Characters (made into a movie starring Shirley MacLaine), The Widow's Children, and Poor George. She is also a Newbery Award-winning children's book author. Grandmother to five grandchildren, including rock star Courtney Love ("You can see where Love got her legs," an observer noted, "Fox modeled in England after World War II."), Ms. Fox lives with her husband in a brownstone in Brooklyn, New York.

#### A CONVERSATION WITH THE **AUTHOR:**

Ms. Fox was in her Brooklyn home and I in California when we talked. She speaks in ele-

gantly modulated tones, in the rises and falls and stops and starts that one rarely any longer

The photograph on the dust jacket is of Ms. Fox in her early 20s. I asked about the photo.

"It was taken by my oldest friend, who lives in Santa Barbara. I've known her for 65 years now. She took it in the Prado, I think. Although I'm not absolutely sure. But the building looks like the Prado. There's another picture of me inside when I was 23, sitting in a group of journalists, next to Beirut, who had been elected president of Poland."

'You were so young."

"I know. I was 22 when I first went there. And so foolish and unknowing.

Complimented on her memory of that winter of 60 years ago, Ms. Fox had told a Publishers Weekly interviewer, "I

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"My God, did that happen 20 years ago? I thought it just happened yesterday. And what happened yesterday was 20 years ago."

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Gem Diego, annual show hosted by San Diego Mineral and Gem Society, November 5 and 6, at Al Bahr Shrine Temple (5440 Kearny Mesa Road). Forty exhibit cases of gems, minerals, jewelry, fossils, books. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. \$3 general. 858-586-1637. (KEARNY MESA)

Hearth and Home, home tour and craft show, Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Sweetwater Woman's Club (3855 Sweetwater Road). Tickets for touring three decorated homes: \$10. Craft show only on Sunday, November 6, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (free). 619-479-7888, (BONITA

Put 142 Candles on the Birthday Cake during Star of India birthday celebrations, Saturday, November 5, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Birthday cake, party hats, music by Westlin Weavers. Regular museum admission. Find Star at 1306 North Harbor Drive (at Ash Street). 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

Walk for World Peace starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, at Vajrarupini Buddhist Center (3344 Fourth Avenue). Participants will collectively pray for peace. Fee: \$25. 619-692-3676.

Dia de los Muertos Celebration,

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don't remember anything that happened last week and I forget people's names all the time. But ...I can remember the suit wrinkles of my father's suit as he bent his elbow to draw in cigarette smoke and that was 70 years ago, when I was 12. I can see it."

Asked about her memory's tenacity, she said, "I quoted in *The Coldest Winter* something Cesare Pavese wrote in his diary, *The Burning Brand*: 'Real amazement comes from memory.' My past is absolutely engraved, stamped on my brain."

I had suggested that Ms. Fox had "drifted" across Europe. She brushed aside my choice of words. "I didn't really drift. I know exactly what you meant, that I went from one thing to the other the way you cross the stream, you know, on stepping stones. A little brook with a waterfall here and there. No, I made my way across by a clear path of stones. Slippery at times. But still, I got to the other side. And that's how I made

my way through Europe."

"When some great post— World War II event is mentioned, your imagination must find itself filled with that moment."

'Yes, it does. It's particularly happened because of the terrible hurricane. I lived in New Orleans for a few months many years ago, when I was much younger than when I went to Europe. I was 17 or 18. I had a job out at Lake Pontchartrain and I lived in the French Quarter. Everything about it has a resonance to me that I don't think it would have, although pity moves most of us, at all times; but the combination of the personal memory along with empathy and feeling and imagination

is very strong.

"I think St. Anne's Street is where I lived in the French Quarter. I lived with a married couple who were very good to me and who are now dead. I think of their house and the modesty of it and how it must have been affected by this storm. So in that sense, if something happened in places where I was and I can visualize it dearly, then indeed it has another dimension to it for me."

"The aromas of New Orleans come back to me."

"Oh, yes, jasmine. And oleander. And cooking. In the French Quarter especially. There's a bar that's still there and flooded the entrance hall to a place that I first lived in New Orleans. The bar was called Pat O'Brien's. The plumbing was not right so the water would overflow, come into the fover of what had been a mansion but was a kind of rat's nest of rooms. That's where I lived in the beginning. I remember that very vividly and I heard a reporter mention Pat O'Brien's bar. But the odor of New Orleans, yes, it's a funny, dusky, dreamy smell and yet dank, rank.

"The husband — Pat — of the couple I stayed with worked in a plant in Biloxi. Robert Sherwood visited and Pat was picked to show him through. And so he showed him through, and he talked about everything, Pat did. Robert Sherwood said at the end of the tour, 'You ought to write.' So, Pat who was 40 at the time, moved into the French Quarter and began to write his first novel, which won a Houghton Mifflin Fellowship. It's called *Green Margin*.

"It was about the south of New Orleans, on that long piece of land that used to stretch out where the Mississippi empties into the sea. And I wrote a novel about New Orleans called *The God of Nightmares*. It was reissued by Norton. Norton reissued all my novels. I fear that three of them were remaindered almost within days. But *God of Nightmares* pleased quite a few people.

"Anyway, Pat wrote Green Margins and then he wrote a second novel, The Great Big Doorstep, which was made into a play, which, alas, had a very short run. He had been very cruelly treated by Cajuns because in Green Margins he wrote about them and they didn't want to be written about. They had a sort of primitive response. They did a terrible thing to him, and he ended up with a bad heart and then he died. You can look him up."

"Isn't it fun, how you can look up everything now?"

"I know. You can look yourself up even."

"Do you use a computer?"
"I use it in a very primitive
way. I don't understand anything
except e-mail. And it's not a pose,

"I was conscious of the flow of history and the event in this world. I was transparent to myself suddenly."

but I'm 82, and it's too late for me to learn. Children are born knowing about computers now. I think it's genetic. It's culturally genetic."

We talked again about Ms. Fox's new book. "I realized that I'd lived a long time, relatively speaking — that is relative to the briefness of life and the brevity of it. I sat down and put it together. Some of the things have appeared elsewhere."

"It doesn't feel that way."
"No, it doesn't because it all had a kind of wholeness, the whole experience for me. I didn't realize until I re-read it in the bound galleys that I was in places where enormous things happened. I'm very aware of that now. I remembered when, at

one party, which I wrote about in After the Snow, going to the windows and standing there, looking down at the trees and the place where deer used to wander. And behind me was a long table with food and wine and what not, and I was absolutely stunned by my remembrance of this. It was a second only, but I felt the power of memory and imagination and thought and people. It was all there in that second, the window looking through the palace. I couldn't for a moment believe that I was there. I was conscious of the flow of history and the event in this world. I was transparent to myself suddenly.

"Although you were in your 80s when you wrote this book, the

tive Care (4311 Third Avenue). Reception for the 17 artists: Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m. Free admission. 619-688-1600. (HILLCREST)

**Veteran's Day Program** planned at International Cottages on Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m. Free. 619-234-0739. (BALBOA PARK)

**Carlsbad Village Faire,** Sunday, November 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., along downtown streets. Organizers call it the "country's largest one-day street fair," with *many* arts and crafts booths, antiques, pancake breakfast, children's rides. Admission: free. 760-945-9288. (CARLSBAD)

**Craft Club**, group gathers at Japanese Friendship Garden to create unique items for sale at garden, Monday, November 7, 10 a.m. \$5. Reservations: 619-232-2721. (BALBOA PARK)

The Chef's Table, four-course culinary tour featuring "seasonal

ingredients" paired with wines led by Hans-Trevor Gossman and Jeff Rossman (of Terra Restaurant), Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m., at San Diego Wine and Culinary Center (200 Harbor Drive, suite 120). \$65. Reservations: 619-231-6400. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Mandolin Orchestra gathers for practice — with mandolins, mandolas, mandocellos, bass, and guitars — every Wednesday, 6:30 to 9 p.m., at Nazareth House (6333 Rancho Mission Road). Join group for rehearsals and performances. Free. 619-435-0837. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Jean Lowe: Library" continues through Sunday, November 13, in William D. Cannon Art Gallery at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). The Encinitas artist offers a "clever, conceptual twist on an actual library, in which Lowe's mix of reality and fantasy

challenges the viewer's expectations." 760-602-2021. (LA COSTA)

Many Foods in Triangular Shapes (to resemble Mount Govardhan) offered during Hindu New Year and Annakut festival hosted by Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha on Saturday, November 5, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Sundance Elementary School (8944 Twin Trails Drive). 858-673-7595 or 760-525-3463. (RANCHO PENASQUITOS)

#### FOR KIDS

"Two Fun Fables" told by Puppet Express in Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, November 6. Next: Fun With Fables and Modern Myths, presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, November 9–13.

Performances Wednesday-Fri-

day, 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)

It's Not Just Another Day at Enrico Fermi High in Zombie Prom, next production by San Diego Junior Theatre, through November 6, in Casa del Prado Theater. Fast-paced musical is recommended for those eight and older.

Curtain rises at 7 p.m. on Friday, 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: \$9 to \$12 adults, \$7 to \$10 seniors and children 13 and under. Reservations: 619-239-

Chalk Murals, Chinese Lion Dancers, the play Planet Brazil presented by Capoeira Mandinga of San Diego, puppets, bilingual storytelling, origami, and morefamily day is Saturday, November 5, 1 to 4 p.m., in Arts Building at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

Make Two Kinds of Mochi (a traditional Japanese treat) during cultural program for youths on Saturday, November 5, at Japanese Friendship Garden. Classes begin at 10, 11 a.m. Fee: \$3. 619-232-2780. (BALBOA PARK)

Painted Quilts will be created by participants during family day activities, led by Sue Vanderveen and members of local quilt guilds, Sunday, November 6, 2 to 5 p.m., at Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Project is in conjunction with Kim MacConnell's "Red Lantern." Included in regular museum admission (\$6 general). 858-454-3541.

#### MUSEUMS

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

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)

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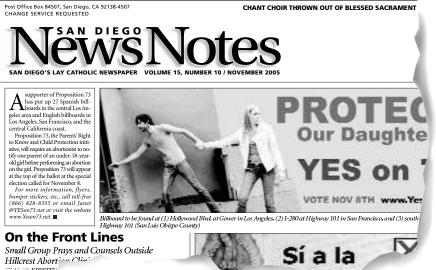
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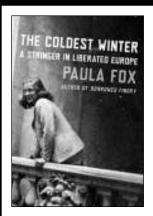


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narrating voice is that of a young woman. Were you conscious of this voicing as you worked on the

'No, it wasn't conscious. I don't think any of that kind of attitude about one's self is conscious ever with a writer. One just does it in a certain way. Some of those stories go back a ways, 15 years, 10 years. After the Snow, oh, it's about 10 or 15 years old.

"I think probably, when I work, not when I lie down in the afternoon, but when I work in the mornings upstairs in my study. I have a timeless sense about myself and life; something speaks

through me. I'm a vessel for certain things, as all writers are, poets especially. Poets are certainly that.

"I suddenly thought of the last few pages of The Great Gatsby when I watched a program on Fitzgerald the other night. I was reminded so powerfully of that wonderful last few pages that he wrote. I don't feel that he had control over that. It was very controlled. It was perfect control. The way a river flows between its banks. But something through him, rather, carried him on in that marvelous way.

"However, one has to work very hard to make one's self available. To make one's self a vessel for that. That's where the hard work comes in. Which is what people don't understand.

Writing is an affliction, and one gets through one's day somehow, but there is a kind of pure time, purity of hours, where you work and whatever you work at, you know - you lose all selfconsciousness – if you're a veterinarian or a plumber or a violinist, or whatever it is you are.

"I've said it before so manv times to my husband, who is a writer of nonfiction. I said 'There is no time when you don't work." You're not conscious of it. And it's strange because otherwise the decades pass, and the days pass and the hours, and so forth, and you think, 'My God, did that happen 20 years ago? I thought it just happened yesterday.' And what happened yesterday was 20 years ago. But when you work, all that is obviated in some enormous way. It's like Frank Conroy's title, Stop-Time.

Recently, Ms. Fox had read the section of her new book that describes her time in London. "To say I was very receptive is an understatement. I was all ears and eyes. If I drew myself, I'd draw lots of ears and eyes. Everything was open, you know. I was open to everything, not incautious - incautiously. I was very guarded too. But I was open to Europe in a way that I hadn't been to anything else."

"Did you think, when you left for England and Europe, that you might escape your unhappy childhood?'

"Oh, yes. As I said in the opening part, you don't escape anything - except there's a cer-

tain sense in which you do. My husband and I have gone to Italy a great deal, and Paris, and we lived in Greece for half a year.

"The Europe that I knew, which was right after the war, is no longer. It's a different Europe now. And my sense of it is so much in my own experience that that's a very personal thing to say. But I don't know how to describe what I mean more than to say that. It was so rich, and I found returning was painful. It was coming back to what I had gone to Europe to get away from, which was my own past."

"În this book you certainly are good at making your reader feel the cold weather. I felt that one almost had to go find one's muffler and one's mittens to keep reading it."

George Plimpton, when I last saw him, a few weeks before he died, and after he accepted the part of the book that he published, said, 'It's so cold. It's filled with crystals."

"How did you decide to write children's books?"

"It came naturally. Someone suggested that I wanted to make up for my own childhood "It was perfect control. The way a river flows between its banks. But something through him, rather, carried him on in that marvelous way."

by producing books for children. I began to write both my first novel and Maurice's Room, which was my first children's book, when I was in Greece. It was the first time I had time without anything to do except watch my sons and cook. So I began to write the novel and Maurice's Room at the same time, and I sold both of them. I didn't even question the impulse to write books for children. I think probably also I had a memory of reading Wind in the Willow and Little Women and all the books that were around for children. And Peter Rabbit.

"Oh. God – isn't she wonderful? Beatrix Potter? My boys loved her books. I was brought up by the minister about whom you read in Borrowed Finery and he provided me with these books. He was a wonderful man.

"I had books in my room when I was five years old. I was reading by then. I remember the book case that was in my room, in the old house, up in Nyack. I was always surrounded by books until I went out on my own.

"I'm still surrounded by books. Somebody, in fact, gave me Tender Is the Night when I was 17 and I read it every year for 10 years, so I know parts of it by heart."

- Judith Moore

Chula Vista Nature Center, an interactive living museum devoted to the endangered Southern California coastal wetlands, located in Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors can use a Bioscanner to view animals macroscopically, use a Wentzscope for views of microscopic organisms found in the "Sweetwater Soup," and interact with computerized videos exploring how tides affect the bay in the "Moons, Tides, and the San Diego Bay" exhibit. Pet sharks and rays in the David A. Wergeland Shark and Ray Experience, see burrowing owls and migratory birds, and enjoy the xerophytic gardens.

Visitors meet a shuttle bus at the Bayfront E Street Trolley Station or at the center's parking lot at the foot of E Street and Bay Boulevard. 619-409-5903. (CHULA VISTA)

Flying Leatherneck Museum, dedicated to the Marine Corps who provided air support, from

the propeller-driven fighters and

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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)

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 iet 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 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)

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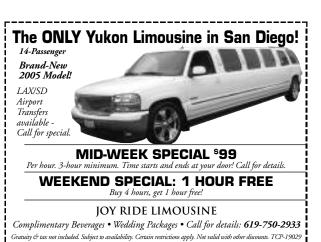


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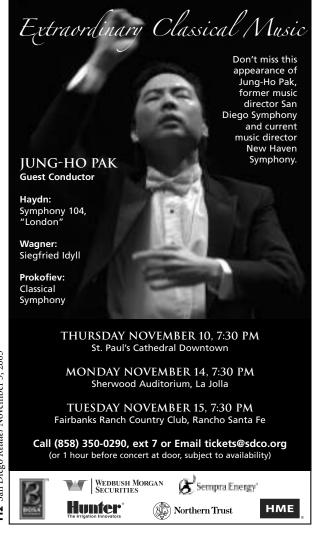
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**SONOR,** the graduate student and faculty ensemble at UCSD, performs pieces by Roger Reynolds, Mabry, and "guided improvisation" spotlighting Mark Dresser, Thursday, November 3, 8 p.m., Mandeville Recital Hall at UCSD. \$8. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Mahler's "Symphony No. 2 (Resurrection)" is performed by San Diego Symphony, with San Diego Master Chorale and soprano Janice Chandler-Eteme and mezzo-soprano Susanne Mentzer, in concerts November 4–6. 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)

**"Fire"** provides theme for Camarada's "Candelight Concert" on Saturday, November 5, 6:30 p.m., at Botanica (2310 Kettner Boulevard). Program of pieces by Spanish, Argentinean, American, and French composers. \$50 general. 619-231-3702. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Young Mozart," Palomar College Chamber Singers celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday with selections from his early years, November 5 and 6, in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Concerts begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. \$5 general. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

English Concert Baroque Ensemble with Andrew Manze (violin) performs pieces by J.S. Bach and Biber for Revelle Series hosted by La Jolla Music Society on Saturday, November 5, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Tickets: \$25–\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

"A Dean's List of Composers" surveyed by Notable String Quartet in concert, Saturday, November 5, 8 p.m., in Julian Town Hall (2129 Main Street). Concert features a wide range of musical styles, including pieces by Amy Beach, William Grant Still, Randall Thompson. \$15. Reservations: 760-765-1688. (JULIAN)

Oboe Recital, oboist Orion Rapp teams up with pianist Michiko Lohorn, tenor Juan Carlos Acosta, violinist Rachel Moore, violist Todd La Guardia, cellist Thomas Stauffer to play pieces by Mozart, Schumann, Vaughan Williams, Poulenc. Concert begins at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. Free. 619-594-6032. (SDSU)

The Concertante String Sextet plays works by Strauss, Schoenberg, and Brahms Sunday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., for Chamber Concert Series hosted by Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). \$30. Reservations: 858-454-5872. (LA JOLLA)

Organ Music by J.S. and C.P.E. Bach and Mendelssohn is on tap when former civic organist Robert Plimpton performs Sunday, November 6, 4 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church (5075 Campanile

Drive). Second half of program features hymn melody treatments by living American composers. Offering. 858-939-4090. (SDSU)

Hurricane Relief Benefit Concert by Oberon Trio, Sunday, November 6, 3 p.m., at Taiwanese-American Community Center (7170 Convoy Court). Free. 858-560-8884.

Old Masters in Music and Art, Pacific Camerata performs music from medieval, Renaissance, and baroque periods, Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Included in museum admis-

sion, 619-696-1966, (BALBOA PARK)

A Fall Celebration of Arias and songs offered by soprano Michelle Chang, pianist Paul Labhart, Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m., in Astor Judaica Library at Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center (4126 Executive Drive). Listen for works by Schubert, Schumann, Obradors, Mozart, Puccini. \$5. 858-457-3030. (IA IOLIA)

A Musical Setting of "Kafka" by Robert Furstenthal and works by Strauss promised when soprano Mary Lou Rector, Laura Green (clarinet), Haroldine Liggot (cello), Ilana Mysior (piano) perform for San Diego Public Library concert series, Sunday, November 6, 2:30 p.m. Find library at 820 E Street; 619-236-5810. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

**Mezzo-Soprano** Martha Jane Weaver joins civic organist Carol Williams in concert, Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

"Look Down Harmonious Saint" — a program of arias and instrumental music by Bach, Vivaldi, Bernier, and Handel — presented by Bach Collective for free mini-concert at noon on Monday, November 7, in Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza. Bring lunch! 858-454-5872. (DOWNTOWN)

**Graduate Student Forum** — with works by graduate composers, performers, and scholars — is Monday, November 7, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. Free. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

Described as "World's Longest-Lived String Quartet," the Borodin Quartet takes stage for La Jolla Music Society's Revelle Series, Wednesday, November 9, 8 p.m., in Sherwood Auditorium, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (700 Prospect Street). Program boasts selections by Mozart, Schubert, Borodin. Tickets: \$25–\$75. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (LA JOLLA)

Music by Rentaro Taki, Tamezo Narita, J.S. Bach, Frederick Anthony Charlton, and Reinhold Glière may be heard when bassist Sayuri Yamamoto plays Wednesday, November 9, 7 p.m., at Carmel Valley Library (3919 Townsgate Drive). Free. 858-552-1668. (DEL MAR)

Fearlessly Expanding the Range of String Quartet! Kronos Quartet plays music that "spans the world" from Tanubri Cemil Bey to Café Tacuba and Sigur Rós in concert, Wednesday, November 9, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets: \$36; reservations: 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

**Fall Concert** by Poway Community Symphony Orchestra — with pieces by Beethoven, Fauré, Mozart, Rossini — is Thursday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., at Poway Center for Performing Arts (15498 Espola Road). Free. 858-748-5131 x2613. (POWAY)





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#### **GALLERIES**

"Street" — an exhibit of works by Ari, Jeani Austen, Joey Burns, John Hudson, Scott Romney — opens with reception on Friday, November 4, 7 p.m., at Ice Gallery (3417 30th Street). Short film by Mike Hacker, Dustin Begovich screens at 8 p.m. Closes Sunday, November 20. 619-683-2480. (NORTH PARK)

**"We Gather Together,"** juried show of watercolors, acrylics, collages, mixed media is on view through Saturday, November 26, at San Diego Watercolor Society's Showcase Gallery (Studio Building, 2400 Kettner Boulevard). Juror was Ken Goldman. "The Holiday Wall of Miniatures" is on display through December. Reception for artists: Friday, November 4, 5 p.m. 619-338-0502. (LITTLE ITALY)

The Transmission Project — "multicultural happening" with reception for artists Charlie Miller and Mario Peralta, Friday, November 4, 6 p.m., at Transmissions Garage (1460 Island Avenue). 619-253-6130. (EAST VILLAGE)

First Friday Exhibition of new artwork in various media, along with work by featured artist Neal Lange, opens with reception on Friday, November 4, 6 p.m., at San Diego Visual Artists Guild (1098 Ninth Avenue). 858-272-5321.

"Caps and Straps," group photography show at Voice 1156 (1156 Seventh Avenue) opens with reception for eight artists, Friday, November 4, 4 to 11 p.m. 619-757-4966. Through Friday, November 25. (DOWNTOWN)

Sixth Annual Miniature Fine Art Show — with artwork no larger than 9 inches by 14 inches — opens with reception for artists on Saturday, November 5, 1 p.m., at Banner Queen Trading Post Gallery (36766 Highway 78, eight miles east of Julian). Continues through Sunday, December 4. 760-765-2168, 760-765-0815. (JULIAN)

Ocean-Themed Art by glass engraver Nancy Arthur McGehee, metalsmith Vi Tang, painter Susan E. Roden, opens with reception on Saturday, November 5, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Proceeds benefit San Diego Oceans Foundation. Required reservations: 619-523-1903. Exhibit closes Friday, December 9. (NORTH PARK)

An Homage to Jackson Pollock is offered in exhibit of nine paintings by Von Allen opening with reception on Saturday, November 5, 5 p.m., in Gallery Room at the Inn at Rancho Santa Fe (5951 Linea del Cielo). 800-775-3975. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

"Conversations in Glass," all forms of glass showcased — blown, fused, torch-worked, stained glass, cast, etched, mosaic — in 24th annual juried art glass show, on display through Monday, November 14, in Gallery 21 at Spanish Village. Reception for artists: Saturday, November 5, 7 p.m. Concurrently, Art Glass Guild hosts patio show and sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, in Studio 25, 619-702-8006. (BALBOA PARK)

"Pieces of Eight," exhibition by eight Southern California artists is on view through Sunday, November 13, at Village Gallery (7932 Ivanhoe Avenue). Reception: Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m. 858-459-1196. (LA JOLLA)

#### ART MUSEUMS

California Center for the Arts Museum, time for Eloy Tarcisio's tenth annual site-specific installation Muerte de todos ofrenda de participación/Death Comes to Everyone: A Participatory Offering. Installation includes wooden crosses, clay bowls — filled with grains, beans, and other organic materials symbolic of Mexico's

pre-Hispanic past. Through November.

"Haiti: Where Spirits Dance" is an exhibition of rare, early, and some never-before-seen paintings, sculpture, and vodou flags by Haiti's "self-taught masters" including Hector Hyppolite, Georges Liautaud, Philome Obin. "Vodou is a theme which runs through most of the artworks" in this exhibit.

Niki de Saint Phalle's "Tableaux Eclatés" are "exploding/moving paintings," in which the artist sought to go beyond limits of painting. "After Hours: Works by Center Staff and Volunteers" surveys "the budding and established artists roaming the hallways of the center on a daily basis." Show includes paintings, sculpture, textiles, furniture. "Little Is Big Too: Paintings by Dan Adams" boasts small-scale portraits of dogs done with heavy impasto and bright colors.

All four exhibits open on Friday, November 4, and remain on view through Sunday, February 12. The museum is located at 340 North Escondido Boulevard; 760-839-4120. (ESCONDIDO)

#### Mingei International Museum,

"Norway — Art of the Land and the People" celebrates 100 years of Norwegian independence. Exhibit includes arts of daily life such as metalwork, jewelry, bunads (festival costumes), textiles, rosemaling (decorated pottery and furniture), and Norwegian-American immigrant chests from 18th Century. Closes on Sunday, May 21.

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.

"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.

The Mingei is located on square with San Diego Museum of Art. 619-239-0003. (BALBOA PARK)

Mingei International Museum, North County Satellite, "Timeless Glass — From Byzantine to Dale Chihuly," includes a blownglass chandelier, macchias, and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19.

"Horses — Circling the Globe" includes animals from India, China, Japan, Indonesia, Sweden, England, Guatemala, Mexico, and the U.S. Some have religious connections, some were made as toys. Ongoing. Find the museum at 155 West Grand Avenue. 760-735-3355. (ESCONDIDO)

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Downtown, WriterzBlok is a collective of artists offering youth of Southeast San Diego technical skills in visual arts, opportunities to learn about aerosol painting through educational programs. Through Sunday, December 11, view murals by WriterzBlok's artists in lobby and Fayman Galleries, augmenting their banner project on museum's Jacobs Building construction fence on Kettner Boulevard.

"Cerca Series: Michael Arcega" surveys artist's "diverse output from wall drawings" made from computer spam to delicate drawings made with human hair and his most recent project *El Conquistadork*. Bay Area artist is "obsessed with ships and wordplay." Exhibit closes Sunday, December 11.

Twelve is a video installation by Barbara Kruger addressing themes of power, society, culture, family, and relationships. Experience the piece, projected individually on four walls, through Sunday, December 11. Find the museum at 1001 Kettner Boulevard (at Broadway), directly across from the Santa Fe Railroad Depot. 619-234-1001.

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.

Seven photographs by Moroccan-born photographer Lalla Essaydi may be seen through Sunday, January 7. Series consists of portraits of Muslim women and children taken in her unoccupied family-owned house in Morocco; the artist's intention is to explore cultural patterns within Arab and Western societies, to convey her own experience as an Arab woman.

Find the museum in the Casa de Balboa building, at 1649 El Prado; 619-238-7559. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Museum of Art, "Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks of Indian Painting" may be seen through Sunday, January 22. 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 ma-

terials, 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.

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," concurrently at San Diego Museum of Art and Museum of Photographic Arts. Exhibition spans wide range of genres and movements, with pieces dating from mid-19th Century to present, continuing at both museums through December.

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.

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**Head Wound City** Bass player Justin Pearson (the Locust, Some Girls) was struck in the forehead with a pint glass at North Park's all this crap.... When I was relieved from my shift DJ-ing, I was talking to a couple people and she came up to me again....

"I really wasn't feeling up to talking, and I just told her that she was trash and to get out of my face. She got really pissed. I was, like, 'Look, I don't have time for this kind

the inside track

Whistle Stop Bar October 9.

"I was DJ-ing and that girl felt compelled to continually try to talk to me," Pearson said in a recent phone interview. "She was wasted.... I was kinda humoring her, caping "Oh, cool."

saying, 'Oh, cool, thanks. I'm glad you like what I'm playing,' or whatever. She tried to tell me I was hot and



PEARSON: NOT TOO BUSY FOR A CLOCK-CLEANING

of shit. I watched you make out with two dudes, and I think you're gross.' She threw her beverage on me and then I turned around to get someone else's drink off a table to throw at her, and she clocked me in the head with the tumbler, and I bled and that was that."

The glass didn't break on Pearson's forehead; it smashed when it hit the ground. He was left with a bloody gash for which he didn't seek medical attention because he doesn't have insurance.

"I think the last time I spoke to her, actually, [was when] she came to a Locust show in the Bay Area. She came in the men's bathroom and asked a friend of mine and me if we wanted to watch her pee as she sat up on the sink and pissed in the sink."

Pearson pressed charges before leaving on a five-date Some Girls tour on the East Coast. At press time, no warrant had been issued. Pearson's *Head Wound City* EP comes out this month.

— Jeremiah Griffey

#### How to Make It in

**L.A...** Two weeks ago in "Blurt," Guerilla Transammo

said "never again" to L.A. gigs. A pay-for-play setup between the band and the Cat Club (and a snafu with their chartered bus) made for a bad experience.



VIPER ROOM MATERIAL (RYAN KOONTZ OF DIRTY SWEET)

Joe Rinaldi, a former longtime San Diegan who books L.A.'s Viper Room, says, "If they had a bad experience, they chose the wrong club." Rinaldi says venues that require bands to purchase tickets in advance (pay-forplay) shouldn't be dealt with. The Viper Room, the Troubadour, Spaceland, and the Fold don't require pay-forplay while "all our other competitors — like the Whiskey, the Gig, the Key Club, and the Cat Club — do."

Rinaldi offers a couple of guidelines to help insure local

bands' success in L.A. clubs.

Number 1: San Diego bands with a good draw should invite strong L.A. bands to open for them here; the L.A. band, in turn, can get San Diegans on the bill of a well-attended L.A. show. "That's what [San Diego-based] Reeve Oliver did. They just had 60 people come to see them because they networked and built their draw up here."

Number 2: "Get fans organized in 40-person blocks. If you can deliver 40 people, every club would love to have you come up and be part of their shows. The bus thing works....

"There are four or five [San Diego] stalwarts I can name who can sell 500 tickets in San Diego but who can't draw 30 people in L.A.... We had 3 Against 1 on a recent Friday. They didn't bring a bus. It was horrible." Rinaldi says it wasn't 3 Against 1's first gig at the Viper Room, and he will give them another crack on December 2.

Rinaldi says his fondness for Dirty Sweet has encouraged him to have the band open for national acts. "We think they will go somewhere, so we're trying them on important shows." Rinaldi says San Diego bands are welcome to contact him on weekdays, noon to 6 p.m., at 310-358-1881.

— Ken Leighton

No Joke "Most people laugh at me," says Miz Liberty, a Jewish rapper from Rancho Santa Fe. "But once they hear me, then they stop laughing." Born Stacy Goldstein, Miz Liberty says she loves competitions.

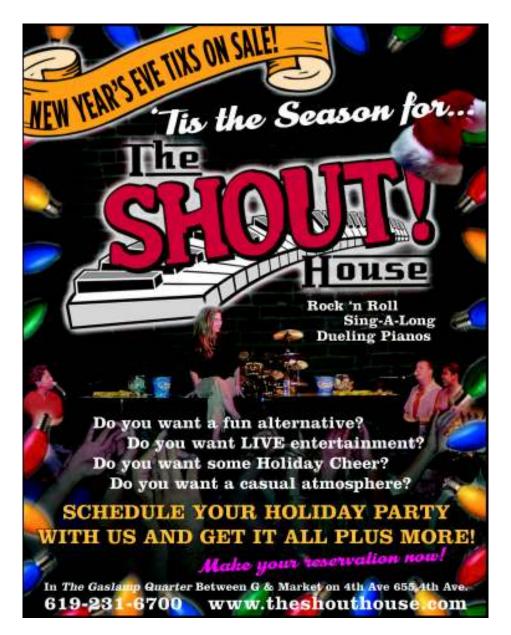
"I love black guys who want to challenge me to a



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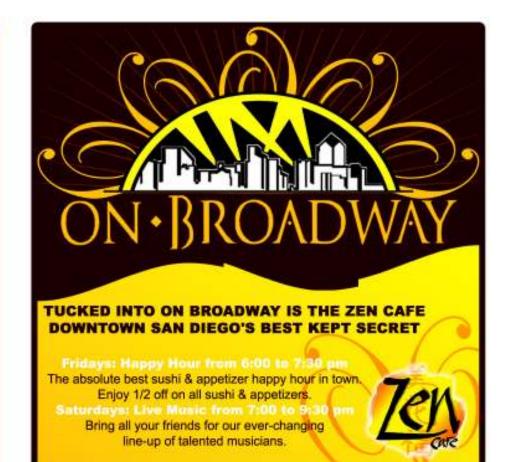
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A rapper since the fourth grade, Miz Liberty has a double-major degree in communications and sociology from CSU San Marcos. She works part-time as a lacrosse coach and tutor. She started rapping locally at Claire de Lune and Twiggs. For her live dates, Miz Liberty is backed by a DJ and band. She appears November 19 at the Blvd. in San Marcos with Elm Street, 2 Tall, and G Blazin'. All ages.

— Ken Leighton

**Define Pleasure Blasters** guitarist Dave Alvin spent the early '90s touring with the Pleasure Barons, featuring Mojo Nixon and Beat Farmers drummer/singer Country Dick Montana. Their rowdy stage show was chronicled on a 1993 concert album that didn't include the following encounter with an audience member.

"Some guy in the audience in Isla Vista was heckling me nonstop," Alvin tells me, "and Mojo...jumped off the stage, grabbed the loudmouth, threw him to the floor, and dry-humped him into submission while the audience cheered. The poor heckler — after Mojo was

finished punishing him ran out the front door and probably never heckled anyone again. When Mojo jumped back onstage, Country Dick said, 'Good job, Mojo. Please come by my room later.



DAVE ALVIN: SYMPATHY FOR THE HECKLER

You might spot Alvin having a taco at El Indio in Old Town before he hits the stage at Acoustic Music San Diego in Normal Heights on Saturday, November 5. A tribute to Montana — "10 Years Without Dick" — takes place at the Casbah on Monday, November 7; the Penetrators (for whom Montana once drummed) will reunite for the event.

– Jay Allen Sanford

**Horror in Hillcrest** "As far as I know, this is the only [club] in town that is run by a band," says Dorian Tucker, guitarist in Jezebel. With keyboardist/guitarist Nathan Everett and bassist Mike Croft, Tucker produces Suspiria every Wednesday at the San Diego Sports Club in Hillcrest. Suspiria (named after an Italian horror film) was launched in January so that Jezebel and other local bands would have a home base in a no-cover setting.

Tucker says he wrongly assumed Hillcrest's creative vibe would guarantee success.

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Jams Drummer Aaron Wade got that "not so fresh" feeling during Dmonstrations' performance at CMI's New Music

Marathon in mid-September. Playing at New York's Lit Lounge, Wade came close to pulling off a shocker reminiscent of the pre-major label Butthole Surfers.

"Aaron dropped his drawers and proceeded to squat in the corner," guitarist Nick Barnett told me in a recent interview. "Luckily, I yelled at him and told him to keep it in, or that would have been the end of our CMJ experience. I guess he had too much candy in his gas tank earlier in the day.

Other than that, Dmonstrations had a great time at the nation's not-quiteas-hip-as-South By Southwest music showcase.

"Meeting up with AIDS Wolf from Montreal was



WADE, CAUGHT IN THE ACT

great," said Barnett, "We also happened to run into a bunch of our San Diegan friends

who moved out East that we hadn't seen in a while.'

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Dmonstrations will release a split EP with AIDS Wolf on Strictly Amateur Films and Lovepump United early next year; their debut full-length on Los Angeles's Gold Standard Labs is due in April. In November, the band will trek the West Coast with DMBQ and Green Milk From Planet Orange; in February, they'll head to Japan, guitarist Tetsunori Tawaraya's home away from San Diego.

– Jeremiah Griffey

#### Better Off Def? When

Def Leppard plays the Sports Arena on Friday, November 4, "all cell phones, pagers, walkie-talkies, UHF repeaters, etc., must be switched off," including by any police, security, paramedics, fire officials, or staffers on-site. Such devices would disrupt their

wireless mikes and guitars that operate on a UHF band.

– Jay Allen Sanford

**Cheese It!** Twenty-five years ago today (11/3/80), the Police played Golden Hall with opening act XTC. The Police's Zenyatta Mondatta

(and its first single, "Don't Stand So Close to Me") was in the U.S. top ten. The concert sold out, and gate-crashers were later found to have gained entry via the roof; a vent duct had been disassembled, and an unknown number of people had climbed into the hole, entered the elevator shaft, opened a trap door, and dropped in. The elevator faced an administrative area that led to the concert hall. The breach was discovered later because the gate-crashers neglected to close the elevator

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the Blasters in 1986, and Phil carried on for a while, with Dave rejoining in 2002 for a series of reunion concerts. Pretty much every Blasters highlight has taken place

before a crowd of partying onlookers.

Dave Alvin has also lit up local stages several times with the Knitters, created in 1983 with John Doe and Exene Cervenka of X (a group Alvin briefly joined before going solo). He performed some of his most legendary sets with the aptly named Pleasure Barons with San Diegan hellraisers Mojo Nixon and Country Dick Montana, living up to their billing as "the Las Vegas revue by guys who'll never be asked to play Vegas."

Alvin performs at Acoustic Music San Diego on Saturday, November 5.

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#### PERFORMERS YOU'D LOVE TO PLAY WITH?

"I've been fortunate enough to have played with some real legends — from Bob Dylan and Tom Waits to Little Milton and Big Joe Turner — but I would've loved to have had the chance to play with long-gone greats like Howlin' Wolf, Johnny 'Guitar' Watson, Woody Guthrie, and Hank Williams."



Dave Alvin

#### **WEIRDEST LOCAL GIG?**

"One night around 1991 I was playing the old Spirit club. Near the end of my set, the electrical polarity of the stage changed, for some unknown reason. When my lips touched the vocal microphone, the power for the entire club was blown out. The club went totally dark and silent. I was thrown backwards into my amp by the force of

the electrical shock and landed on the floor. The sound system, the neon beer signs, the refrigerator — everything was dead. A woman in front of the stage said, 'Powerful lips, Alvin.'"

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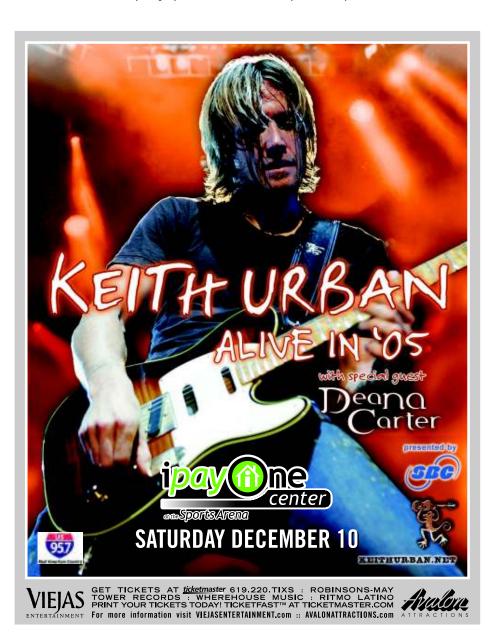
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**The Roots** [267]: House of Blues, Friday, November 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

**Def Leppard** [523] and **Bryan Adams** [533]: San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, November 4, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

#### **SATURDAY**

**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.

#### **SUNDAY**

**George Benson** [610]: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Sunday, November 6, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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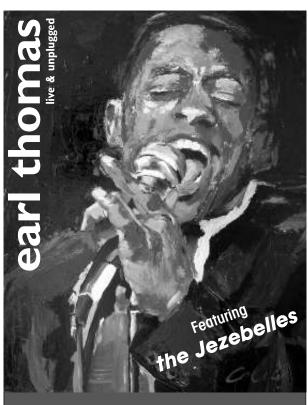
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Lou Rawls [607]: California Center for the Arts, Sunday, November 13, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

**Damian Marley:** 4th & B, Sunday, November 13, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

**Switchfoot** [103]: House of Blues, Sunday, November 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 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.

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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.

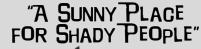
Mel Tillis: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 19, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Depeche Mode [476]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, November 19, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. 619-220-8497.

The Dandy Warhols [219]: 4th & B, Saturday, November 19, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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**Dave Koz** [656]: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, November 27, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown

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The Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Cox Arena, Wednesday, December 7, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

Pat Green: House of Blues Thursday, December 8, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.



BY WILLIAM CRAIN

Audiophiles speak in hushed tones about their favorite recording's "warmth," but there's a lot to be said for records that are cold — full of trebley guitars and the kind of reverberation that evokes an empty church in winter. These records gain their power from what they leave out, like a film shot with filters that block out red tones in order to emphasize beautiful blues and greens. London's **Clientele** is one of the masters of this sound. Clientele records don't hit you over the head; they make you want to cozy up on a couch with a warm blanket.

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If this sounds a bit limiting, well, it is. For the band's recently released third album Strange Geometry, Clientele broke the

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> CLIENTELE. The Casbah. Wednesday. November 9, 8:30 p.m. 619-232-4355.

Echo & the Bunnymen [194]: House of Blues, Friday, December 9, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Keith Urban and Deana Carter [774]: San Diego Sports Arena, Saturday, December 10, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard.

Don Edwards: Acoustic Music San

Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

Unwritten Law [261]: House of Blues, Tuesday, December 13, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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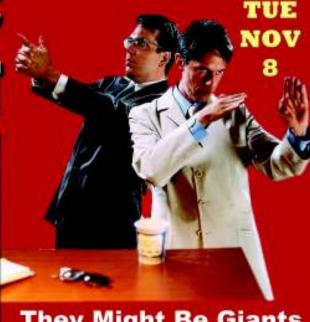




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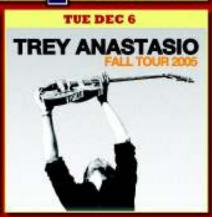
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Bury Your Dead: Epicentre Campaign for Quiet [274]:

Carol Ann: The Jumping Turtle

Clientele: The Casbah

Crosstide: The Casbah

Copia Element: The Jumping Turtle Cortical: Brick By Brick The Coup: The Casbah

The Deadly Snakes: The Casbah Death Cab for Cutie [392]: Soma Death of a Party: The Casbah

**Decompression:** The Jumping

The Detroit Cobras: The Casbah

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The Donkevs: 'Canes

The Experiments [419]: Tiki House Far From Home: 'Canes

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Mother Mae I: Brick By Brick My Morning Jacket: House of

Negative Filter: The Jumping Turtle, Belly Up Tavern

Next Morning: 'Canes

The Off Brothers: The Casbah The Penetrators: The Casbah

Keith Portal: Belly Up Tavern Pound Foolish: The Jumping

Reigning Sound: The Casbah

The Roots [267]: House of Blues Roses Are Red: Soma

Sado Solace: The Jumping Turtle The Scars of Tomorrow: Epicentre

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#### **EXTENSION 4003**

#### **ROCK**

Azariah's Dream: O'Connell's Pub

Bordertown: Coyote Bar and Grill Brain Buckit [563]: Tiki House Buckley's Ghost [435]: Brick By

The Buzzbombs: The Zombie

Cold Shower: Surf N'Saddle Trevor Davis: Brick By Brick

EJP: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub

The Electric Waste Band:

Emerald City: 'Canes Fostforo: Brick By Brick

Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina

Get Back Loretta: Belly Up Tavern The Grams: O'Connell's Pub and

Hard Echo [510]: Fannie's

The Taylor Harvey Band: Don's

Annie Hayden: The Casbah Hera's Olive [461]: Dick's Last

The Ideas: Carvers

La Gente de Goma: Brick By Brick

Laguna: Woody's Sports Bar Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill The Late Edition: Dirk's Niteclub

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M.E.L.D.: Winstons, O'Connell's

Pub and Nightclub Modessa [537]: Brick By Brick

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Jamison Parker: Soma Podunk Nowhere: O'Connell's Pub

and Nightclub

Private Domain [489]: Dick's Last

The Radar Brothers: The Casbah

RDG: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla) Red West [498]: Lestat's

Rockola: Viejas Casino

The Rocketz: The Zombie Lounge

J.D. Romance: Longshot Saloon

Ron's Garage: Island Sports & Spirits, Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado

Secret Samuri: Tiki House

Eve Selis [410]: The Calypso Cafe Serious Guise: Second Wind (San

The Siers Brothers: Dick's Last

The Spots: The Casbah Stepping Feet: 'Canes

The Stilettos: Riley's Sports Bar The Stone Shakers: Surf N'Saddle Super D: Brick By Brick

They Might Be Giants [466]: 4th &

The Truckee Brothers [541]: Belly

Undecided: McP's Irish Pub and

Uptown Groove: Second Wind

Zero2None: Longshot Saloon

**EXTENSION 4004** 

POP / TOP 40

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

The 80'z Allstars: Viejas Casino

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

Les Cambeaux: Jimmy Love's

The Love Rangers: The Alley

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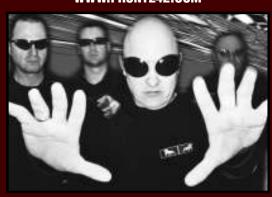
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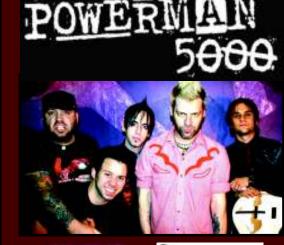
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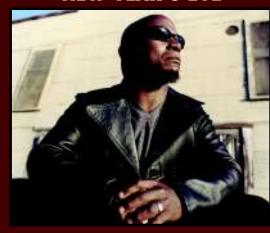




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#### JAZZ / BIG BAND

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**The Ray Barrie Big Band:** The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Blue Largo [636]: Patrick's II

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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

Sammy Canonizado: Cafe LaMaze

Gilbert Castellanos [667]: Onyx Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Jo Dark: The German-American

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

Fuerte: The Calypso Cafe

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio

Leo's Lourige

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

**Barry Levich:** La Valencia Hotel **Stellita Lindgren:** Hotel del

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Lluna Lena: The Calypso Cafe Bob Magnusson: Dizzy's

Masterpiece: Jimmy Love's

Jerry Melnick: The Inn at Rancho
Santa Fe, Rancho Bernardo Inn

The Shep Meyers Quartet [660]: Hotel del Coronado, Croce's Jazz Bar

Mitch Meyerson: Dizzy's

Mystique: Jimmy Love's

**Mike Nelson:** The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Qwiigs Bar & Grill

**The David Patrone Quartet** [647]: Croce's Jazz Bar, Riley's Sports Bar

Kyle Phelan: Borders Books &

Ben Powell: Tomiko Bar & Grill

**Primo:** Sevilla, Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille, Belly Up Tavern, Brick By

Rick Ross: La Valencia Hotel

The San Diego Concert Jazz Band: The Inn Suites

**Dave Scott:** Pasquale on Prospect, Croce's Jazz Bar

Paul Seaforth: Dizzy's

Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time: Jimmy Love's

The Soul Revue: Jimmy Love's Peter Sprague [643]: Dizzv's



BY DAVE GOOD

I once met the members of **Def Leppard**. They were little more than children then, in their late teens and early 20s. They were possibly the most popular of the pop-metal bands of the day. I worked for a local radio station that hosted an annual concert and fireworks show. Def Leppard played the event with Mötley Crüe. Def Leppard was coming off a whopping success with Pvromania, an album that sold in the neighborhood of 100,000 copies per week during the year of its release. Onstage, I recall them as loud and vicious little child rock-gods enlightened by the likes of Queen, Mott the Hoople, and the twin-guitar front of Wishbone Ash. Offstage, they were more like young men far from home, subdued, and interested in things like cheeseburgers and American women.

I grew up in the heavy metal caste system that was Led Zeppelin. One suffered hours of their self-conscious recordings at parties in order to remain on the side of cool. It was a high school thing. Otherwise, I was not the biggest fan. So what was there to like, a little over a decade later, about yet another British hard-rock group? It came down to melody, and even more, to an emerging new format called MTV. In the day, Music Television was all

about music videos, and Def Leppard used that technology better than most with their good looks, big hair, and torn jeans.

Steve Clark was the riff king of the original band. When he overdosed in the early 1990s, he took Def Leppard's future with him. When Clark was replaced by a technical guitar whiz, the band was never the same. They've released lukewarm new material

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Big City Shaman: McP's Irish Pub

Blue Four [943]: Patrick's II

The Blues Brokers: The Kraken The Blues Pharaohs: Coyote Bar

Junior Brown: Belly Up Tavern Tommy Budd & Windy City [957]: Island Sports & Spirits

The Charles Burton Blues Band [931]: The Kraken

Cocobilli: Patrick's II Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters [932]: Big Jim's Old South Bar-B-Q, Hancock Cafe, Chateau

Fuzzy & the Bluesmen [912]: Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille Gumboyaya: Coyote Bar and Grill

The Kyle Jester Blues Band: The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe Jump Jones: Tio Leo's Lounge

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[910]: The Kraken Ozzie Blues: Patrick's II

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Shelle Blues: Patrick's II The Texas Twisters: Patrick's II Earl Thomas [946]: North Park

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Basis: Wednesdays, progressive house, breaks, and trance with guest DJs. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. No cover. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue (below Tesoro Restaurant). downtown. 619-234-5670.

Club '80s: Thursdays, new wave electro, and new romantic with DJs Bryan Pollard and Sickboy. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

Club Notorious: Sundays, 6 a.m to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-2032.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, ArvRose, and Synex, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500

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#### **Inferno Young Adult**

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Liquid: Fridays, funk, down-tempo, and drum 'n' bass;9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover Candelas, 416 Third Avenue,

#### **Moondoggies Pacific Beach:** Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hiphop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach.

858-483-6550

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, Bounce Rock Skate, roller skating jams, crunk, and fun with DJs @Large and Onesix. Fridays, Choice Fridays, deep house music with Dustin Brown. Saturdays, soulful house with Mark Alan. Sundays, drum 'n' bass with Calculon. Tuesdays, groove Tuesdays, groovy house with Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Hump Wednesdays. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195 Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DIs Adam Atom Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

**Spatuland:** First and third Saturday of the month, electro DIs, tribal dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

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Transport: First and third Saturdays of the month, Brit rock, indie, and electroclash with DJ Gabe Vega and guests. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park, 619-284-6784.

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#### **NORTH COUNTY**

**The Alley,** 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love* Rangers, Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tayern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., Junior Brown, country, and the Truckee Brothers, blues/rock. Friday, 9 p.m., Roger Clyne & the Peacen with 34 Below, alternative rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., Mikey Dread and Keith Porter, reggae. Sunday, 8 p.m., Primo, salsa/Latin jazz. Tuesday, hiphop. Wednesday, Negative Filter, Jack the Original, and Get Back Loretta, rock/alternative.

Big Jim's Old South Bar B Q, 190 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Boar Cross'n, 390 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-729-2989. Friday and Saturday, classic rock.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., the Kyle Jester Blues

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Bub's Whiskey Dive, 301 Pier View Way, Oceanside. 760-757-BUBS. Saturday, *Lividity*, alternative.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Lluna Lena*, jazz. Friday and Monday, *Eve Selis*, roadhouse rock. Saturday, Fuerte, alsa. Sunday, Middle Earth. Tuesday, Jack Tempchin, folk. Wednesday, Billy Watson, blues harmonica.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *the Ideas*,

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Billy Watson, harmonica blues, 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Bordertown, rock/folk/blues, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *David* Beldock, folk/rock, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Gumboyaya, New Orleans funk/blues, 10:30 p.m., DI event. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Blues Pharaohs, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Len Rainey & the Midnight Players, blues. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Red Lane, rock/blues.

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The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick*, jazz/variety

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, DI Mini Mee. Friday, 6:30 p.m., the Undertaking, Copia Element, Carol Ann, and Sado Solace. Saturday, Negative Filter, Zenith, Zone Grievance, Pound Foolish, and Decompression. Wednesday, call club for information.

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, The Witchdoctors, blues. Friday and Monday, Charles Burton Blues Band. Saturday and Sunday, the Blues

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576 Friday, J.D. Romance and Zero2none,

Mas Fina Cantina, 2780 State Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mike Gardner, acoustic rock

McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., the California Range country.

Neimans Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4131. Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet.

**150 Lounge,** 150 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-738-6868. Friday, the Disco Vigilantes, funk/soul/acid/disco, DJ event.

The Pine Hills Lodge, 2960 La Posada Way, Julian. 760-765-1100. Saturday, 5:30 p.m., the Hank Show,

Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-675-8500. El Bizcocho Restaurant: Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Saturday, 6 p.m. to

11 p.m., Jerry Melnick and Tom Bishop, jazz/variety.

Surf N'Saddle, 123 West Plaza Street (Lomas Santa Fe and Highway 101), Solana Beach, 858-755-9474. Friday, the Stone Shakers, rock. Saturday, Cold Shower, rock. Wednesday, open mike.

Tomiko Bar & Grill, 87 Encinitas Boulevard, Encinitas. 760-633-3587. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ben* Powell, blues/jazz.

Woody's Sports Bar, 2329 South Centre City Parkway, Escondido. 760-735-8599. Friday and Saturday, Laguna, classic rock.

#### **BEACHES**

Blind Melons, 710 Garnet Avenue Pacific Beach. 858-483-7844. Call club for nightly band information

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**Chateau Orleans,** 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tomcat Courtney & the Blue Dusters, blues

**Dreamstreet,** 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live

Elario's Bistro & Sky Lounge (atop the Hotel La Jolla), 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla. 858-459-0541. Thursday and Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., John Cain, international dance music.

Excelsior, 1025 Prospect Street #201 (second floor), La Jolla. 858-454-8092 Wednesday, live jazz.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant & **Bar,** 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Rob Thorsen-Jaime Valle

Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla), 909 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-456 7625. Thursday and Friday, live rock.

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-483-8847. Friday, Single Guy



**Album:** Rain (2004) Artist: Brett Williams

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Band: Brett Williams (acoustic guitar)

Extra info: Brett Williams enjoys playing his classical guitar inside cathedrals and hopes to build one someday. He plays the Westfield Shoppingtown in UTC (La Jolla) every Thursday.

Website: www.bretticusmusic.com

With a sound that's borrowed from Spanish classical guitarists, Brett Williams gets the most out of his strings. Each cut is instrumental. The first three are catchy, solidly written midtempo ballads that do an effective job of capturing angst and elation. He's inventive through-

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**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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Thrusters, 4633 Mission Boulevard, Mission Beach. 858-483-6334. Wednesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.

Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-273-9734. Thursday, call club for information. Friday. Brain Buckit, rock, Saturday, Secret Samurai, rock. Sunday, Jimmy Lewis, acoustic, Tuesday, Sweet James Wednesday, the Experiments, rock.

Winstons, 1921 Bacon Street. Ocean Beach. 619-222-6822. Call for nightly band information. Monday, the Electric Waste Band. Tuesday, M.E.L.D., rock/blues/funk.

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The Aero Club. 3365 India Street. San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

Albie's Beef Inn, 1201 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. 619-291-1103. Friday and Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, 7 p.m., David Timothy

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**Blarney Stone Pub,** 5617 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont. 858-279-2033. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Tony Cummins, Irish folk. Sunday, open mike. Monday, Sean O'Donnell and

Allison Gill. Tuesday, Irish jam session. Wednesday, call club for information

Borders Books and Music, 1072 Camino del Rio North, Missio Valley. 619-295-2201. Friday, 8 p.m., Janie Lui, pianists.

Brick by Brick, 1130 Buen Avenue, Bay Park, 619-275-LIVE. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *the Life*, Jacob's Loc, Trevor Davis, and Cortical, Friday, Difficult Henry, Six Foot Deathtrap, Mother Mae I, Knifemill Disintegrator, and Modessa. Saturday, Castillo, Num3ros, and Primo. Sunday, Fostforo, Los Hijos de la Malinche, Nefalim, and La Gente de Goma, rock en español. Wednesday, Buckley's Ghost and Super D.

Egyptian Tea Room, 4644 College Avenue, San Diego. 619-265-7287. Friday, 10 p.m., Zorah Ptah, downtempo groove. Saturday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Angela Patua*, folk.











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**The Gordon Biersch Brewery,** 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live music.

**Hancock Cafe,** 3554 Hancock Street, Point Loma. 619-296-2060. Friday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Tomcat* Courtney & the Blues Dusters, blues.

Harry's Bar & American Grill, 4370 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego. 858-373-1252. Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle-Bob Magnusson Jazz Duo

House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-299-2583. Friday, the Roots, alternative. Saturday, Mos Def, Talib Kweli, and Jean Grae. Sunday, Amanda Miguel and Diego Verdaguer. Tuesday, My Morning Jacket.

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**The Kensington Club,** 4079 Adams Avenue, Kensington. 619-284-2848. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live alternative/rock bands.

**Lestat's Coffeehouse,** 3343 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-282-0437. Music is acoustic/folk unless otherwise noted. Thursday, call club for information. Friday, *Foe Show, Red West, Annie Bethancourt,* 



Tim Curran, and Jessie Gloyd. Saturday, Carlos Olmeda, Samantha Murphy, and Aaron Bowen. Sunday, Stephen and Kellogg & the Sixers. Monday, open mike. Wednesday, Richard Shindell and Wendy

**Magnolia's**, 336 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. 619-262-6005. Sunday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Lee Brown Perspective, jazz.

**Mister A's,** 2550 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. 619-239-1377. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., *Jason Weber*, jazz saxophone.

**North Park Theater,** 2891 University Avenue, North Park. 619-239-8836. Friday, 8 p.m., *Earl Thomas* and *Candye Kane*, blues.

North Park Vaudeville Theatre, 2031 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-647-4958. Friday, 8 p.m., *Tokeli & the Ed Kornhauser Trio*, jazz combo.

O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, 1310 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park. 619-276-5637. Friday, 8:30 p.m., the Coyote Problem, Gully, Grant Langston and the Supermodels, rock/country/alternative. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., the Grams, M.E.L.D., and

and Jessie Gloyd.

Podunk Nowhere, rock. Wednesday,
EJP and Azariah's Dream, rock.

The Ould Sod, 3373 Adams

Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-6594. Friday, live acoustic/folk. Tuesday, traditional Irish jam session.

**Ramada Inn,** 5550 Kearny Mesa Road, San Diego. 619-516-4466. Aventuras Salsa Club: Friday, *Jose Monterrosa's Piece by Peace*, salsa.

Riley's Sports Bar, 2901 Nimitz Boulevard, Point Loma. 619-255-8635. Thursday, salsa. Friday, the David Patrone Quartet, jazz. Saturday, acid jazz. Wednesday, the Stilettos, rockabilly.

**Rosie O'Grady's,** 3402 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights. 619-284-7666. Friday and Saturday, live rock.

**St. George Church**, 3025 Denver Street, San Diego. 858-504-0401. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *the Credo Quartet*, Russian folk.

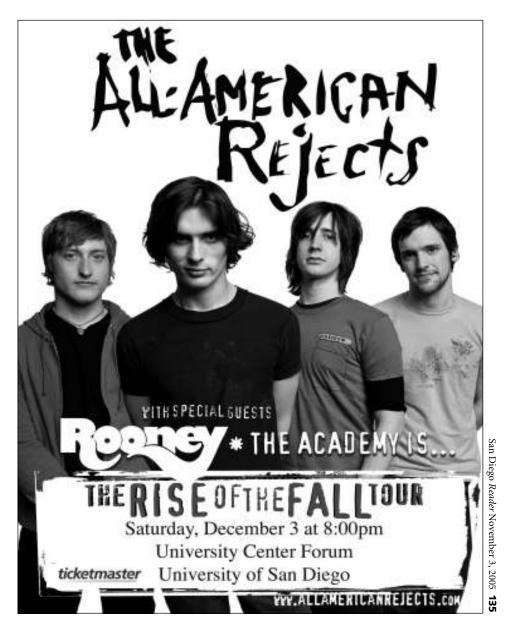
**Second Wind,** 8515 Navajo Road, San Carlos. 619-465-1730. Friday and Saturday. *Serious Guise*, classic rock.

**Sham Rocks Shack,** 7059 El Cajon Boulevard (half block east of 70th Street), College Area. 619-463-2263. Call club for information.









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Soma, 3350 Sports Arena Boulevard, San Diego. 619-226-SOMA. Music is rock/alternative. Friday, the Juliana Theory, Jamison Parker, and Roses Are Red. Saturday, 7 p.m., Horror Pops, Die Hunns, and Left Alone. Monday, 7 p.m., Hawthorne Heights, Silverstein Bayside, and Aiden. Wednesday, 7 p.m., Death Cab for Cutie,

Terra, on Vermont, one block north of University Avenue, Hillcrest. 619-293-7088. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., live jazz.

Tio Leo's Lounge, 5302 Napa Street (at Morena Boulevard), Bay Park. 619-542-1462. Thursday, *Jump* Jones, swing/blues. Friday, Pop Rocks, Top 40/dance. Saturday, call club for information. Monday, tango. Tuesday, zydeco. Wednesday, 7 p.m., the High Society Jazz Band.

Tutto Mare, 4365 Executive Drive, La Jolla (Golden Triangle area). 858-597-1188. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Capriccio String Quartet, classical music. Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Jaime Valle Quartet Brazilian and mainstream jazz.

University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. 619-260-4600, extension 8742. Saturday, 10 p.m., Campaign for Quiet, rock.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Friday, 10 p.m., the Rocketz, Three Bad Jacks, and the Buzzbombs, psychobilly.

#### **DOWNTOWN**

Blarnev Stone Pub. 502 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-8519. Friday through Sunday, and Wednesday, Steve Brewer, acoustic.

**Borders Books & Music** (Gaslamp), 668 Sixth Avenue, San Diego. 619-702-4200. Saturday, 8 p.m., Kyle Phelan, jazz/soul.

The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, midtown. 619-232-HELL. Music is alternative/rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, Detroit Cobras, Reigning Sound, and Heartless Bastards. Friday, the Swingin' Utters and Mercy Killers. Saturday, Metric, Death of a Party, and the Lovely Feathers. Sunday, the Deadly Snakes, Crosstides, and the Spots, Monday, the Penetrators and the Off Brothers. Tuesday, the Coup, Lifesavas, and guests. Wednesday, Clientele, Radar Brothers, and Annie Hayden.

Croce's Jazz Bar, 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355 All music is jazz unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the David Patrone Quartet. Friday, Yavez. Saturday and Sunday, the Archtones. Monday, Dave Scott. Tuesday, the Shep Meyers Quartet. Wednesday, the Jorge Camberos Quintet.

Croce's Top Hat Bar and Grille 802 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-4355. Friday, Fuzzy & the Bluesmen. Saturday, Primo, salsa/Latin iazz.

Dakota Grill and Spirits, 901 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5554. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jimmy Lavello, pop American

Deco's, 731 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp 619-696-DECO. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, call club for

Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday and Friday, Private Domain, Saturday, the Siers Brothers, rock. Sunday, Hera's Olive. Tuesday, Ron's Garage, classic rock. Wednesday, the Atomic Cowboy

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Thursday, 8 p.m., Jaime Valle, Peter Sprague, Bob Boss, and Mitch Meyerson, jazz. Friday, 8 p.m., Paul Seaforth, Peter Sprague, and Bob Magnusson, jazz. Saturday, 8 p.m., Randy Phillips, Peter Sprague, Bob Manusson, and Duncan Moore, jazz. Sunday, 7 p.m., Cahill & Delene, folk.

**4th & B,** 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *They* Might Be Giants and Steve Poltz. rock/alternative. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Kathy Griffin.

The Honey Bee Hive,  $1409\ C$ own, 619-702-6010. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live

Jimmy Love's, 672 Fifth Avenue (corner of Fifth and G), downtown. 619-595-0123. Thursday and Sunday, Masterpiece, jazz/R&B. Friday, 9:45 p.m., Crush, disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., Les Cambeaux, disco/Top 40. Monday, 6:30 p.m. to

11 p.m., Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time, jazz. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Mystique, jazz/funk/R&B. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Soul Revue, jazz/dance/Top 40.

Martini Ranch, 528 F Street, downtown, 619-235-6100. Thursday 9 p.m., *Planeta Energy* with *DJ Kahlil*, Latin grooves. Friday and Saturday, Top 40/80s music. Sunday, DJ Hektik and DJ Tek. Tuesday, DJ Mada and DJ Beatnik, Wednesday, Bus Stop with DI Charlie Rock, DJ Mada, and DJ Cros 1.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events and live music. Call club for

**Onyx,** 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Thursday, 9 p.m. Hooked on Onyx, underground, hip-hop. Friday, DJ Colette. Saturday, 9 p.m., Clay Elliott with Turtle Fuzz, hip-hop. Sunday, call club for information. Tuesday, 9 p.m., Gilbert Castellanos, jazz.

Thin: Friday, 6 p.m., DJ Selecta Leff, house/hip-hop.

Patrick's II, 428 F Street, downtown 619-233-3077 Music is blues unless otherwise noted. Thursday, the Texas Twisters, Friday, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Shelle Blues*, 9 p.m., *the Usual Suspects*. Saturday, Cocobilli. Sunday, Ozzie Blues. Monday, Blue Four. Tuesday, Blue Largo, Wednesday, Len Rainey & the Midnight Players.

Princess Pub & Grille, 1665 India Street, Little Italy/downtown 619-702-3021. Saturday, J.D. Boucharde, piano.

**Red C Lounge,** 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club

Rock Bottom, 401 G Street, Gaslamp. 619-231-7000. Friday and Saturday, live pop/rock.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown, 619-233-5979, Club Salsa: Thursday, *Primo*, salsa/Latin jazz. Friday, DJ Hector, Latin/Euro-house. Saturday, DJ Joe, Latin/Euro-house. Sunday, Club Brazil. Monday, rock en español. Tuesday, Trece de la Suerte,

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

Six Degrees, 3175 India Street, San Diego. 619-296-6789. Friday, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Andrea Reschke, folk.

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, downtown. 619-238-1818. The Plaza Bar. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Fran Loskota, pop/jazz/Top 40. Tuesday and Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Faith* Page, jazz.

Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, downtown 619-232-4355. Schroeders Club: Friday, 8 p.m., *Marti Lynch*, cabaret. Saturday, 8 p.m., Bettina "Pixie" Warren, cabaret.

#### **SOUTH BAY/ CORONADO**

**Buon Giorno Restaurant, 4110** Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-475-2660. Saturday, the Stage 4 Jazz Quintet.

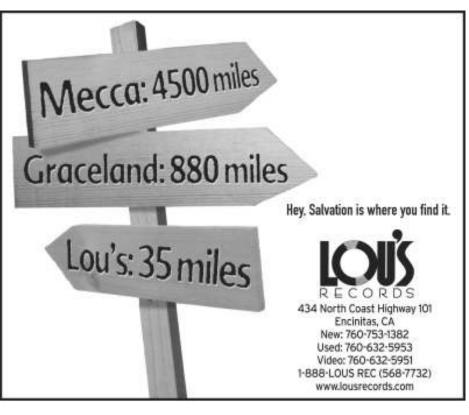
The Butcher Shop, 556 Broadway, Chula Vista, 619-420-9440, Thursday through Saturday, and Wednesday, 8 p.m., Ray Correa, standards/Latin.

Cafe LaMaze, 1441 Highland Avenue, National City, 619-474-3222. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Sandy Chappel and Sammy Canonizado, jazz/blues, Sunday, 8:30 p.m., Burnett Anderson and Joe Garrison, jazz.

**Club Caribe,** 5080 Bonita Road, Bonita. 619-472-2400. Thursday, live reggae band. Friday, salsa/merengue/bachata/reggae.

Coronado Island Marriott, 2000 Second Street, Coronado. 619-435-3000. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz

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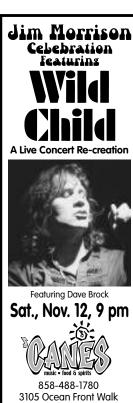
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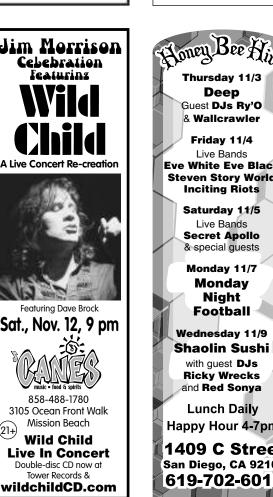
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Hotel del Coronado, 1550
Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., also, Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Tony Lasley*, Latin jazz. Also, Friday, 8:30 p.m., *Barbara Jamerson* and *Joe Tarantino*, jazz/blues/R&B/standards. Also, Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *Stellita Lindgren* and *Dave Lindgren*. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim* 

Palm Court: Thursday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Ray Briz.* Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., *Joey West.* Prince of Wales: Thursday and

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Sun Deck: Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., *Ron's Garage*, acoustic rock.

Island Sports & Spirits, 104 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-3456. Friday, *Tommy Budd & Windy City*, blues. Saturday, *Ron's Garage*, classic rock. McP's Irish Pub and Grill, 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-5280. Thursday, Harmony Road, acoustic. Friday, Big City Shaman, blues. Saturday, Undecided, rock. Sunday, Tommy Price, acoustic. Tuesday, Mike Restelli. Wednesday, Jackson & McCarty, acoustic.

Over the Border, 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista. 619-427-5889. Friday and Saturday, Los Ingratos, rock en español.

#### **EAST COUNTY**

**Dirk's Niteclub,** 7662 Broadway, Lemon Grove. 619-469-6344. Friday and Saturday, *the Late Edition*, classic rock.

**Don's Cocktail Lounge,** 13321 Business Highway 8, El Cajon. 619-443-2444. Friday and Saturday, the Taylor Harvey Band, rock.

**Driftwood,** 9325 Mission Gorge Road, Santee. 619-562-2429. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Uncle Bob & the Earthmovers*, blues.

**Fannie's Nightclub**, 9143 Campo Road, Spring Valley. 619-698-2204. Friday, *Hard Echo*, rock.

The German-American Societies, 1017 South Mollison Avenue, El Cajon. 858-273-7283. Friday, 7:30 p.m., the Ray Barrie 12-Piece Big Band featuring Jo Dark.

**Jolt'n Joe's,** 8076 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa. 619-466-2591. Call club for information.

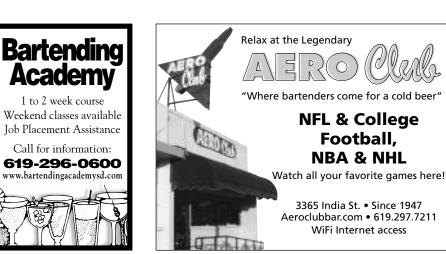
**Mulvaney's**, 8861 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-448-8550. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, live country.

Renegade Inn, 14335 Old Highway 80 (half mile east from Lake Jennings turnoff), Flynn Springs. 619-561-8105. Friday and Saturday, *Hill* Country.

**Royal Palace**, 1340 Broadway, El Cajon. 619-442-9000. Tuesday, 7 p.m., the Adicts, Bang Sugar Bang, the Diffs, So Unloved, and the Human Killers, punk rock.

**Second Wind,** 8528 Magnolia Avenue, Santee. 619-596-8350. Friday and Saturday, *Uptown Groove*, classic rock.

Viejas Casino, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine (off Interstate 8). 619-445-5400. Friday, 9 p.m., Rockola, classic rock. Saturday, 9 p.m., the 80'z Allstars, Top 40/dance. Sunday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Wings of Victory Orchestra, big band.









#### THEATER LISTINGS

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## Adam Baum and the Jew Movie

Samuel Baum is a movie mogul (based on Samuel Goldwyn) and proud Jewish father of Adam, a son about to have his bar mitzvah. In Daniel Goldfarb's sketchy comedy-drama (based on a 1946 story conference between Goldwyn and Ring Lardner Jr.), Samuel's two roles conflict: though not orthodox, he honors the traditions of his faith in private, yet makes successful assimilationist movies that deny Jewish culture ("you've created an American dream," the Lardner character shouts, "that excludes you"). Sam's a contradiction, and so's the writer. Garfield Hampson's left-liberal heart bleeds for the persecuted and oppressed. Or does it? Adam Baum touches on crucial themes — anti-Semitism, censorship of differences, entrenched Dorian Gray hypocrisy — but also settles for tension-deflating bits (change a shirt, punch a stomach, learn to shake hands) and a tacked-on, maudlin conclusion. For

6th@Penn, when he isn't trying to turn Samuel into King Lear, Ralph Elias does solid work as the brash boss and gentle/brash father. Max Macke combines Hampson's two stereotypes, wide-eyed fellow traveler ("a red with a gold watch") and red-faced bigot, into something resembling a character. As young Adam Baum, persecuted for his suddenly notorious name as well as his religion, Zev Lerner's complex reactions do more for the play's themes than anything in the script.

#### Worth a try.

6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AVENUE, HILLCREST, THROUGH DECEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-9210.

#### 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, 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 stock room 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, laundered-money, 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 and 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
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#### **Birthday Suite**

OnStage Playhouse presents the West Coast premiere of Robin Hawdon's British farce about shenanigans at adjoining hotel suites. Bob Christiansen directed. ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVENUE, CHULA VISTA, THROUGH DECEMBER 4; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-422-7787.

#### **Blood Wedding**

UCSD Theatre opens its season with Federico García Lorca's stark, poetic tragedy of ill-fated love. Gerardo Ruiz directed.

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#### **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 CENTER DRIVE, COSTA MESA, 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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATI-NEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-239-2255.

#### The Curse of the Starving Class

Cygnet Theatre's manic, detailed co-production with New Village Arts elevated my opinion of Sam Shepard's 1977 work. I used to think Curse — about a dysfunctional family whose moldy avocado ranch is under attack from without and within - was just the runt sibling of Buried Child and The Tooth of Crime. Directed by Francis Gercke, who has a flair for Shepard's herky-jerky tones and character shifts, there's a serious, angry, relevant drama amid its cartoony shenanigans (much of the anger aimed at the starving a.k.a. middle — class, which banks on an improved future happening by fiat). Bill Dunnam makes Weston, the family's mock-patriarch, a mountain of rage, one moment, and a fragile soul the next (one of the ironies of Curse: people do transform, only nothing changes; Dunnam's sweeping transformation of Weston is remarkable). Dana Case makes Ella, the mother, a famished covote. Rachel Van-Wormer'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 Joshua Everett Johnson. He goes way inside Wesley (who, many say, is the young Shepard), so far that he begins to embody sheer chaos. Critic's pick.

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.

#### The Frankenstein Project

Sledgehammer presents a modern retelling of Mary Shelley's novel, "set against the backdrop of latebreaking developments in science and medicine." Kirsten Brandt directed

ST. CECILIA'S PLAYHOUSE, 1620 SIXTH AVENUE, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 20; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. 619-544-1484.

#### **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.

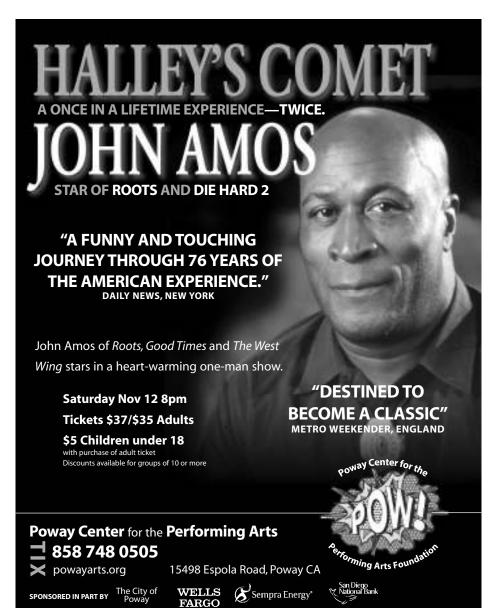
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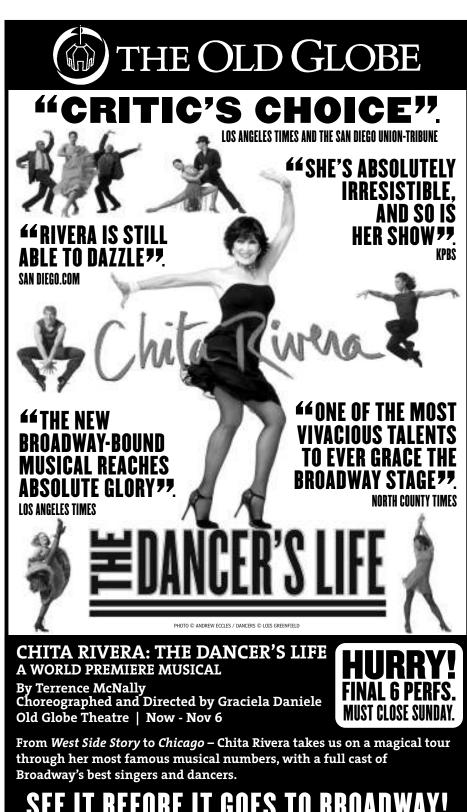












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8:00 P.M. 619-544-1600.

#### 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 Murphy's poker night. And she's from the pre-Vatican II, don't-spare-the-rod school (when she taps a ruler on her palm, half the audience rubs its knuckles from suddenly unrepressed memories). Hulking around in heavy black gabardine, a python-sized rosary coiled at her waist, she commands such a presence that eyes avert when she glares at them. And, whether threatening a gum chewer with eternal damnation or delighting in church loopholes (St. Veronica probably had an eating disorder; St. Patrick was actually a Scot), she's as strict as a drill sergeant and funny as a crack stand-up comic. Late-Nite Catechism, which began in 1993, has become a cult classic. It's The Rocky Horror Show for anyone who had an old-school, parochial education.

And everyone else. Worth a try.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987D LOMAS SANTA FE DRIVE, SOLANA BEACH, THROUGH NOVEMBER 7; MON-DAY AT 7:30 P.M. 858-481-1055.

#### Mambo Italiano

Due to popular demand, Korbett Kompany Productions presents a return engagement of Steve Galluccio's comedy-drama. Bob Korbett directed.

ADAMS AVENUE STUDIO OF THE ARTS, 2804 ADAMS AVENUE, NORMAL HEIGHTS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. 619:584-3593.

#### The Miser

Stephen Epp turns a 17th Century skinflint into a perfect symbol for our Age of Avarice. Molière's Harpagon is a bourgeois monster existing only for the acquisition of riches. In Epp's excellent performance, he behaves like a child in the "terrible twos," toddling around, licking the air with his tongue (and arrested, Freudians might say, in the anal phase of pyschosexual development). His decaying house, brown with mold, looks like a war zone after the war. His children, Elise and Cleante, mangle words and talk with their hands, as if their brains were oxygen-deprived (does Harpagon hoard the air as well as wealth?). Somehow they, the servants, and friends must combine, like parts of a shattered psyche coming together, and battle the rapacious tyrant. This

Miser comes to the La Jolla Playhouse (a co-effort with Theatre de la Jeune Lune, among others) so polished and thought-through that its spontaneous theatricality is remarkable (incessant commedia dell'arte virtuosity actually creates a sag in the long first act). David Ball's gritty adaptation and the not-for-the-squeamish production foreground bodily functions and scatological phrases. Like Harpagon, The Miser didn't come here to be loved. Critic's pick.

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#### **National Comedy Theatre**

ComedySportz changed its name, but its methods (and madness) remain the same. Improvisational comedy, making up funny stuff on the spot, is difficult enough. Years ago, however, Keith Johnstone thought it'd be more exciting if done competitively. He got the idea from pro wrestling ("where Terrible Turks mangled defrocked priests, while mums and dads yelled insults and grannies waved their handbags"). National Comedy Theatre, an offshoot of Johnstone's TheatreSports (artistic director Gary Kramer says the two compare like "rugby and American football"), resembles an athletic event more than an improv. Teams wear uniforms and compete on Actro Turf. 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," "Shake-speare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.

#### Worth a try.

MARQUIS THEATER, 3717 INDIA STREET, MISSION HILLS, OPEN-ENDED RUN; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 7:30 P.M. AND 9:45 P.M. 619-295-4999.

#### On Golden Pond

Moonlight Stage Productions presents Ernest Thompson's love story about Ethel and Norman Thayer. Kathy Brombacher directed. AVO PLAYHOUSE, 303 MAIN STREET, VISTA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, THROUGH NOVEMBER 27; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 760-724-2110.

#### A Piece of My Heart

Shirley Lauro's important drama follows six women to Vietnam in 1968-69. They go as nurses, entertainers; one's a conscientious objector, another's in intelligence (she predicts the Tet Offensive, yet the brass refuses to believe her: because she's black?). The women describe the war from rarely heard perspectives, and are just as eloquent - and shattered by — the re-entry shock of coming home. Led by the gifted, indefatigable Seema Sueko, the acting by the Mo'Oelo Performing Arts Company makes up in earnestness what it sometimes lacks in polish. Mary Larson's costumes, from miniskirts to uniforms, capture the look of the late-Sixties. Paul Peterson's booming sounds strafe the Veteran's Memorial Center, which is at once a great set and a hindrance. It's a museum packed with authentic historical memorabilia, but its acoustics blur

voices in the higher ranges and make screams shrill. The play bristles with contemporary relevance. But if you go, go early: not just to explore the museum, but to get a seat close to the stage.

#### Worth a try.

VETERANS MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL
CENTER, 2115 PARK BOULEVARD
(ACROSS FROM THE WORLD BEAT CENTER), BALBOA PARK, THROUGH NOVEMBER 6; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT
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SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-342-7395.

#### San Diego Theatresports

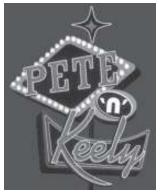
A cross between improvisational comedy and *Family Feud*. Improv, making up a funny scene as you go along, is tough enough. Add competitive scene making, with the audience awarding points to the winning team. Purists might balk at the odiousness of comparisons used in this format, but San Diego Theatresports' "game show" is a hoot. The 90-minute evening offers different bits. The show I caught had "Team Sports" — two pairs of players competed, taking suggestions from the audience; and "Gorilla Theatre" – five directors invented scenes, using the other four as actors. The winner got a banana, the loser a "forfeit" (other formats include "Micetro" and "Improv Survivors"). Some attempts went nowhere (I repeat: improv is tough; I did it in my, as hindsight reveals, callow youth). Others made amazing twists and turns. The group makes the hits much more frequent than the misses. Their guru, Keith Johnstone, wrote one of the very best books I've ever read about making theater. And they put his pearls to good use. Their motto: 'Remember, when it's not funny, it's art."

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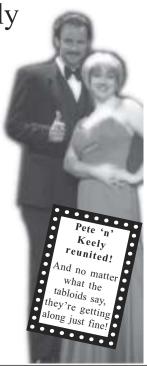
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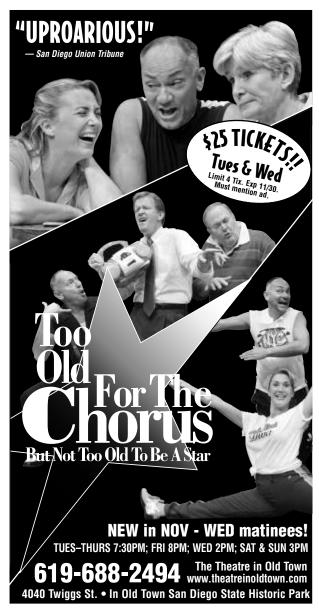


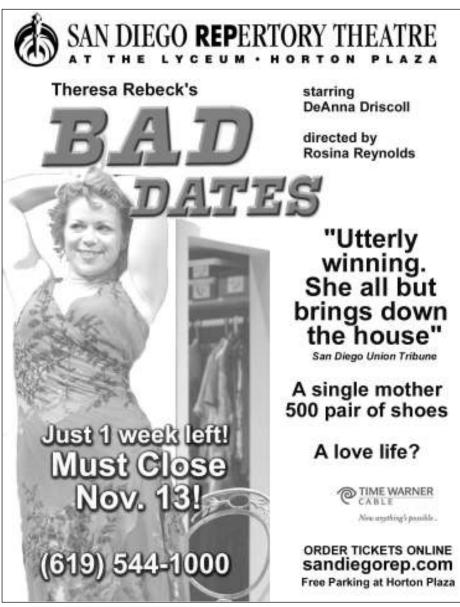


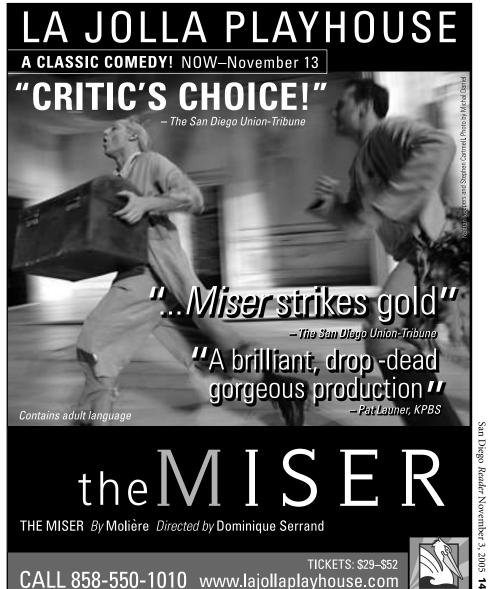












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6th@Penn continues its new reading series with a late-night presentation of Athallah, by Jean Racine. 6TH@PENN THEATRE, 3704 SIXTH AV-ENUE, HILLCREST, ONGOING RUN: MON-DAY, NOVEMBER 21, AT 7:30 P.M. 619-688-9210.

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#### The Smell of the Kill

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Dinner's done. College chums Marty, Jay, and Danny smoke cigars, putt on the rug, re-bond, and bark orders to their wives in the kitchen. Debra, Molly, and Nicky rarely have much to say as they wash dishes from their monthly gathering in suburban Chicago. Each assumes the others are thriving. An extended discus-

arises to terminate "the boys," only one hesitates. Michele Lowe's onenote farce rides the coattails of Desperate Housewives and probably wouldn't get staged without it. Smell's a man-hating sitcom that also objectivizes women (two strip and play most scenes in bras and Frederick's of Hollywood mufti). At the North Coast Rep, director Brendon Fox has given the script a crisp staging that plows through acres of illogic and flimsy character development. To his credit, Fox has created an emotional logic, practically from scratch. The production is funny, thanks to Melinda Gilb (harried Debra), Brooke Mc-Cormick (ditsy Molly), and Terri Park (scheming Nicky), each of whom provides bright comic touches on Marty Burnett's black and white set: a kitchen from a home that could cost, as the play says it must, \$1.25 mil. Worth a try.

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

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#### Too Old for the Chorus: But Not Too Old to be a Star

Every seven seconds, a Baby Boomer becomes "officially old" by turning 50. Mark Winkler, Marie Cain, and Shelly Markham's musical revue bemoans, and eventually

sion raises consciousness and ire: so (and predictably) accepts this conmuch, in fact, that when the chance FAVORITE PERFORMANCE IN ROLE EDITH GONZA CARMEN SALINAS JORGE SALINAS EDUARDO SANTAMARINA LATIN LOVER ii40 ACTORS PERFORMING! ERNESTO GÓMEZ CRUZ Xavier Ortiz Bandio Mario Carballido MARY BOOUTAS BENNY IDARRA GRAND HOTEL (664) 6 81 70 00 SERVIEVENTOS (664) 6 85 53 00 TICKET-MOVIL (664) 6 81 70 84 RESERVED SEATS AND TABLES

dition. In the finale, five performers yow 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 course, for the next phase of their lives. To merit a callback, Too Old needs major reinventing. THEATRE IN OLD TOWN, 4040 TWIGGS STREET, OLD TOWN, THROUGH JAN-

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#### Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffee house 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" -Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from Forever Plaid. There's also the Forever Plaid problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a firstrate 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 trump ing 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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#### The Winslow Boy

On the eve of World War I, Arthur Winslow makes enough to provide daughter Catherine with a decent dowry and send sons Dickie to Oxford and 14-year-old Ronnie to Osborne Military Academy, Twentyfive unaccountable minutes in Ronnie's life change everything. He's expelled from school for stealing a five-shilling postal order. He denies it. Arthur wants a trial, but, because Ronnie's technically in the "service," the government refuses. Arthur presses for right action, which threatens all family prospects, including Arthur's health. Terrence Rattigan based his play on the case of George Archer-Shee (a national debate in England) and gives the incident a behind-the-scenes treatment: he depicts the fate of the Winslows not at large, but in their home. Among the questions the play asks: how much would you sacrifice to "let right be done"? Dressed in Jeanne Reith's Edwardian finery (long morning coats and elegant silks), performing on Mike Buckley's middle-class, detailed-to-theinch drawing room, and well di-rected by Deborah Gilmour Smyth,

the Lamb's Players give Rattigan's well-constructed, though occasionally static and dated, play one of the year's best ensemble efforts. Everyone contributes, from Jim Chovick's crusty Arthur to Dana Hooley's Violet (the inept parlor maid recreates a court scene in an amazing burst of words); to Jason Heil's dispassionate solicitor, Sir Robert Morton; and Colleen Kollar's Katherine, a suffragette as embattled, in her own way, as her younger brother and who may soon find that, in the near future, the play has also been a love

#### Worth a try.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 OR-ANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 20: TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SAT-URDAY AT 4:30 P.M. AND SUNDAY AT 2:30 P.M. 619-437-0600.

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## Little New Zealand In P.B.

"Today in our time zone, tomorrow, yours. It's gonna be a long haul, mate."

t's evening, about 6 o'clock in Pacific Beach. I've been walking around, looking for some-place that isn't either pizza or beer 'n burger. What stops me is this, like, rusty metal seaweed art set around garden boxes, shade ferns sprouting

from them. Looks luscious. I see the windows fold back, too, so the big clunky varnished tables inside practically hang out over the sidewalk. Nice. Then I notice a for-real All-Black jersey on the wall inside. (The All-Blacks? Come, now: New Zealand's revered world-beater rugby team.) I have a soft spot for

the Kiwis. Determined, independent, declaring their own "nuclear-free zone" around their country, inventing bungee-jumping as a sport, fanatical health nuts.

Can we be witnessing the birth of a Kiwi eatery — in San Diego?

They have a rusty iron kiwi in the back. And next to it, a declaration of food principles: "All natural! Certified organic...chemical-free beef, chicken, lamb, and chicken...fresh sauces using chemical-free ingredients."

That's it. I'm in. Even if it is a beer 'n burger joint. Inside's all woody: plank strip ceiling, swampgreen walls, solid, varnished furniture. High chairs and tables, about half full right now. There are women at some tables, bunches of guys at others, most all of them drinking beers from plastic glasses. Definitely laid-back — reggae's playing — and the crew, three guys and a gal, stand chatting at the high counter at the back, beneath a plasma TV

flashing silent TV news.

Seems it's someone's birthday. "Two-day celebration!" one of the servers is saying. "Today in our time zone, tomorrow, yours. It's gonna be a long haul, mate."

Must be a Kiwi.

I sit up at one of the tables, next to the sign that says "\$1 Miller

Light, Happy Hour 3–6." Huh. I just missed. When one of the wait-guys comes — Chad,

When one of the wait-guys comes — Chad, and he's American, not Kiwi — I've decided to have a Sprite (\$1.40), just so I can work tonight.

"Is it true the meat's all organic, no hormones here?" I ask.

"You'd better believe it," says the gal, Amanda. "It all comes over from New Zealand, certified. Even our secret BBG [Bare Back Grill] sauce comes from there. We had a lady come in the other week. She hadn't eaten meat for six years. She couldn't stand the chemicals in supermarket meat. Once we'd persuaded her this was chemical-free, she ordered a burger. Her first meat burger in six years! It was pretty emotional."

Chad leaves me a two-sided card menu.

"Gnarly Big Burgers," says one side. They all sound pretty Kiwi. "Bare B'rger [\$5.99]: prime NZ Angus [it's used in all the beef burgers], lettuce, tomato, red onion, aioli, and BBG sauce." "Queenstown Fave" (\$6.99 same as the Bare, plus cheese, though you can have interesting ones like Edam or Brie).

I like the sound of the last three, "Sheilas Cracked" (\$7.99, comes with a fried egg; "Sheila" means "woman" in Kiwi), "Double Down" (\$8.99, with two patties, two cheese), and "Bare Big and Dirty" (\$9.99, two "huge" NZ Angus patties, two fried eggs, bacon, beetroot, two slices cheese).

Hmm. I'm thinking of that beetroot. Sounds yummy. But \$9.99...

On the flipside of the menu, they have various chicken burgers, including "Bare Lass" (\$6.99 for a spicy tandoori chicken with yogurt). Also a fish burger ("Wake & Bake"), a tofu burger with coconut dressing ("Holy Roller"), and, *aah*, "Bare Li'l Lamb" (\$6.99), a "prime NZ lamb burger" with blue cheese, mint dressing, beetroot, lettuce, tomato, red onion, aioli, and BBG sauce.

What's not to like? I order one. While I'm waiting I get to talking with Jason, the birthday boy. He's turning 23. "Tonight I'm eating my favorite," he says. "Sheilas Cracked. It's the fried egg. Kiwis love fried egg in their burger."

Turns out it's a couple of Americans who came up with the idea for this Kiwi eatery. PJ was one of them. He's 25. "Two and a half years ago we were touring New Zealand. My friend Matt and I were down in Queenstown in the Southern Alps. And the buzz was that this late-night burger trailer in town, in Cow Lane behind a wine shop, had, like, the best burgers in the world. So we had to go look. It was a place called, uh, Fergburger. And they had these incredible burgers, with this secret sauce. A kind of tomato relish, along with aioli. And way big. Plus only using organic New Zealand beef and lamb. So we got this idea of starting a place up here with the same burgers. Ants, the owner, agreed to sell us the recipes. We spent two weeks writing them all down, and presto, here we are.'

And here comes Chad with my "Bare Li'l Lamb" burger. Plus fries with a wasabi dip I ordered for a buck more. The burger's big. I chomp in. First taste, ooh. That rangy lamb taste. Then, the mint. Then the garlicky aioli kicks in. Then the secret sauce from Down Under, a plummy, tomatoey, sweet, tart flavor flashing between the meat and bun. And then — the beetroot. Velvet. Truly, this is a whole new burger ballgame. And what's so good is knowing you're not swallowing those pesky pesticides or growth hormones. My question is, why did these guys have to chase 7000 miles across the Pacific to find the good stuff?

**The Place:** Bare Back Grill, 4640 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach (at Emerald), 858-274-7117 **Type of Food:** Kiwi-American

**Prices:** Bare B'rger, NZ Angus with aioli and BBG (secret) sauce, \$5.99; Queenstown Fave (\$6.99), same as the Bare plus cheese; Sheilas Cracked, \$7.99 with fried egg, Double Down, with two patties, two cheese, \$8.99; Bare Big and Dirty, with two "huge" NZ Angus patties, two fried eggs, bacon, beetroot, two slices cheese, \$9.99; Bare Lass (spicy tandoori chicken burger with yogurt), \$6.99; Wake & Bake fish burger, \$6.99; Holy Roller (tofu burger with coconut dressing), \$6.99; Bare Li'l lamb burger, \$6.99

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# **Family Business Is Still a Business**

"Wine is the antidote for barbarism."

ine is an agricultural product, and agriculture, as the wine business loves to remind us, is often a family affair. When I was a kid listening to recordings of old-time radio shows from the '40s, I learned that

even then, the image was already being pitched. The commercials told of generations of Petri family winemakers, handing down their proud winemaking tradition "from father to son, from father to son," so that "the name Petri" had become "the proudest name in American wine."

Already, things were getting complicated, family and business intertwining — the family didn't just run the business, the family helped *sell* the business. The family became the brand. Today, the Petris are long gone, but in their place we still have the Mondavis, perhaps the greatest family-brand ever in American wine.

Patrick Nossiter's treatment of the Mondavis, and of the relations between family and wine in general, is one of my favorite things about his wine-biz documentary *Mondovino*. It seems clear that Nossiter's heart lies with family, with local small businesses as opposed to multinational corporations. It's easy to imagine him snickering as he films a sharp-suited Young Turk, sitting in a boardroom and talking about how family plays an important role in the business of a huge French

negotiant like Boisset. You can almost hear him think, "Important to the marketing department, maybe."

One of Boisset's winemakers is Alix, the daughter of Burgundian wine producer Hubert de

Montille. "Wine is the antidote to barbarism," says Hubert. But when you hear him go off on the imperialism of American taste and the deleterious branding of even French wine (as opposed to the celebration of terroir, the French sense of place), you have to wonder if he still believes the gates are

holding. Even within his own family, complications are creeping in. Hubert's heart is clearly with Alix, who tells him that she's quitting her job at Boisset because they've asked her to sign off on some wines she didn't make and because they plan to sell her wine under different labels. She's fighting the branding. But it's Hubert's son Etienne who has taken over the family operation, and we get a telling shot of him making nice to the photographer from *Wine Spectator*, followed by a full-page photograph in the magazine's story on Burgundy. The branding has begun.

Over in California, Nossiter goes to visit another winemaking family — the Staglins. It must have delighted his documentarian heart to find people so completely other from Hubert de Montille. (Consulting winemaker Michel Rolland

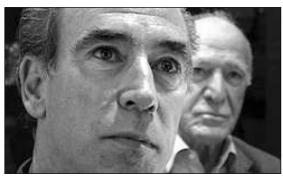
works with the Staglins and talks up their emphasis on family, but he can't remember their first names.) Montille trumpets the supremacy of place over producer; he is part of a winemaking tradition. Bob Staglin says of his paradisical estate, "We created, in effect out of nothing, the best of what Italy could bring and California could marry in creating this wonderful space to showcase our wines, our lifestyle, our commitment to charity." It's difficult to imagine Montille using the word "lifestyle," and impossible to imagine him explaining, as Shari Staglin does,

that the outdoor dining table is modeled after one from *The Godfather Part II*.

Bob Staglin is happy to admit that the marketing plan came first — wine is the family business, but still very much a business. Staglin recalls that he was present at the SALT talks, in which, he says, the US was "showing the Soviets that capitalism was people trying to make a better quality of life." He made his fortune elsewhere; Staglin winery is his attempt to "make a better quality of life" for himself and his family.

At the time the film takes place, at least, the Mondavis fall somewhere in between. Robert Mondavi came from winemakers, and his sons are part of the family business, with Tim Mondavi currently making the wines. Robert even goes so far as to say that part of the reason he got into the wine business was that it was so family-oriented. (Hard not to do a spit-take with your Merlot after that one — no mention is made of the acrimonious split that led Robert to leave Charles Krug and start up his own concern.)

But even before the winery became an empire — with ventures in Italy, South America, and Australia — Robert Mondavi became a brand.



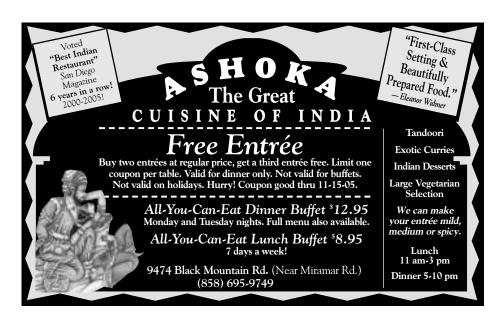
Michael and Robert Mondavi

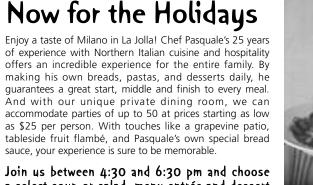
Why do folks pick up 1.5-liter bottles of Woodbridge instead of some other basic California quaffer? Hard to believe it's not at least in part because of the Mondavi name. For decades, he was a tireless promoter, a champion — the very face of American wine. And the family isn't about to bow down to tradition, not for itself and not even for the venerable Bordelaise. "Bordeaux is upgrading," says Michael Mondavi. "Tradition is great, but it needs to be complemented with modern technologies."

Still, as big and as modern as Mondavi got, there remained some sense that this was a family venture — in their view, perhaps too much so. Michael says, of the days before Mondavi went public in 1993, "We mixed up business decisions with family decisions, and neither one worked as well. After we went public, I got my father back." Family is a complicated business, even without the entanglements of business.

Entanglements are what the Mondavis got when they went to Italy. After they were rebuffed in the Languedoc, they decided to work with local partners in their international ventures. They scouted around and chose the Frescobaldis. They







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did not choose the Antinoris. Nossiter gives us a fine shot of two chapels in a Florentine church — one bearing the name Frescobaldi, one Antinori. This might not have come to anything, except that, when Lodovico Antinori got into a tight spot financially and went public with his celebrated Ornellaia winery, Mondavi bought a controlling interest. Then Mondavi sold 50 percent to Frescobaldi. "We think the Mondavis planned this," says Lodovico. "I never would have sold if they had told me."

And suddenly, consulting winemaker to the stars Michel Rolland was facing a conflict. He had worked with Lodovico, helped to make Ornellaia what it was. (What was it? A wine that broke the traditional code, using Cabernet in a region formerly reserved for Sangiovese.) But now there was tension between Lodovico and Mondavi, and Mondavi was a big client. Now, Lodovico was off to beg Rolland to help him on a new project. "It would be a big betrayal if he doesn't accept," says Lodovico. Then again, Rolland isn't family. ■

#### RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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#### **NORTH COASTAL**

En Familia Amici 564 South Coast

You'll feel like a guest at an intimate party eating a leisurely dinner in this small, noisy, pretty dining room. Chef Monica Szepesy and her brother Michael offer personalized, home-style renditions of South American cuisines, including house-made breads and beverages. Be sure to try the house's chicha morada, a tangy soft drink made from Peruvian purple corn. The fare includes numerous types of empanadas, tapas-like small plates, and full-size entrées most from the family homeland, Peru. Desserts vary nightly and can include a cloud-like tres leches cake. Vegetarian and allergy-restricted diets accommodated, Dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations necessary. Moderate. N.W. (5/04)

La Especial Norte 604 North Coast Highway 101 (at Leucadia Blvd.), Leucadia, 760-942-1040. This big, brightly lit roadhouse sports highly whimsical decor (take a look at the blue ceramic "pond" in the dining room, complete with cayman) and boasts a five-page menu, including a page of a dozen re-gional soups and another full page for seafood. The soups are superb - for instance, the authentic Mexico City-style chicken soup is laden with avocados, chicken shreds, cilantro, and rice, and the savory eggplant soup includes airy little "croutons" of puffed *relleno* batter. The fresh, interesting seafood entrées outshine the relatively ordinary renditions of the standard stuffed-tortilla variations. No wheelchair access to rest rooms. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive. N.W. (5/02)

Neimans 300 Carlsbad Village Drive (at Carlsbad Boulevard), Carlsbad, 760-729-4131. Set in a Victorian gingerbread mansion overlooking Highway 101, this hotel-restaurant's best deal is the Sunday all-you-can-eat-anddrink champagne brunch, featuring made-to-order omelets, seafood creations, mimosas, etc., moderately priced for a day's worth of protein, calories, and buzz. No brunch reservations, so expect a wait. (Holiday brunch prices are much higher, but then they do take reservations.) After dark, the site is basically a nightclub, with a younger crowd scarfing up traditional American fare, priced high, until midnight or later. Open daily, lunch and dinner. — E.W.

**Oceanside Cafe** 1938 South Coast Highway, Oceanside, 760-722-7337. This little place is as "mom and pop" as they get. "Hi honey. You going to have the usual?" That's Shannon. They do lunch, with good burgers, but break-fast's what a lot of folks come for. "Dieter's Downfall," a 3-egg omelet stuffed with ham, bacon, sausage, tomato, Jack, and Cheddar, is wicked. Two other things to try: the "Sausage of the Week" is made next door at the Red and White Market (anything from bockwurst to French apple-chicken sausage). And the dieter's real downfall comes with Marsha's carrot cake or her

double chocolate cake - rich, moist, and fresh out of her oven every morning. Breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive.
— E.B. (5/03)

Potato Shack Cafe 120 West I Encinitas, 760-436-1282, Check out the cute potato-toon mural on the side of the building — a sign for spud-lovers to load up on portions sized for lumberjacks from The Lumbervard across the street. American fries (served "All you can eat!"), French fries, potato pat-ties, and baked potatoes with various toppings are the heart of the menu, along with eggs, omelets, biscuits with sausage gravy, and beer-battered onion rings made from sweet reds. If size counts, consider the daunting inchthick "manhole" pancake that's bigger than the plate. Lunch runs to "deli" sandwiches (with potatoes), or a hearty bowl of chili con carne. Arrive early weekends. Open daily, breakfast to late lunch. Inexpensive. — N.W. (10/01)

Ruby's Diner 1 Pierview Way, Oceanside, 760-433-RUBY (7829). One thing about Ruby's: You can build





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an appetite just getting there. It's at the end of the 1/3 mile-long Oceanside pier. (There's a 50-cent electric wagon, too.) Ruby's is part of a themed "for-ties diner" chain stretching from LAX to Scottsdale, Arizona. But it's still fun. Shiny Chevy Corvette-style red leatherette and chrome booths, white walls, portholes, old Coca-Cola signs, "Dewey-Warren" presidential buttons, and that view to Hawaii. And pretty darned good-sized servings too, from omelets to the "Super Burger" with Swiss cheese and avocado on a grilled Parmesan sourdough bun. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/01)

**Savory** 267 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, 760-634-5556. Chef-owner Pascal Vignau was executive chef of the Four Seasons Aviara when he decided he wanted his own little place. His casual strip-mall restaurant has been perpetually packed for dinner since opening day. Here he serves a monthly changing menu of Southern French and Mediterranean cooking spotlight-ing seasonal local produce. Highlights include a clever, ethereal Dungeness crab panna cotta, a lush bourride seafood stew, and an ultra-rich macaroni-and-ham casserole. The adventurous mainly-Cal wine list is remarkably affordable, with many choices available by half-bottles and glasses (and modest corkage if you BYO). Dinner reservations urged; no groups larger than ten accommodated. Lunch Tuesday through Friday; dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Moderate. -N.W. (12/03)

Tom Giblin's Irish Pub  $640\,\mathrm{Grand}$ Avenue (at Roosevelt Street), Carlsbad Village, 760-729-7234. Occupying the whole of a handsome, sprawling, blocklong Elizabethan-style building, this friendly "small-townish" saloon offers some above-average pub-grub, especially the perfect, moist corned beef with firm-tender cabbage, the huge, lively salads, and the house-baked brown bread. Boxty (Irish "peasant" potato pancakes, rarely found in California) are done up rather doughy rather than crisp to serve as "wraps" for corned beef and other dishes. Live music on holiday evenings and during happy hours. A large, attractive heated patio next to the parking lot offers some afternoon serenity. Open daily, lunch until late, plus Sunday breakfast/brunch. Inexpensive. —

Trattoria Positano (Cardiff-by**the-Sea)** 2171 San Elijo Avenue (at Chesterfield), Cardiff-by-the-Sea, 760-632-0111. If you're tired of Italian restaurants, you'll be revitalized by this one. Original recipes, wonderful fresh fish, nightly specials, excellent lamb and pastas. Very warm atmosphere. A treasure. Reservations accepted only for parties of six or more; expect a wait at prime dinner hours, especially on veekends. Lunch and dinner six days, Sundays dinner only. Upper moderate. - E.W. (6/98)

#### **NORTH INLAND**

Abbey's Real Texas BBQ 6904 Miramar Road (at Commerce Street, Denny's), 858-566-5235. Texas barbecue consists of meat, chicken, turkey, and links that are repeatedly mopped with a mari-

nade and cooked in a big cast-iron smoker (rather than grilled over a fire). Here they use mesquite to barbecue the poultry quickly and the brisket ve-r-rry slowly. In addition to the usual BBQ sides (potato salad, coleslaw, beans, etc.), they offer a Caesar salad. At the Miramar branch the room is large and unadorned but very clean. Wheelchair accessible. Same menu lunch and dinner. Open daily; continuous service for lunch and early dinner weekdays; normal dinner hours weekends. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *E.W.* 

Galeon (Escondido) 503 West Mission (at Centre City), Escondido, 760-746-5951. Mexican seafood, along with the usual dishes, is featured in bright coffee-shop atmosphere with comfortable booths, big windows, a lunch counter and a salad bar. Shrimp and langostino ("squat lobster," in fishermen's terms) are the house specialties, and are well treated. Also consider an intense little marlin taco (squeeze some lime onto this rich, strong fish), or the savory albondigas soup (lime it up, too). Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Inexpensive (standard dishes) to moderate (seafood). — N.W. (6/01)

Island Boy Grille 10066 Pacific Heights Boulevard (south of Mira Mesa Boulevard, at Carroll Canyon Road), Sorrento Mesa, 858-452-7708. It's the last thing you'd expect up here in Corporate Lunchland, but Pua Macario's Hawaiian food sanctuary is the real thing. Pua ("Flower") serves genuine items like purple taro poi, seven-hour cooked *lau-lau* (beef, pork, and fish slow-steamed in taro and banana leaves), rice delivered by the ice-cream scoop, potato salad delivered hot with shrimp and crab in it, and mahi mahi, lots of lovely flame-seared mahi mahi. Delivered in a standard polystyrene box, eat in or out. And heavy! The

Wasa Plate will include, say, two big pieces of mahi mahi, a pile of shredded kalua pig and cabbage, or kahuna shrimp, or teriyaki chicken, plus two scoops of rice, salad and any side dish. If you're a really big kahuna, the Kanaka Plate will deliver three main entrées and three scoops of rice. Sparse decoration: eggshell blue walls with photos of real hula-dancing, and a longboard by Hawaiian Julian Cruz (it's yours for \$450). Warning: only open 11 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. Always crowded. Inexpensive. E.B. (3/02)

**Pho Hoa Hiep** 9910 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #A, 858-578-1468 (also at 6947 Linda Vista Road, 858-268-8406). This *pho* (soup) place of the brothers Hoa and Hiep is a clean, busy eatery near hi-tech offices. It's popular at lunch and dinner, partly because of frequent two-for-one deals. Try the #1, Dac Biet Xe Lua, an "extra large bowl" of soup filled with rare steak slices and well-done brisket, flank, tendon, and tripe along with mint and bean sprouts. A popular breakfast pho is "French bread with beef juicy cube soup." They also have rice dishes. And try the traditional fruit drinks, maybe the Xam Bo Luong, a combination of loganberry, black dates, seaweed, and lotus seeds in syrup. Lunch, dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Rancho Valencia 5921 Valencia Circle, Rancho Santa Fe, 858-759-6216. Nestled in the lush garden setting of the Rancho Valencia Resort is one of San Diego's dining gems. They advertise the cuisine as California-French. Whatever. Every bite from appetizer to dessert is prepared and presented to delight Californians, French people - actually, any person on the planet with taste buds. Their crab cake topped with sun-dried apricot-mango chutney was equal to the best you'd eat around Chesapeake Bay. Their Thai chicken mushroom will make you weep with happiness, call it a night, and go home satisfied. But then you'd miss out on enjoying an entrée of prime mesquitegrilled steak, fresh fish, veal, lamb, or chicken. Portions are generous, as is the wine list. Casual-elegant dress. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very expensive. — S.M. (6/04)

Sand Crab Cafe 2229 Micro Place (at Opper, off Barham), Escondido, 760-480-2722. Sandy Crabbe (honest, that's his name) owns this fun, funky dive in the wilds of industrial Escondido near the San Marcos border. A visit offers the primordial, preschoolish joy of whacking crabs to pieces with mallets and eating them with your hands. (Bibs are optional.) Everybody gets into the party spirit. There's a huge à la carte list of appetizers, soups, snacks, and main courses, often at bargain prices. Entrées include several crab-bucket combos, cooked to a well-seasoned boil with corn, potatoes, and spicy Louisiana sausage. Most of the shellfish were flash-frozen on shipboard, but they're still tasty. The melted non-butter "spread" accompanying them appeals to the area's many health conscious residents. (Or you can BY-OButter and they'll melt it for you.) Fine tangy housemade key lime pie is a perfect finale. Full bar; not much wine, but good margaritas. Open daily, three meals. Inexpensive to moderate. – N.W. (5/01)

Tong Szechuan 609 North Broadway #E-F, Stater Brother's Shopping Center, Escondido, 760-480-9438. The New Style Favorites" of North County Chinese restaurants feature fresh fruits. Tong's has several variants, mainly cornstarch-battered fried proteins in honey-based sweet-and-sour sauce,

lightened with loads of seasonal fruit chunks — pineapple, papaya, pear, etc. They're tasty dishes. For the rest, the Szechuan specialties (hot-and-sour soup, kung pao, ma la, etc.) are better than the old "Chinese-American" standards on the menu. Lunches are big, bargain-priced, and popular. In this quiet, pretty room, you may overhear northern or western Chinese dialects at nearby tables. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Very inexpensive (lunch) to low-moderate. — *N.W.* (5/01)

Vincent's Sirino's 113 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-745-3835. French-born chef-owner Vincent Grumel serves Gallic classics in an intimate, small-town bistro setting. This is a cuisine of rich dark sauces robing fine ingredients, such as a huge, flavorful veal chop (no factory calf, that). Mushrooms and vegetables (from local farmers or Grumel's own garden) are the season's best and sensitively treated. Desserts are worth every calorie - save room for the spectacular Bavarian. Full bar, fine wine list. Lunch Tuesday through Friday, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Expensive. — N.W. (6/01)

#### **GOLD COAST**

Besta Wan Pizza House 148 Aberdeen Drive (off the 101), Cardiff-bythe-Sea, 760-753-6707. This ever-popular North County restaurant which opened back in 1965 is a family operation all the way. Their thin-crust East Coast-style pizzas are famous locally. Also check for the big-pile spaghetti or lasagna specials if you just want to fill up. Open seven days, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/01)

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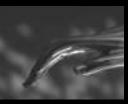
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Cafe Zinc 132 South Cedros (at Loma Santa Fe), Solana Beach, 858-793-5436. The Rancho Santa Fe set like to hang out here in the garden patio with their Porsches at the curb and their shih tzus under the table (dogs are welcome). Even for non-doggie people, the California pepper trees and garden sculpture make this indoor-outdoor eatery a really pleasant kick-back place (which gets its name from the zinc-top bar inside). The menu, a mixture of Italian and vegetarian, offers dishes like frittata with cucumber salsa, and baked eggplant "pizzette" (personal-size pizza) with marinara, mozzarella, and Parmesan cheese. The vegetarian chili and the Zinc veggie burger (served on a La Brea bun) are tasty too. Open seven days, breakfast through late lunch. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/01)

Samurai Japanese Restaurant 979 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Lomas Santa Fe Plaza, Solana Beach, 858-481-0032. This restaurant boasts "the largest California sushi bar" as well as a menu of over 100 items. The food is artistically prepared and presented, the sushi uniformly fine. You can easily make a meal from the sushi and appetizers. Seating is available at the sushi bar or the central dining area, which provides capacious booths. A tatami room (with floor-seating on tatami mats, Japanese style) offers special prix fixe feasts (\$60 per person and up), by

reservation only. Open daily. Moderate to extremely expensive. — *E.W.* 

Tony's Jacal 621 Valley Avenue (between Genevieve Street and Juanita Street), Eden Gardens, Solana Beach, 858-755-2274. Come here at night, when the mysterious low mud-brick arches with the stained glass windows make you think Old Mexico, when the Del Mar racing bar makes you think 1930s Hollywood, and the dining patio, under the 100-year-old chinaberry tree, looks straight out of Guadalajara. Back in 1946, Tony Gonzales's wife Catalina started preparing food for fellow Mexican workers. Since then, everybody from Liz Taylor to J. Edgar Hoover has passed through these portals. Try the "La Colonia" combination of just about anything with rice and beans Turkey meat is big here, and the (real) crab quesadilla in a corn tortilla is de licious too. Cheapest: probably chicken strips with French fries. And "Jacal"? It means "shack." Open seven days, but with a gap between lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/02)

#### LA JOLLA

**Aesop's Tables Greek Cafe** 8650 Genesee Avenue #106, Costa Verde Shopping Center, 858-455-1535. Gyros are the thing here, since 1975. The

meat's prepared outside to Aesop's recipe of lamb, beef, and spices. But would the eponymous Greek fabulist recognize pitzas with lamb sausage and feta on top? Or roast leg of lamb laid out in slices, American-style? A trueblue (and white) Greek choice is the meze appetizer plate to share, with samplings of grilled eggplant ("melitzanasalata"), tabbouleh, marinated mushrooms, artichokes, broad beans, and stuffed grape leaves. Just add pita bread and it'll almost make a dinner for two. The vegetarian combo en trée is good also, with nice thick *tzatziki* (yogurt, cucumber, dill, and sour cream) and tahini (sesame seed) sauces Lamb dishes like moussaka (layers of ground lamb, beef, eggplant) and *arni* souvlaki (lamb on a skewer) are helped by a wide choice of Greek wines, including Xinomavro Merlot. But to really get the spirit, order saganaki, sautéed Kasseri cheese flamed at your table with Ouzo. Go ahead, try an 'Opah!" or two. Lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday; Sunday, dinners only. Inexpensive to moderate. - E.B. (6/04)

**The Cheese Shop** 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Mon-

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La Taverna 927 Silverado Street (at Avenue), 858-454-0100. Reservations are a ne cessity at this tiny trattoria, especially if you'd prefer the relative quiet of the roofed sidewalk patio to the din of the cute but cramped dining room. Don't look for meatballs and red sauce except at lunch because dinner is Tuscan-style. showcasing pastas with simple, fresh sauces. Highlights include chef-owner Mary Ann Vitale's house-made Sicilian-style fennel sausage, and if the feather-light potato gnocchi are a special, just say yes. Save room for a slice of house-made layer cake. Service is downright endearing on weekends, when Jimmy Vitale (the owner's husband) charmingly plays maitre d'. Moderate. — *N.W.* (11/00)

The Pannikin Cafe 7467 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-5453. Oh sure, the inside of this converted bungalow is cool, with its woody-green tables of different heights and cool damsels with animal temp-tattoos on their arms serving you. But here at Pannikin's La Jolla outpost, the outside's the "in" spot, with its brick and earth tonos and weathered timber and sixties rainbow tables. But you have to make it through the laptop-clack-ing, cell phone-blabbing crowd who use this as their garden office and Very

Important Meeting spot. Musicians, grad students, and school kids also show up to munch twigs and nuts and think serious thoughts. Breakfasts are mostly steamed-egg variations, includ-ing the popular Greek eggs and a filling breakfast burrito. For lunch, a mild chicken curry is a nutty treat, and "pannwiches" such as ham or tuna are fresh, generous, and worthy, though the retros among us will be looking for a salt lick all the way home. Inexpensive. — E.B. (2/03)

**Roppongi** 875 Prospect Street (at Fay), La Jolla, 858-551-5252. In terms of atmosphere and food preparation, one of the best restaurants in La Jolla. The Euro-Asian fusion menu offers a vast choice of 20 appetizers, or tapas including several sushi rolls. Don't overlook the Thai coconut soup, Atlantic salmon, and duck confit at dinner, or the *niçoise* salad at lunch. Beautiful interior; lovely heated patio; excellent service. Be sure to reserve, especially for dinner, to avoid a very long wait. Open daily. Moderate (tapas) to expensive. — E.W. (12/99)

Sadaf 613 Pearl Street (at Cuvier), La Jolla, 858-551-0643. You worry — those formal fixtures and black-tux waiters, the gold-encrusted paintings, and the crisp, pink table linens all scream "expensive!" Actually, prices are easygoing, especially at lunch. The appetizers are free: a basket of *lavash* (unleavened bread), and beside it, butter and a large sliced raw onion. Eating bread with onion makes you hungry, say the Persians. Then try skewers of chicken or ground filet mignon with rice or salad, or *albalou polo* (rice, dried cherries, and chicken). Pistachio-androsewater ice cream is a great finale. Nonspecials and evening meals cost more, but at any price this is real Persian food, with typical riotous herbage and sybaritic spicing. Another branch in the Gaslamp turns into a nightclub after dinner, but the food's better at this La Jolla flagship. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (10/00)

Tutto Mare 4365 Executive Drive (at Executive Way), Golden Triangle, 858-597-1188. The modern Italian cuisine here emphasizes pasta and fresh seafood from the mesquite grill or oakfired oven. Lunch hours roar with chic crowds from the surrounding office buildings, but the kitchen is most on its toes then, too. Pastas are mainly housemade, with fresh-tasting sauces, and substantial seafood salads are available. Entrées (whether seafood or meat) may be overcooked by the fierce wood fires, and most come with minor variations of the same lemon-butter sauce and a one-size-fits-all veggie medley. Full bar, interesting wine list, good Happy Hour nibbles. Complimentary valet parking. Call for careful directions (very hard to find). Extremely noisy. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner weekends. Pastas and salads moderate, entrées expensive. — N.W. (10/02)

#### MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

24-Hour Valley Kitchen Family Mission Valley, 619-819-1017 or 619-298-8282. Great when everything else is closed. The place feels like a Mid-western chain eatery: all carpets, darkwood walls, etched glass. Prices are a little up there, but hot French dip is great and burgers are generous. Best news may be that if you feel like breakfast at midnight, no problem. Ask for the pork chops, two eggs, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. Chops are crumbed and buried in hash browns. Splosh on lots of applesauce, and leave room for the biscuits — their bacon-fat gravy will have you licking the plate. Bonus: You can sit here with a book and a coffee all night long if you like. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (1/04)

94th Aero Squadron 8885 Balboa Avenue, Kearny Mesa, 858-560-6771. One of San Diego's hidden jewels: there's classic American fare (honey-glazed pork tenderloin, farmhouse chicken) in the "Officers' mess," but better yet is the free buffet Happy Hour — pig heaven weekdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Selections might include a "stroganoff" of Polish sausage, veggies, cheese potatoes, nachos, etc. (Of course, you have to buy something — say, a pitcher of Bud for

two.) Thursdays and Fridays, the outside "Runway" grill features kebabs. The biggest attraction is the place itself. Built to mimic a WWI French farmhouse taken over by a bunch of Yankee flying aces, it has a garden full of antique planes and live ducks — and right outside, the real Montgomery airfield. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**Adam's Steak N' Eggs** 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/02)

Andres' Patio Restaurant 1235 Morena Boulevard, Bay Park, 619-275-4114. This is a cozy cultural surprise on hard-to-define Morena Boulevard. The food is flavorful (and not spicy-hot like Mexican and South American dishes). A good introduction to it is *ropa vieja* ("old clothes"): shred-ded beef sautéed with mushrooms, green pepper, and tomatoes with ever-present rice and black beans. And the Cuban sandwich (roast pork, baked ham, and cheese) shows off the Cuban handling of pork. Other interesting dishes include alcapuria (pork and green plantain) and luscious, messy yuca con mojo (yuca root with garlic oil). Open for lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (8/01)

**Bale French Sandwich Shop** 4879 University Avenue (at 49th Street), City Heights, 619-283-4352. Ann Nguyen started this back in 1980, and her prices haven't changed they're incredibly low. But the taste of her sandwiches is up there in French-Vietnamese heaven. The Vietnamese are special at this: they do French better than the French — with some spicy Asian touches. The BBQ Pork French sandwich delivers the immediate taste of cilantro, garlicky mayonnaise, sweet barbecue sauce, carrots, onions, cucumber, and lashings of sliced pork, with the occasional heat of a green jalapeño. But above all, it's that crunch of bread — fresh, feathery, and very French — that makes this hard to beat. Add dessert of home-made banana shrimp cake and Vietnamese coffee and — voila! Open daily, breakfast through early dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

**Emerald Chinese Seafood** Restaurant Pacific Gateway Plaza 3709 Convoy Street (at Aero Drive), 1st floor, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6888, Arguably the best Chinese restaurant in the county, here's where local Asians (of all nations) go for both casual family dinners and special feasts of Hong Kong specialties. When you dig in, you'll know why. Menu (trilingual in Chinese, Vietnamese, and English) em-phasizes seafood and gourmet delicacies of the South China coast, plus lunchtime dim sum carts daily. The staff is bilingual and crisply helpful, and the specialties are well worth exploring. Reservations accepted for all meals, including weekend dim sum brunches. Few dishes include MSG: diners can request none in made-to-order dishes. Live fish tanks, full bar, serviceable wine list. Mainly moderate, with moderate splurges like live fish and Peking duck easily balanced by inexpensive downhome dishes (unless you insist on shark fin or bird's nest). Open daily from lunch until midnight or later. -

Via Italia Pizzeria Trattoria 4705-A Clairemont Drive, Clairemont Square, Clairemont, 858-274-9732; also at 565-569 South Coast Highway 101 (between E and D), Encinitas. 760-479-9757. Don't look for spaghetti and meatballs or Alfredo here — the menu features wonderful, authentic

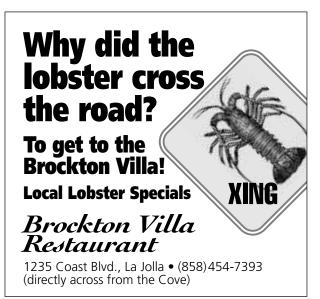
dishes from all over northern Italy (not Naples or Brooklyn). The nightly specials and well-priced Thursday night tasting menus are particularly inspired — they're what Chef Alan Martinelli really feels like cooking. The pizzas (whole pies only) are a must — thin-crusts and dressed with perfect proportions of sauce, cheese, and lovely, simple toppings. The long, helpful Italian wine list includes bottles at every price range. The downside? At the original branch (in the "Food Court" near the Clairemont mall's theaters), the room is noisy, service can be abrasive, and reservations, while recommended, are not always honored timely. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate to slightly expensive. -N.W. (6/02)

#### THE BEACHES

Brazil by the Bay Restaurant and Sports Bar 3770 Hancock Street, Loma Portal, 619-692-1410. It's not by the bay, but the food is definitely by-the-book Brazilian. You know because the first things you see are guaraná, the Amazonian energy drink, and açaï, the Amazonian palm berry energy bowl. If you're not strapped for cash, go for the popular feijoada stew, black beans cooked slowly with "six types of pork and two kinds of beef." If don't have the dough, have what most of Brazil eats every day: the "PF," prato feito ("ready plate"). It's beef, chicken, or fish with rice and Brazilian beans. End with the cheapest dessert, the wicked *brigadeiro*. Come early evening or weekends and you might learn the forro ("fo-ha"), a Brazilian dance, Open seven days; closes early Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

**Chateau Orleans** 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab









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cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — N.W. (2/02)

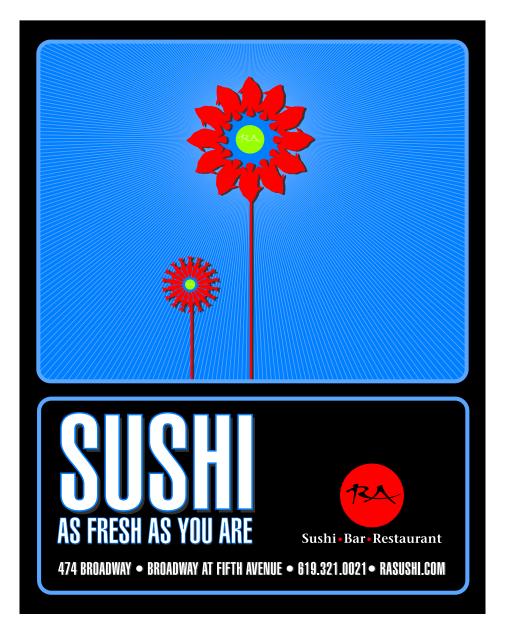
Hanaoka-2 1203 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-274-9755. This is the suave cousin of the Hanaoka family restaurant in National City. The atmos phere is fifties moderne revival, with a Ginza sleekness. It's still reasonably priced if you choose carefully (most sushi is 20 percent off during early-bird hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.). The Philadelphia roll is delicious with its smoked salmon, seaweed, cream cheese, rice, and sesame seeds. But this place is really aimed at yuppies. People order "cabo-wabo" spicy crab with yellowtail, or toro roll (meat from the belly of a tuna), which the chef sears with the sharp blue flame of a blowtorch. Every guest gets a loud traditional welcome from the chefs. And a farewell. Open evenings only. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.B. (1/04)

**Hawaiian Island Barbecue** Pacific Plaza, 1768 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-483-9830. What do folks really eat in Hawaii? What they serve here: plate lunches. Which means two scoops of rice, one scoop of macaroni salad, and then whatever, like garlic shrimp, mahi mahi or fried shrimp, Hawaiian BBO chicken, chicken katsu Hawaiian BBQ beef or short ribs, even hamburger steak. But to go all-out Hawaiian, try the chicken lau lau (chicken and butterfish wrapped in taro leaves), slow-cooked kalua pig (don't call it pork) with cabbage, or *limu poke* (seaweed and raw tuna). Barbecue? Their BBO Mix (Hawaiian BBO beef, chicken, short ribs, with rice or macaroni salad) is a deal. Authentic? Count the Hawaiians around you. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. - E.B. (8/03)

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (Sea-Coast Square), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5050. Think of the movie *The Beach*, with a bunch of Leo DiCaprio look-alikes getting off on the coconut curries like gang ped, panang, and kang kari. Or noodle dishes like the famous pad thai. But they're in the right place: Karinya remains true to its Thai origins. The tom yum kung (hot and sour shrimp soup) is a meal in itself. Steaming away with its fierce little charcoal fire at your table, the hot pot holds plenty of shrimp, and you can taste the essential mushrooms, lemon grass, ginger, lime juice, cilantro, and of course nam pla, Thai fish sauce. A nice counterpart to the hots of the soup are the Fresh Spring Rolls, filled with tofu and vegetables and mint. Another sizzler: pad talay, a sauté pan full of mussels, shrimp, squid, and other seafood in a great spicy sauce. The recipe's from Koh Samed, an island like the one featured in *The Beach*. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B.* (2/03)

The Mission Cafe and Coffee **House** 3795 Mission Boulevard (at San Jose Place), Mission Beach, 858-488-9060. Gourmet and Latino breakfasts served in funky surroundings. Outstanding are cinnamon French toast, blackberry-banana pancakes, and roast beef hash with rosemary potatoes and eggs. Chino-Latino lunch items. All dishes plus fabulous bread, scones, muffins, available for take-out. Open daily 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Inexpensive. — *E.W.* 

**People's Organic Foods Co-op Deli** 4765 Voltaire Street, Ocean Beach, 619-224-1387. This is the land of "organic," "cruelty-free," "environ-mentally safe," "shade-grown." Vegan Country. People look either disgustingly healthy, disturbingly pasty, or just plain smug. But the food tastes pretty good. And they sell it by the pound so you can mix and match. Course, you have to learn new words, like tempeh (cultured soy which can be made to taste like anything). And dishes have a sensible momsy East Coast feel — garlic eggplant with beet root and onions, tempeh loaf, sweet squash and rice, millet spinach bake, shepherd's pie, "mango madness," tempeh sausage, steamed vegetables, vegan macaroni and cheese. Bottom line: it's guilt-free. Open seven days, breakfast, lunch, dinner (but "serious" breakfasts Saturday and Sunday only). Inexpensive. -E.B. (9/03)





# Calendar RESTAURANTS

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lob ster or calamari steak - in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an antojito stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the -made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try - anything (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — N.W. (6/01)

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? Açai (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up açai, the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the açai palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the açai power fruit bowl is what keeps them

coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (1/04)

Society Billiards Cafe 1051 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, 858-272 POOL (7665). Okay, this is a pool joint, but a classy one with sidewalk seating and a decent kitchen. It has the normal appetizers — buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins — but also dishes like chicken taquitos and veggie dip, and good salads like teriyaki chicken with French bread or pita. The French connection continues: Marc, the chef, is French and throws a mean Greek Thai, or New York pizza, or 17 other varieties. His mesquite chicken wrap goes great with one of the many ales And the great thing is, you can come late: the kitchen's open till 1:30 p.m. every night. Lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's latelamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/100)

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has

big windows and a few tables, with Mexican folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart of romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (1/05)

The Surfside 4527 Mission Boule vard (at Garnet Avenue), Pacific Beach, 858-273-2979. In the evenings, it's a "scene" here — for good reason. You'll find fresh sushi, sashimi, and "California coastal cuisine," i.e., fun and flavorful fusion-y tapas, many of them going for half-price during weeknight Happy Hours. You can a tually reserve for the sushi bar (it'll put you at the head of the line), where the chefs are unusually friendly. They shine on simple, pure Japanese sushi, although they make the usual "party rolls," too. Most seafood is of fine quality (except the toro, which seems to have problems). For those preferring a tapas-style sit-down meal, there's a breezy, informal dining room with large windows looking out on the street, plus a small private dining room for parties. Four Japanese beers, 10 sakes available. Reservations urged for large groups. Parking is tight; just one handicapped slot in front lot. In-expensive to low moderate. — N.W. (10/02)

**Sushi Ota** 4529 Mission Bay Drive (at Bunker Hill Street), Pacific Beach, 858-270-5670. What becomes a legend most? At its best, this renowned sushi bar offers fish of exceptional quality, perfect tart-sweet rice, tight wraps, and disciplined creativity. These joys don't come easily. First,

find the place: Driving south from Balboa, look left, and pull into the minimall with the large 7-11 sign (opposite Rubio's). Sit at the sushi bar to snoop on your neighbors' choices, watching for off-menu extravaganzas, e.g., sea snails cooked over flaming sugar or the irresistible "sushi sundae" (unit, toro, mountain potatoes, salmon roe). Don't miss the ama-ebi, with crisp shrimp heads atypically flash-baked (not batter-fried). Cooked dishes are dull except for chawan-mushi (custard broth with gingko nuts). Alas, when Ota-san's away, his elves may play — amateurishly. Best bet: Reserve a bar seat for an early dinner Wednesdays through Saturdays, when the master is most likely to be present. Disabled access chancy; long, crowded waits unless you've reserved. Moderate. — N.W. (11/00)

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished inlaid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but under-whelming despite help from a mangobutter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B.* (1/04)

#### CENTRAL SAN DIEGO

Los Reyes 2496 Broadway (at 25th), Encanto, 619-231-0716. If you've ever craved those fabulous Mexican fish soups that can be such energy restorers, these strip-mall Mexican restaurants have a great one. It's *Caldo 7 Mares* (Seven Seas Soup) and it comes as a big bowl of savory red fish soup clunking with giant crab legs, clams, chunks of white fish, shrimp, the pink and purple suckers of octopus, and vegetables. It's also called Vuelva a la vida: "Return to life." On a hot day, their Cocktail Campechana (shrimp and octopus in a light, spicy tomato broth) will return you to life, too. Four brothers and one sister from Michoacan run the place. A very Michoacan dish is carnitas pork shoulders. Or try their gringo lunch deal of a bacon cheeseburger with fries and a can of soda. The prices make this a tightwad's paradise. Three meals daily, with the Broadway flagship branch open until midnight on weekends; all other branches closing early every evening. (Smaller branches at 47th and Market, 25th and Imperial, and 1270 Picador Boulevard.) Cash only. Inexpensive. — E.B. (5/03)

Phoenicia 3381 Adams Avenue (at 34th Street), Normal Heights, 619-282-4120. To find this tiny restaurant — the longest-running eatery on Adams Avenue — look for a window featuring a cedar tree (the symbol on the Lebanese flag), an American flag, and the word "Phoenicia" written in Arabic and English. The inside is cramped, but they have sidewalk tables, too. Try their baked eggplant stuffed with lamb, pine nuts, onions, and garlic, or the *kafta* kabob, with ground meat, parsley, onions, and pita bread. The real treat is the *kibbeh neyeh*, raw lamb with cracked wheat, onions, and seasonings, but you'll need to call 24

hours ahead to get it. Homemade rose juice and Lebanese coffees are delicious, too. Breakfast through very early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**Saigon** 4455 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights, 619-284-4215 or 619-284-4288. You're in a big glass palace here. It's especially good on Sundays, when three- or four-generation Vietnamese families gather for lunch. Gaggles of waiters hover a glance away, but take your time. The menu has over 250 items on it. Default choice: *pho*, the famous, filling soup-meal of Vietnam where beef cooks in the soup. Another safe bet is stir-fried crispy or soft egg noodle with seafood and assorted vegetables. "33" Vietnamese beer is on hand to make Saigon lovers sentimental. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/01)

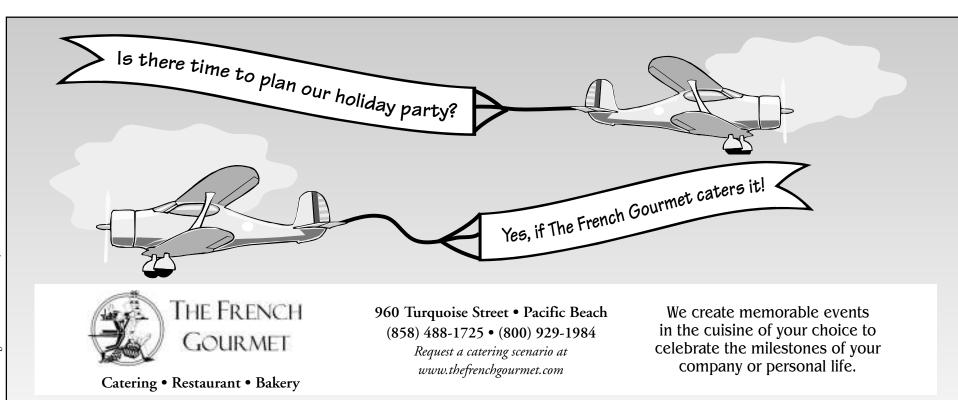
Trieu Chau Restaurant 4653 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-280-4204. This is as near as you'll come to eating breakfast in Phnom Penh or lunch in Vientiane. Cambodians come in the morning to talk politics and play Cambodian chess. At lunch, Laotians replace them. Maps of "Kampuchea" decorate the walls, as well as long-distance telephone ads. The menu includes Chinese, Khmer, and Lao dishes. In the morning, ask for "djak kvai coffay dok ko"—fried bread with Cambodian coffee, the standard French-Khmer breakfast. Later in the day, you might try pan-fried noodles with broccoil and beef or shrimp and gravy ("koitiow bahat sai kho"). If in doubt, ask for Kathy, who speaks Chinese, Khmer, Lao—and English. Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Inexpensive.—

Turf Supper Club 1116 25th Street, Golden Hill, 619-234-6363. At this cozy saloon (a landmark since 1950, "re-established" in 1998), if your meat's done wrong, it's your own fault. Every night's an indoor cook-out, as patrons huddle by the communal fire-pit tending their steaks (a choice of three ritzy cuts, well-marinated in garlic and olive









oil), burgers, chicken breasts, or portobello mushrooms; others choose the veggie kabobs or teriyaki skewers of beef, chicken, or fish. And that's the menu. The only side dish is a simple salad - not even fries. But the meat's a treat, especially the huge, juicy Delmonico rib eye. If you're an utterly hopeless cook, a staffer will mind your meal for you, but you'd miss half the fun. Full bar, no reservations. Open nightly. Inexpensive to barely moderate. — N.W. (4/01)

#### **EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA**

Barnes Bar-B-Que 2625 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-9206. Clayton Davis's sign says it all: "Let Us Bring Tha South to Ya Mouth." You can tell this is the real deal from the two heavy iron doors in the brick wall behind the counter and the big wood fires burning oak inside. This is Memphis-style soul food, mild and mouth watering — and cheap. Expect dollar portions, from smothered chicken or pork, neck bones and cab-bage, to country yams, corn on the cob, and corn bread. Other lip-smacking dishes include chopped beef brisket sandwich, pork ribs or shoulder, beef ribs, red snapper, and hot links or ham - all with two sides and bread. Oh yes, they also serve catfish sandwiches and sweet potato tarts. Or you could just stand outside and smell the smoke. Open daily, lunch and dinner Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

**Jimmy's** 6935 Mission Gorge Road (at Town Center Drive), Santee, 619-448-8994. We're at the end of the line here, the trolley's Orange Line.

Feels like a safari. You walk back through the grass to the streets of Santee. Thank goodness for this familyfriendly restaurant with good, old-fashioned American food. Their six-page plastic menu tells all — forget your diet and dig into the breakfast "Eggs and Cakes" (two eggs, three pancakes), the "Touchdown" (two eggs, two hotcakes, four strips of bacon or three link sausages), or the "Monte Cristo" hot sandwich (ham and turkey grilled on batter-dipped Texas toast with Swiss cheese, hot syrup, and French fries). Later in the day, the New York strip or sirloin steak with all the trimmings, and desserts like homemade cinnamon bread pudding with raisins and whipped cream. Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Lemon Grove Fish-N-Chips 2605 Lemon Grove Avenue, Lemon Grove, 619-462-6212. Snapper, cod, whiting, and catfish seem to go down better here at sunset on the deck looking across the valley to Old Lemon Grove. Even more so the salmon. It's wild, but the prices aren't. Even the plain ol' fish and chips taste fresh, with crispy batter and good malt vinegar. The coleslaw (it's made with raisins) freshens your mouth up for the next round. You get the feeling these guys really care. Plus plenty of the sides you'd expect, like zucchini sticks and hush puppies. Open daily for lunch and dinner; Monday dinner only. In-expensive. — *E.B.* (9/04)

#### **Lucky Star Seafood Restaurant**

3893 54th Street (at University Avenue, in Kmart Shopping Mall), College Area, 619-229-8228. The Cantonese and Mandarin menu runs to 225 dishes, not to mention the dim sum lunches from roving carts bearing goodies. The huge room is perfect for large parties (call ahead to reserve) or

dishes, steamed whole fish, Dungeness crab in special sauce, and frog's legs. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to upper moderate. E.W. (9/99)

Ranas.Com 9683 Campo Road, Suite A, Spring Valley, 619-589-1792. With 33 Mexican restaurants in the area, this Mexico City eatery has got to be good. It's a cheery place with lime green walls and orange accents. Cooking from the capital tends to be less bitingly hot than some northern food, with unexpected taste combos, like *pollo en salsa de cac-ahuate* (an almost Thai-tasting chicken in peanut sauce which comes with rice, beans, and tortilla). Or try the delicious pelangoches, a mess of bacon, pork, pineapple, mushrooms, bell peppers, onions, and cheese. Aztec *huarache* (cactus with potato, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, and salsa) is also easy to love. Open daily; closes early on Sunday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

**Sunny Garden Cuisine of China** 5500 Grossmont Center Drive (next to Target), La Mesa, 619-464-2288. Decent Chinese food, in East County, in a mall? Yes. Fans of fried goodness will of course swoon over tempura shrimp — panko-crusted, huge and tender — but they might also start with the smoked chicken: smoky meat swaddled in an orangey fried coat, served atop a deeply munchable bed of saltysour fried mustard greens. The menu is typically broad. Chicken, shrimp, beef and pork are all given the *mu-shu* treatment — mixed with bamboo shoots, bean sprouts, and thin, chewy mush-rooms and wrapped tableside (if you like) in papery pancakes. Yu-hsiang (with shrimp, beef, or pork) includes vegetables that are flavorful (not afterthoughts) in a refreshingly nonsweet vinegar sauce. Specialties include Peking duck and fried noodle nests



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Valley House Restaurant 10767 Woodside Avenue (at Magnolia), Santee, 619-562-7878. This is for Cornbelt folks, plus wannabes who enjoy plainspeaking, plenty-of-it Iowan food. Take the morning special, "Iowa Breakfast": breaded pork tenderloin, two eggs, and hash browns, fries, or grits, plus a choice of biscuits, muffins, or toast it's delicious. Lunch or dinnertime you can't go wrong ordering the signature "Iowa Porker" hot sandwich (breaded pork tenderloin in a bun with soup, potato salad, or steak fries) or the "Iowa Beefers" (seasoned ground beef simmered in chicken broth, piled into a burger bun). Open three meals, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (8/01)

#### **FAR EAST**

Dulzura Cafe 16985 Highway 94 at Dulzura, 619-468-9591. Think *Grapes* of Wrath, Okies, the 1930s, Dulzura Café is the real thing, serving big, hot meals to weary westerners since 1910. The walls are cluttered with license plates, pots, brass cream-separators, corn-shuckers, horse collars, railroad lanterns, ancient egg-beaters, six-foot snake skins, deer antlers, and a seedy stuffed bobcat head. The food's for filling. Big, juicy hamburgers with lanky home-cut fries, thick slices of meat loaf, or if you arrive early, steak and eggs or a hefty Denver omelet. This is frontier food before slim spelled "success." Breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday, three meals on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (11/00)

**La Posta** 32337 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, 619-478-5600. Is the Wild West dead? Not out here. Swagger in past the rocking chairs on the wooden porch, by the "NRA meets here, every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m." sign, past bows and arrows, dream catchers, lariats, and brass spittoons, and swing into a chair. Now think vintage American food. Hefty anytime-breakfasts include two eggs, hash browns, biscuits, and coffee or eggs with chicken-fried steak or a bulging veggie omelet. Their sour-dough cheeseburger with fries or potato salad is big, or delve into a bowl f chili. Folks hereabouts talk about that chili in low, reverent voices. For

dinner, the rib eye steak or pork chops is good enough to make city folks swoon. Three meals daily. Inexpensive — E.B. (8/03)

Potrero's Cafe 25125 Highway 94, Potrero, 619-478-2697. Watch for the three great old Live Oak trees. This café sits under them and looks straight out of a 1930s Western movie. Lot of good old boys in ten-gallon hats gather here. The menu's non-PC. It features ribsticking food from biscuits and gravy to a mountain of hot cakes, or the famous mushroom-and-onions hamburger with baked beans. Open for breakfast and lunch; closed Monday. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

#### **UPTOWN & OLD TOWN**

Adams Avenue Grill 2201 Adams 619-298-8440. The frequently changing menu tries to embrace several disparate styles, and can't quite get its arms around any of them. The dishes are often ambitious; a few soar, but many falter due to flaws in conception. execution, or both. Largely ho-hum wine list needs selections with enough sweetness to stand up to items featuring Asian spice - where are the Rieslings? Still, the place seems full of happiness and friendliness: yellow and orange walls, plenty of smiles amid the bustle. Soups receive lavish attention, and sometimes live up to their billing — the blood orange and roasted butternut squash soup is delicious, dark and complex. The generous, marvelous lavender-infused crème brûlée makes this a dessert destination - pause to sniff a spoonful before slipping it between your lips. Inexpensive to moderate. — A.M. (4/01)

**Blue Water Seafood Market and Grill** 3667 India Street (at Chalmers), middletown, 619-497-0914. This bright, clean charmer a half-block south of El Indio (look for dentist's sign) has a double identity: First, it's a retail fish market; aside from Whole Foods, this is the only restaurant-quality fresh raw seafood south of I-8 and west of City Heights. If you love oysters, don't miss the big, buttery bivalves here. Second, it serves simple, terrific seafood to eat in or out. Plates are plastic, but don't look for greasy fried stuff. Entrées are grilled

gently until perfectly done, topped with your pick of flavors (the lemon-garlic butter is especially tasty) and come with rice and a huge salad with your choice of terrific house-made dressings. If in-decisive, ask what's best that day. The overstuffed grilled fish tacos are messy and perfect, with just the right proportions of ingredients. Reachable only by driving north on India. Metered street parking by day; can use dentist's lot if not chained off at night and on weekends. Good choice of beers, a few affordable wines, no corkage for BYOW. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to low moderate. — N.W. (4/05)

**Bombay Exotic Cuisine Of India** 3975 Fifth Avenue (between University and Washington), Hillcrest, 619-298-3155. We're talking northern India here, right? That means lots of lamb, potatoes, creamy sauces, tandoor-baked breads, chicken, and less of the south's mouth-scalding heat. At least in its daily buffet, Bombay's a lot less spicy, (though their *sag paneer* — creamy, cheesy spinach — delivered a surprising punch). The buffet includes tandoori chicken, assorted *pakoras* (lentil-batter fritters), mock duck, chicken tikka, and, if you hit the right day, an addictive mango soup. If you want meat or spicy food, best to order from the menu - say, a creamy tikka masala with lamb, or long kebabs of minced lamb (kebab curry), or the rich Bombay Coconut Malai. Tell them whether you want it mild, spicy or, for leather-mouths, tikhi. For a cheap, light meal, try a couple of lamb samosas. And be sure they bring the chutneys, India's real unexplored treasure. Lunch and dinner; buffet at lunch and Monday evenings only. Sister restaurant, Monsoon, 729 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp

Bread and Cie 350 University Avenue (at Fourth), Hillcrest, 619-683-9322. At least twenty breads emerge daily from this bakery's 10,000pound French stone hearth oven, Most are dense, crusty, and delicious French or Italian peasant breads, including the outstanding anise-fig and black olive loaves that are served in many top local restaurants. Scones, brownies, muffins, banana bread, and cookies are the sweet side of the house. Focaccia pizza and sandwiches (many with thick-sliced bread and rather thin fillings) are available to take out or eat on the spot — inside the café or on the

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Cafe on Park 3831 Park Boulevard (at University), Hillcrest, 619-293-7275. Okay, it's trendy, from the rusty spoon-and-fork sign at the door to the PC industrial interior (concrete walls, exposed plumbing). But don't expect PC food. The plates are huge and overflowing with fodder. Breakfast scrambles are popular with add-ons such as smoked salmon, artichoke hearts, or brie cheese. Health nuts choose the Park Porridge stuffed with apples, raisins, and honey. But the prize may be the dish that Placerville, California, miners ordered when they came down from the mountains with pockets full of gold: the Hangtown Fry - luscious marinated sautéed oysters scrambled in eggs. Lunch has deals too: the roasted eggplant is cheap and good. Three meals weekdays, only breakfast and lunch (and a line at the door) on weekends. — E.B. (10/01)

Cafe Pacifica 2414 San Diego Avenue (next to Old Town graveyard), Old Town, 619-291-6666. The fare here is mainly very fresh seafood, either fu-sioned up and somewhat chancy, or grilled simply and reliably excellent. Among the highlights are a cleanlimned clam chowder, some amusing yellowfin-stuffed wontons, crab-stuffed portobello mushrooms, and luscious mustard-crusted Oregon catfish. On the downside, Mexican pink abalone are tiny, over-breaded, and overpriced. Several good grilled meats are available for fish-scorners. Optional valet parking \$4. Wheelchair lot and ramp behind restaurant (ask valet to direct you). Often very noisy. Serious, rather steep California wine list; full bar. Daily, dinner only. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W.* (10/02)

The Grill 420-E Robinson Avenue, Hillcrest (near Fouth, opposite Crest Café), 619-683-7725. You get no clue from the name that this tiny place is Armenian and comes with a live mesquite fire to cook everything from corn on the cob to afi (ground beef with onions, tomato, parsley, and garlic). Shrimp, mahi, salmon, filet mignon, and chicken are served up on beds of rice, in wraps, or on salads, along with "Mediterranean" standards like hummus, baba ghanoush, and tabbouleh. Don't leave without trying the delicious corn, cooked directly on the embers.

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Jack and Giulio's Italian Restaurant 2391 San Diego Avenue (at Arista), Old Town, 619-294-2074. After more than four decades in business. this father (Giulio) and son (Jack) operation manages to stay fresh. The antipasto salad with its thin-cut prosciutto and salami will get your juices flowing, or try the mango salad, with fresh mango, raisins, and sweet onions. All the traditional Italian entrées like veal parmigiana and fettuccine Alfredo are there, but go for the house specialties like Spaghetti New Orleans with shrimp, crawfish, and crab meat, or the expensive scampi dishes. Broke? Get a simple Angel Hair Mediterraneo or rigatoni with meat sauce to enjoy out on the patio. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Moderate. -E.B. (5/04)

Khyber Pass 523 University Avenue (at Fifth Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-294-7579. The room's very modern, but Afghan cuisine is full of history, carrying echoes of both Persian

and Indian foods, with even a hint of Greek (Alexander the Great conquered the region). Dinners feature kebabs, tandooris, curries, and some unique regional specialties. Flavors are exotic but oddly comfortable to the cosmopolitan palate. Among the don't-miss items are the outstanding *aushak* (spring onion ravioli) and *mantu* (ground-meat ravioli) — both with lively yogurt sauces — and zamordd chalow, a spicy lamb-and-spinach stew. Save room for the sexy desserts. Can be noisy inside: small sidewalk patio. Private dining room upstairs bookable for parties. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (9/02)

Ono Sushi and Pacific Spice 1236 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-298-0616. If you are searching for huge portions, fresh tasty food and reasonable prices, don't overlook this colorful Japanese/Pacific Rim café, Excellent specialty rolls, entrées, appetizers. Very crowded weekends; lively young crowd. Dinners nightly; open for lunch Saturday and Sunday. Inexpensive to moderate. — E.W. (11/98)

Parallel 33 741 W. Washington Street (at Hawk), Mission Hills, 619-260-0033. Southern China, Pakistan, Algeria, Morocco, et cetera — are all on the 33rd parallel. This ethno-blend restaurant in Mission Hills is a hit for shrewd, thoughtful creativity. It's not just "fusion food." Try the suberb mango and ahi appetizer. Entrées like grilled salmon atop lobster tabbouleh or sea bass sauced with sake lees show that chef Amiko Gubbins, of Café Japengo fame, knows what she's doing. Dinner Monday through Saturday. Moderate to expensive. M.N. (10/99)

Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant 2302 El Cajon Boul (northeast corner of Louisiana), University Heights, 619-297-4007. Pomegranate's address is serendipitous, since the food of Deep-South Georgia is the Louisiana cuisine of the Slavic world — alive with fresh herbs, garlic, touches of hot pepper. This rustic-looking restaurant is animated with antic humor (check the multilingual graffiti on the walls) and offers unique, flavor-bomb dishes. Don't miss the

world-beating beefy, herb-jungle borscht (beet soup, but it's way more than that), the Lobio bean dip, and Olivier salad. The chef slow-smokes his moist barbecued beef and pork and cold-smokes whole trout, a treat as a group appetizer or summer entrée. On weekends, there's sublimely smoky shashlik (a.k.a. shish kebab). The printed menu is only a hint as to what's really cooking, and regular patrons get the best off-menu choices. So become a regular. Street parking is dire. Reservations advised for weekend dinners. Brunch weekends featuring blini (Russian crêpes). Dinner nightly, service until 11 p.m. on weekends. Moderate. -N.W. (1/04)

Rice Jones 3687 Fifth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1887. It's probably no coincidence that Anglo-Asian families seem to come here. Rice Jones's owner Anh Long had two good ideas; one, to provide rice with just about everything (usually sautéed with mushrooms and herbs, so customers can fill up without busting the bank), and two, to bridge the taste gap between Vietnam and California. She offers lemongrass chicken next to California bruschetta (sautéed mushrooms and tomatoes on toast). Or a turkey burger next to a Viet-namese grilled eggplant. Most exotic: "shrimp wrap," a shrimp patty wrapped around a sugarcane stick with rice noodles. It's a cliché, but they treat you like family here, no matter which side of the pond you come from. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (5/03)

Terra 3900 Vermont Street, Uptown

Shopping Center, Hillcrest, 619-293-7088. Co-owner Jeff Rossman, formerly in charge of the front of the house, has moved into the kitchen to serve as chef at this comfortable neighborhood spot, serving venturesome, if uneven, tropical-influenced American cooking. You can settle in a spacious southwest-tinged dining room or people-watch from a sheltered outdoor patio (with smoking permitted). Generously sized tapas can serve as appetizers or as a sustaining bite before venturing into Trader Joe's across the

street. The dinner menu changes seasonally, featuring barbecue items during the summer, comforting fare in colder weather, and special dinners on all major holidays. Good wine list with several flights available, full bar with tropical cocktails (Pisco Sours, Caipirinhas, et al.). Reservations advised, especially for weekends, holidays and special events (e.g., Sunday "blues and barbecue" during the summer). Open daily for lunch or brunch, snacks, dinner. Moderate. — N.W. (6/01)

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Cabo Cafe & Grill 808 West Cedar (near Pacific Coast Highway), Little Italy, 619-595-1618. This miracle restaurant is run by homeless kids from the Monarch School Project next door, with a little help (okay, a lot) from Ru-bio's and its founder Ralph. He helped raise a million dollars to get the school and the restaurant running. Think Starbucks meets Taco Bell (oops, sorry Ralph). The place is like its kid-staff smart, cheery (they painted all the seals and porpoise murals), with a great fountain-gurgling patio outside. Try the grilled burrito (grilled chicken or steak with guacamole, roasted salsa, sour cream, black beans, Mexican rice, and melted Jack cheese in a warm tortilla) or, as a great filler, the Cabo Mae stro Bowl, with marinated grilled chicken or steak in a bowl with black beans, Mexican rice, cheeses, guacamole, and shredded cabbage. And yes, they do make the Rubio fish taco. Daily specials. Open weekdays, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. -E.B. (5/02)

Candelas 416 Third Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-4455. Don't look for tacos here — Chef Eduardo Baeza specializes in *alta cocina*, a luxurious, inventive combination of traditional

Mexican fare and French techniques. In a handsome Spanish-style dining room (romantic but rather noisy) with gracious service, the menu emphasizes seafood, including a signature dish of luscious stuffed Maine lobster. Plenty for meat lovers, too, with fine Black Angus cuts inventively garnished. But the menu and ingredients have been somewhat compromised over the years to accommodate the "Dude, where's my taco?" conventioneers. The choices are more Dude-friendly - that is, less venturesome than they might be, and execution can be uneven. In the lounge at 10 p.m. on weekends, the music cranks up and the scene goes disco (with a cover charge for nondiners; IDs checked). Reservations advised, required on weekends; slightly dressy. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly until 11 p.m. Interesting but expensive wine list; food expensive or higher. -N.W. (1/04)

Chive 558 Fourth Avenue (near Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-4483. The old Chive was wonderful enough, but now, with chef Fabrice Poigin (most recently of Bertrand at Mr. A's) taking charge of the kitchen, it features a new cuisine for the upscale residential neighborhood rising around it. Diners can choose an adventure-meal or an evening of sophisticated comfort food. Urbane multicultural fusion dishes dance cheek to cheek with remade American classics and the occasional sleek French luxury dish. A new "graz-ing menu" features small bites for folks on a diet or on the run. The menu changes seasonally, but you can trust the kitchen any time of year. Very noisy. Full bar. Dinner nightly, until 11:30 p.m. weekends. Full meals expensive; "grazing" can be moderate. - N.W. (10/04)

Edgewater Grill 861 W. Harbor Drive, Seaport Village, 619-232-7581. An easy walk from the Convention Center, the dining room is spacious and handsome, and the view from the crowded dining terrace is optimal (the

bay, the Coronado Bridge, a park, etc.). The menu, though, is convention-centered - like a Howard Johnson's for the 21st century. The fare features middle-of-the-road faux-fusion salads, seafood, grilled steaks, pastas (most with shellfish), and individual pizzas, plus daily fin-fish dishes listed on a card in a plastic holder on the table. The lighter dishes are the most successful this is not a bad place to "graze" on appetizers and a mini-pizza when you're starved for a view. Difficult wheelchair access to terrace. Open daily, breakfast through dinner. Entrées high moderate to very expensive. — *N.W.* (8/01)

Fat City Steakhouse 2137 Pacific Highway (at Hawthorn), Little Italy, 619-232-9303. In the Deco "pink alace" at the edge of downtown, the USDA Choice steaks (and one velvety Prime cut) are cooked over mesquite charcoal, which lends them a deliciously smoky campfire flavor. Don't like beef? You can choose nicely grilled chicken, pork, or salmon, or two vegan pastas (the puttanesca is better than the marinara), or scampi. The appetizer list is mainly trite pub-grub, but the fry-cook does a great job with calamari. And in fair weather, the lush garden dining patio is a little piece of Eden. Full bar, rather basic wine list. Casual ambience, above-average wheelchair access from large, free parking lot. Dinner nightly, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (12/02)

The Honey Bee Hive Bar and Grill 1065 14th Street (at C), East Village, 619-702-6010. Seems like half the students and staff of City College are popping across the road to this cellar-dive. Why the bee theme? A hive of real bees once lived in here. Try the Bee Keeper burger (a half-pound cheeseburger), the King Bee honey-lemon grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, the Queen Bee, a Cajun honey-grilled chicken sandwich or wrap, and the Drone Chicken or Bee Sting (spicy Ca-jun grilled mahi mahi). Also loved by the more affluent college staff: Big

Daddy's 12-ounce steak with baked potato and salad. Open weekdays for lunch and dinner: Saturday and Sunday dinner only. Bar closes at 2 a.m. Inexpensive. — E.B. (9/04)

Las Cuatro Milpas 1857 Logan Avenue, Barrio Logan, 619-234-4460. This isn't a restaurant, it's a legend. The same Estudillo family has been serving old-fashioned Mexican food here for three generations — seventy years. Rice, beans, pork tacos (they don't serve beef), pork tamales, chorizo with eggs — that's about it. So how come they have lines outside every day? Blame a potent mixture of sentiment and the lard they refuse to abandon. Folks say that lard flavor is the real Mexico. Also famous: their Saturday nenudo. Warning: go easy with their deep wine-colored hot sauce. It's room-rocker strength. The name? From a famous mariachi song, "The Four Cornfields." Open morning to mid-afternoon, Monday to Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (8/03)

Pete's Quality Meats 1742-1/2 India Street, Little Italy, 619-234-1684. Pete's Meats was just a butcher's shop until Pete's daughter and sister-in-law got the idea to set up a grill there. Now aficionados line up for Sicilian specialties like Italian-sausage sandwiches, steak sandwiches, and especially spi*tini* — veal rolled around two cheeses, onions, tomatoes, pine nuts, currants, parsley, prosciutto, and breadcrumbs. Pete stuffs all of that into a hot bun with marinara sauce, sautéed peppers, and onions as packing. Nuff said? Inexpensive. — E.B. (11/00)

Rama 327 Fourth Avenue (near K Street), Gaslamp, 619-501-8424. This large, handsome restaurant is the younger brother of Celadon in Hillcrest. It's named for the king of Thailand and offers Thai cuisine fit for royalty, made with top ingredients (including Chino Farms produce). The menu includes all the popular favorites but adds authentic dishes rarely found locally, such as chicken and squid with flat noodles and caramelized palm sugar, and a wicked Thai version of Chinese twice-cooked pork, a fat-fest made with unsmoked bacon. Soups and curries are based on freshly made coconut cream of swoony richness. The extensive wine list, unusual in this genre, offers affordable, food-friendly choices plus an interesting reserve list. Full bar. Lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner nightly. Moderate. – N.W. (10/04) Rei Do Gado Churrascuria 939

Fourth Avenue (between E and Broadway), Gaslamp, 619-702-8464. The meats just keep on coming at a Brazilian rodizio: skewer after skewer of churrasco (Brazilian barbecue), a near-end less procession of rotisserie-grilled meats and poultry. At each table there's a wooden cone with one end red and the other end green. Turn the green side up to start the servers parading to your table, offering you tastes cut from long spits of salty, simply seasoned pork, poultry, ribs, sausages, and numerous cuts of beef. Turn the cone red side up to take a break from the protein parade. The gargantuan spread in-cludes a buffet in the front of the restaurant with a changeable array of alluring side dishes, salads, fruit, and such intriguing hot entrées as Brazilian oxtail stew or seafood in coconut milk, with exotic but oddly comfortable flavors. There's always a potful of feijoada, the national dish — slowooked, meaty black beans (in a some what bland version, which you can liven up with a splash of hot sauce). No matter how often you eat here, you'll never have the same meal twice. Reservations advisable for weekends. Full bar (have a *Caipirinha*). No doggie-bags. Lunch and dinner daily. Moderate (considering the food amount); prices higher on weekends. — N.W. (10/02)

Sevilla 555 Fourth Avenue (at Market Street), Gaslamp, 619-233-5979. (Also in Carlsbad.) This site has three faces: a crowded but civilized tapas bar for spontaneous snacking, a romantic dining room with serious Spanish entrées, and a basement nightclub dishing out assembly-line paella. The best food is upstairs. You can get tapas in the restaurant and entrées at the bar, and in either case the choices are varied, interesting, and highly cosmopolitan, executed with wonderful consistency. Be sure to look for something that includes potatoes; the humble spud gets Cinderella treatment here. No reservations (or wheelchairs) at tapas bar; reservations strongly recommended for dining room. Moderate. - N.W. (2/01)

The Westgate Gourmet Delicatessen Third Avenue, between Broadway and C Street, downtown, 619-557-3698. This is where you take our respectable Aunt Martha for lunch. The place reeks of gentility.

Green carpets, white linen cloths, fresh flowers, chandeliers, giant potted palms. It's part of the Westgate hotel, and looks like a grocery for the rich who just can't live without specialty olive oils and expensive wines. But prices for sandwiches, light breakfasts, and lunches are down there with the best Market Street liquor-deli. The Hawaiian chicken salad (with walnuts, pineapple, chutney, fresh seasonal fruits, and non-fat mayo) is filling and healthy. But the best deal is the soup and half-sandwich combo, especially the Friday cioppino: a tomato-based soup filled with fish such as sea bass, shrimp, shark, lobster, and scallops. Open Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. -

Wildside Cafe & Rebel Juice Bar 1048 Seventh Avenue (at C Street), downtown, 619-696-1466. Now here's a place that actually makes healthy food seem cool. Partly it's the names: "lu-natic lentil soup," sandwiches like "turkey tantrum" (roast turkey with salsa), "tuna scandal" (tuna mushed with egg whites and no-fat mayo), or our two favorites: "veggies on a bike" (cucumbers, spinach leaf, tomatoes, red onion) and "bagel without a cause" (bagel, cream cheese, fresh fruit). Actually, all come with fresh fruit. And do like the local lofties: take your daily shot of fresh-squeezed wheat grass juice with a chaser of strawberries or pineapple chunks. Open Monday through Fri-day, breakfast to late lunch; Saturday breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. E.B. (9/01)

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Cilantro Live! 315-1/2 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, 619-827-7401. Look in Cristina Guzmán's kitchen: no ovens, no burners. Only warmers. Her theory? Never heat food above 112 degrees or the enzymes will die. Enzymes? They're life. They give you energy and do your digestion for you. What's amazing is how much real-looking and -tasting food she can create with raw nuts and twigs. And fruit. And especially seeds. She creates "tuna" wraps (using sunflower-pumpkin seed pâté), burgers (using flax seeds), "meat" loaf (using walnuts) — all pretty credible and ed-

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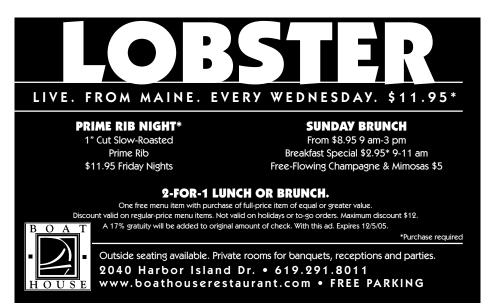
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ible. For dessert, the spice cake (dates, figs, nuts, papaya) works well. Drinks? The margaritas (green apple with ginger, lime, and cinnamon) have to be good: Ms. Guzmán comes from Mex-ico City. Open for lunch and dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (1/04)

Coronado Boathouse 1887 1701 Strand Way, Coronado, 619-435-0155. For a relaxing good time with lovely views and tasty food to match, put on your aloha shirt and head over the bridge. The old Coronado Boathouse boasts a handsome, historic structure with architecture mirroring the nearby Hotel Del, plus enthusiastic servers, ter rific water views, and satisfying mainstream American cooking. The herbed artichoke appetizer is wonderful, as is the very fresh macadamia-crusted halibut sauced with coconut milk. The juicy roast beef here is USDA Prime (translates to "melt in your mouth") and even the desserts offer some old favorites cooked with classy ingredients and imaginative twists. A perfect place to entertain your in-laws or hold your birthday dinner. Full bar. Dinner seven days (weekends until 1 a.m.), moderate to expensive. — N.W. (10/04)

Da Kine's Plate Lunches 1635 Sweetwater Road (at Prospect), National City, 619-477-8494. Also at 4120

Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach 858-274-8494. You go here for your Pacific Island fix — hundreds of Hawaiians do, every day. You'll find Hawaiian license plates and surfboards on the walls, "Aloha Maid" Guava Nectar, and island food. Although the kalua pig here isn't cooked in an imu hole in the ground — it sure tastes like the real thing and comes with cabbage, rice, macaroni salad, and kimchee, But beware of the *haupia* cake — it may cause serious addiction. Lunch and early dinner Tuesday through Sunday; open Mondays in summer only. Inexpensive. — *E.B.* (10/00)

Filipino Desserts Plus 2220-O East Plaza Boulevard, National City, 619-479-6748; also at 8955-F Mira Mesa Boulevard (inside Seafood City), Mira Mesa, 858-271-5754. Filipinos often mix sweet and savory, so it's no surprise that this desserts place has regular dishes too, including *adobo* pork, *pancit*, and *lumpia*. But the pride of the place is the desserts, from the ube halea (purple yam custard) and maja blanca (coconut-corn combo) to the *sapin* sapin (multicolored layer cake) and fried sweet saba banana on a skewer. But watch it if someone offers you "chocolate milk" — it's slang for pig's blood. Open six days, breakfast

through early dinner; closes early on Sundays. — E.B. (9/04) Island Wok 922 Orange Avenue,

Coronado, 619-435-6835. This tiny indoor-outdoor-takeaway café is a standby with locals, especially the high school crowd. It serves good Viet-namese-Chinese food, and plenty of it. The owner, Xuan, makes scrumptious fresh (not fried) Vietnamese spring rolls wrapped in rice paper with shrimp, pork, or chicken and vegeta-bles in the middle. But most customers go for the steam-table combination plates. You always get chow mein, fried or steamed rice, and a fried spring roll to start off, and then you can add entrées like orange chicken, kung pao chicken, or sweet-and-sour pork. Open daily. Inexpensive. — E.B. (12/01)

Moonlight on the Sea/Club 13 640 Civic Center Drive (under I-5 at Harbor Drive), National City, 619-477-2851. Is this what sailors dream of when they're at sea? The litthe blue under-the-freeway shack has been serving up cervezas, BBQ, and burgers to sailors and shipbuilders since 1934, most of the time as "Club 13." Traditionally, Hell's Angels visited it on their north-south tour of California's oldest bars. In 1993, Linda, the latest owner, added the romantic

"Moonlight On The Sea" moniker. She prepares and hand-rolls her own lumpia, and it shows. It has a nice fresh veggie, marinated-meat taste. And of course the grilled cheese sandwiches, wings, cheeseburgers, and dinnertime doubleburgers fit right into this won-derful throwback bar. Lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive. — E.B. (10/02)

Peohe's The Landing, 1201 First Street, Coronado, 619-437-4474. This gorgeous, view-endowed restaurant offers upscale. Hawaiian-inspired fish and gargantuan steaks in a plush tropical-style setting with indoor waterfalls and three separate patios. Given the visual splendor, much of the food is better than it needs to be, featuring topquality seafood prepared with care, e.g., halibut in a lush, sassy Frangelicotouched macadamia beurre blanc. A chocolate shell filled with macadamia nut ice cream may be worth the calories, too. Full bar. Reservations advised. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Expensive. — N.W. (3/01)

Swaddee Thai 1001 C Avenue (10th Street), Coronado, 619-435-8110. Tourists never stray to Swadee's quiet residential location a block from the bright lights of Orange Avenue. Their loss is the locals' gain. The dining room is a quiet, lovely haven from the hustle; the service is caring and gracious. Even if the long list of Siamese specialties is merely standard, the kitchen, too, is devoted to the art of gently giving pleasure. The peanut sauce accompanying the *saté*, for instance, is classically balanced; the complex but soothing coconut-chicken soup can wash away all cares; and the calamari in the many seafood arrays is cleverly knife-scored to achieve sheer tenderness along with good looks. Even the jasmine rice is an exceptionally fragrant brand. Unless you specify otherwise, spicy dishes have a nice nip tuned to brave but tender farang tastebuds. Inexpensive to moderate. — N.W. (9/00)

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Cien Anos Calle José Maria Velazco #1407, Zona Río, Tijuana, 634-3039 or 634-7262. This lovely, comfortable, dressy-casual "destination restaurant" serves extraordinary Mexican haute cuisine, graced with a brilliant variety

of sauces based on elaborations of Mexican ingredients, including tropical fruits, nuts, and above all a vast variety of chile peppers, each with its own distinctive flavor (not all of them spicy). You could eat here a dozen times and not begin to exhaust the possibilities. Just a few of the treats are mushrooms steeped in beef marrow, alligator meat mini-tacos, pozole with crab meat, and an irresistible beef and shrimp stew. (Food critic Ruth Reichl consumed a meal of exotic Aztec delicacies, including ant roe and mezcal worms, and you can try them too when they're in season.) The wine list is devoted wholly to ambitious Baja wineries; vou're also welcome to BYO. Bar choices include damiana and hibiscus liqueurs. Menu and staff are bilingual. Reservations strongly advised; ask for directions.

La Costa Calle Galeana #8131 (Seventh Street between Revolución and Constitución), Tijuana, 685-8494 or 685-3124. Even after four decades, fisherman-singer Adrián Pedrín Aramburo's seafood place looks fresh, with its blue-and-white floor tiles, polished brass portholes, and varnish. Some seafood combos can be costly, but most fish and oyster dishes are reasonable. Everybody seems to go for fileted sea bass — the baked "Catalina" with

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**La Fonda** Baja Highway 1, Km. 59 (Alisios exit from toll-road, about halfway between Rosarito and Ense-nada), 661-628-7352. It's hard to imagine a better start to the day, in any sweeter ambiance, than at La Fonda ("The Inn"), which offers Mexican and American breakfast dishes and a lavish Sunday brunch buffet with both Arrive early for patio seating under a straw umbrella with a full-out ocean view. The bilingual menu is written on chalkboards and dinner choices change nightly, featuring American and Mexican seafood entrées and deluxe meats aged in-house. Most staffers speak some English. Full bar, including Baja-grown wines. Open daily, three meals, starting

about 9 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate; cash only. — *N.W.* (4/03) Malecon de Puerto Nuevo North

west edge of Puerto Nuevo; take Calle Entrada (entry road) to the ocean-front bluff, edge right, and walk about 30 feet down a steep dirt road running seaward from the street-market on the oceanside edge of town. Look for a yellow building with blue trim and a terrace with umbrellas. Worth looking for. This great, honest little restaurant harks back to the original, uncommercialized "lobster village" before it got its capital letters and written menus. Open since August, 2002, it's owned by an active fisherman, who serves (as much as weather permits) fresh-caught local lobsters and genuine "daily catch" with standard sides — superb frijoles, red rice, real melted butter — and that's all. The first-course ceviche, when available, is astonishingly flavorful with fish caught that very morning; in harsher weather, a hearty, warming fish chowder substitutes. Breaking from Puerto Nuevo tradition, when the lobster is fresh caught it's simply split and grilled, not lard-fried first, and all the better for it. Some staffers are bilingual. Open brunch through dinner. No reservations, cash only. Low moderate. – N.W. (11/02)

Manzanilla Riveroll 122 (off Lopez Mateo), Ensenada, Baja Mexico, 646-175-7073. At this art-filled, very "Euro" bistro, a pair of gifted, classically trained chef-owners are pioneering

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She has a wealth of facial expression with which to compensate for the flatness of the dialogue.

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elationship things.... In *The Squid and the Whale*, it's parents and children, husband and wife, brother and brother, in the main, but supplementarily wife and lover, male professor and female

student, older boy and new girlfriend, among others. The uncommon specificity as to time and place and cultural

milieu - 1986, Brooklyn, the bourgeois intelligentsia — is to some extent a limiting factor but more so an animating factor. These people live and breathe. (Or, in view of the time, lived and breathed.) The parents, the husband and wife, are respectively a has-been "serious" novelist, now a musty academic, and a soon-to-be first novelist, presently excerpted in The New Yorker, and to make matters worse the wife's wing-spreading encompasses an occasional affair. When the couple try a joint-custody separation, with the parsimonious man of the house moving out to "elegant" new digs of patched walls and shabby furnishings and a general air of dilapidation, the older boy sides with his aggrieved father, whom he

lionizes without ever having read any of his books ("Best Wishes," the author inscribes over his autograph on the flyleaf of one of them, and in parentheses, "Dad"), and from whom he takes all of his own opinions ("It's minor Dick-

ens," at the breakfast table, is sufficient to save him the bother of actually reading *A Tale* of *Two Cities* for class),

while the younger boy, barely into puberty, sides with his mother (despite declaring her "ugly" to her flabbergasted face), taking as his male role model his laid-back tennis coach ("Hey, my brother!"), and taking from his father only his proclivity for cussing under pressure ("Suck my dick, assman," after losing to his dog-eat-dog dad at ping-pong).

Although well played by the sagely bearded Jeff Daniels, with his outer show of cultivation and his undertow of savagery, the character of the father is seen as a bit of a caricature, a slightly grotesque automaton of pat phrases ("[Elmore] Leonard is the fillet of the crime genre," and yet, "It's not serious"), stock kudos ("dense," "risky"),

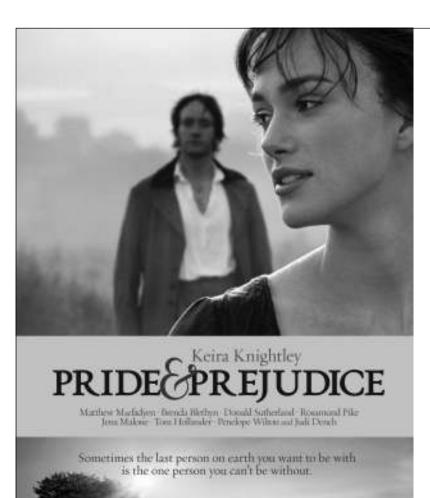


Prime

vented frustration and hostility. And although likewise well played by the cosmetic-free Laura Linney, the mother is seen more distantly, less distinctly. But the characters of the children are unqualified successes, especially the older one, whose age, by no mere coincidence, closely matches that of writer-director Noah Baumbach at

that same period. The hunched shoulders, the sniffy nose, the sleepy eyes, the shrugging speech of Jesse Eisenberg capture perfectly the role-playing pretentiousness of the young, and the damning details of intellectual laziness all throughout the script complete the portrait. Having touted Kafka's *Metamorphosis* as a masterpiece to his

potential girlfriend, without of course having read it himself, he is unable to come up with much discussion ("It's very Kafka-esque") after she takes his recommendation. He is no less at sea when he attempts to show off his powers of discrimination on the personal level: "I wish," he tells the girl in dead earnest, "you didn't have so many



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freckles on your face." And his rationale for plagiarism, when caught at a school talent show passing off a Pink Floyd number as his own composition, is a classic: "I felt like I could have written it." The younger brother, played under a cloud of moroseness (with passing squalls) by Owen Kline, registers as a total original (not least in his highly original uses for his sudden production of semen), a self-proclaimed philistine, after careful consideration of Dad's disdainful definition ("Someone who doesn't care about books or interesting films"), and no less pretentious, in his inverted snobbery and militant profanity, than his faux-cultured older brother. This painfully funny film, in case it hasn't been made clear, is a comedy of character, a human comedy. And while the filmmaking itself is nothing special, the not too jiggly hand-held camera does achieve, in its positioning and its movement, a sort of natural rapport with the humans, an easy congeniality, a Frenchified nonchalance.

In Shopgirl, directed by Anand Tucker, it's the classic romantic triangle, older man, younger woman, young man. The older man is the immaculately groomed, impeccably tailored Steve "Suave" Martin (author of the original novella as well as its adapter to the screen), who glides up to the glove counter at Saks, follows the salesgirl's advice on a purchase, then sends it to her home address as a gift along with a dinner invitation, entering her world almost as a fairy godfather to show her a life of luxury whenever he's in town on business, and to turn her head from the unkempt, maladroit young man, the very hairy Jason Schwartzman, who always needs to borrow a couple of dollars on a date. The latter spends most of the movie as a roadie on tour with a rock band, transforming himself through books-on-tape to the point where he could pass at the end as a bargain-basement gigolo. Claire Danes, the woman in the middle, puts a lot of reacting into her acting, a wide-eyed Goldilocks who approaches any bowl of porridge with utmost caution and suspicion, and tastes it with total concentration. The relationships manifest some amusingly out-of-step interactions and offbeat timings, but this slender, mannerly, neat-and-tidy little movie, ushered along by a minimalist trancelike musical score, is more a meditation than a comedy, or a romance, with a sadder-but-wiser moral delivered oddly in third-person voice-over by Martin, whose aura of detachment at last edges up to clinical dissociation.

In Prime, it's a different kind of triangle, older woman, younger man, and older woman's therapist cum younger man's mother. The therapist/ mother, a bespectacled, beanbaggy Meryl Streep, is the only one of the three who sees the whole picture, who knows that her twenty-three-year-old son, Bryan Greenberg, a younger and tranquilized Treat Williams, has become romantically involved with her divorced thirty-seven-year-old client, Uma Thurman. (Quite a long-shot coincidence even in a town the size of Albany, never mind New York City. Still a longer shot: they meet in the queue of an Antonioni bill.) The therapist herself has been a step slow to catch on, since her client at first fudges the age of the younger man as twentyseven, while her son fudges the age of the older woman as also twenty-seven. The truth, once it dawns, puts the therapist in a ticklish position, wanting to maintain a supportive professional relationship with her client, while not wanting her son to throw himself away on a clock-ticking shiksa. Somehow the tickles never reach the spectator. Streep, working with a muted New York accent, has plenty of good ideas about the demeanor, the posture, the wardrobe of an East Side psychologist, and she has a wealth of facial expression with which to compensate for the self-conscious cuteness, the unnaturalness, the flatness of the dialogue (written by Ben Younger, who also directed). Even were the dialogue snappier, the busyness, the fussiness, of Streep's performance would be sure to play hell with any rhythm. Whenever she's off screen, however, and hers is the smallest of the three leading roles, you yearn for someone to play a little hell.

In The Weather Man, it's, well, pretty much just the weather man and the weather man. This ungifted Chicago TV personality ("My job's very easy, two hours a day, basically reading prompts"), accustomed to getting pelted on the street with fast-food items thrown by passing motorists, has a number of private-life burdens and aggravations: a Pulitzer Prize-winning father dying of lymphoma before the fortyish son has a chance to impress him (the mother, though alive and well, scarcely merits a glance); an ex-wife who has already found herself a new man; a teenage son in rehab, with a homosexual predator for his drug counselor; and an overweight daughter whose form-fitting clothes in the crotch area have earned her the nickname of "Camel-Toe" (an educational montage illustrates the phenomenon). But it's significant that the movie opens with our mopey solipsist gazing at himself in the mirror, and significant, too, that

it tells so much of its story in the form of his first-person narration. Given that the person is Nicolas Cage, and given that Lord of War was less than two months ago, it seems we've spent a lot of time lately listening to Nicolas Cage tell tales. One stream-of-consciousness passage, not really narration but interior monologue, almost makes the whole thing worthwhile: a flashback to the time he was sent to the deli to pick up some tartar sauce with a to-go order. He starts out with a clear focus on his assignment ("Tartar sauce, tartar sauce, tartar sauce, tartar sauce..."), but the sight of a shapely bottom in a pair of blue jeans at the crosswalk sets him off on a free-associative riff that takes his mind a long way from a condiment. Cage, distancing himself from his action-hero persona, plays the part as a classic sadsack with glimmers of existentialist awareness, and he never remotely looks like someone who would have caught the eye of the network for a million-dollar job on Bryant Gumbel's morning show. His director, Gore Verbinski, ensures he won't look like that with an overcast image that appears to encase him in tinted or frosted glass.

All these relationships, and don't forget those of An Unfinished Life, Proof, In Her Shoes, Elizabethtown, and The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio, signal one thing above all. No, not an evolutionary new maturity in the movie business, but only the annual autumn turn into the last lap of the Oscar race.



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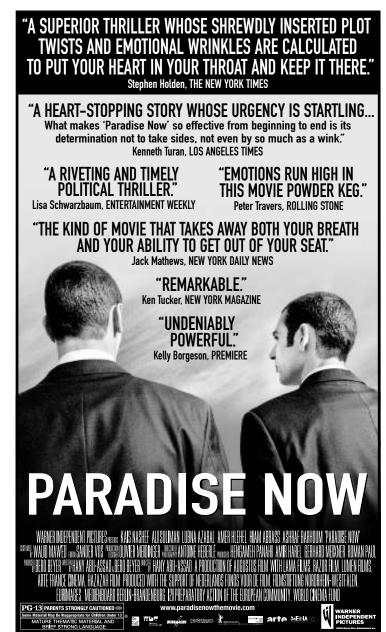
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Blue Velvet - David Lynch's "controversial" version of what *really* goes on in the American small town: rather more squirmproducing and shrug-inspiring than (as you may have heard) shocking or provoking or, at the very least, rib-tickling. So far from it being warped and twisted and depraved somehow, the proper complaint with this movie is that it is altogether too schematic, didactic, and moralistic. And the fact that it is also winkingly campy makes this worse, not better. Ostensibly the plot is a traditional detective story (with a post-adolescent Hardy Boy as detective), but lacking the sort of solid, credible foundation which would be worthwhile and meaningful for an army of metaphorical termites to infest. Without that, we are thrown into an extreme and widening orbit of oddity in the unrewarding vein of Lynch's Eraserhead. Visually more in the vein of his Dune, however, the movie is shot in heavy dark nauseating colors, especially when indoors, so that it looks at times as if it takes place inside a Christmas fruit cake. And at all times it moves as if it had just wolfed down a whole one all by itself, and would really rather lie down somewhere. Kyle MacLachlan, Isabella Rossellini, Laura Dern, Dennis Hopper. 1986

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 11/5 MIDNIGHT)

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.

★★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FLOWER HILL 4;

HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA 12; SAN MAR-COS 18)

Chicken Little — Computer-animated Disney feature, with the voices of Zach Braff, Steve Zahn, Joan Cusack, and Don Knotts, directed by Mark Dindal, (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER: GROSSMONT TROLLEY: HORTON PLAZA 14: LA COSTA 6: LA JOLLA 12: MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS SION VALLEY 7; 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: SAN-TEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE;

Christmas in the Clouds — Romantic comedy at an Indian-owned ski resort, with M. Emmet Walsh, Timothy Vahle, and MariAna Tosca, written and directed by Kate Montgomery.

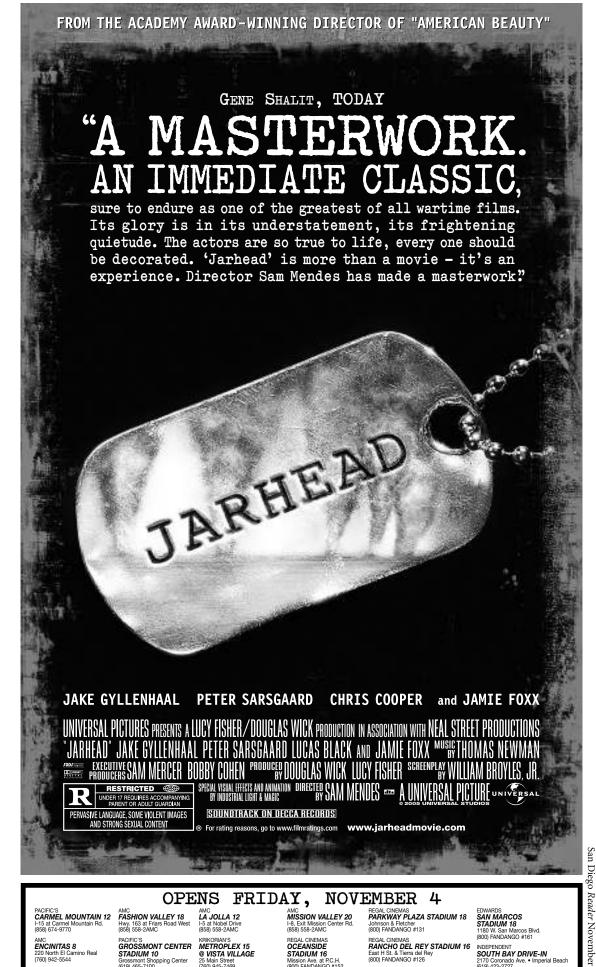
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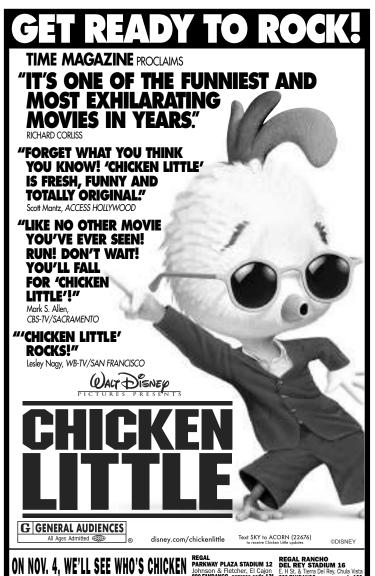
The Constant Gardener — An adaptation of a John le Carré suspense novel, and a long stride for filmmaker Fernando Meirelles (City of God) from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Le Carré, to be sure, has always had an elevated social consciousness, and a missionary zeal to match, and so the stretch for the Brazilian is largely geograph-

ical: 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 Stry Who





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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.

★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

PROMENADE 24)

**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 couple 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. ● (GASLAMP 15: MISSION VALLEY 20: PALM

Squad travels through a portal known as the Ark to get to Olduvai, Mars, and hunt down slimy creatures in semi-darkness. Mindless kill-and-be-killed action film, based on a video game, with one shootinggallery section, from a subjective POV over a gunsight, and a musical background of heavy metal, to make game players feel at home. With The Rock, Karl Urban, Rosamund Pike; directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak, 2005.

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Dot the I — Nothing-is-as-it-seems love triangle, composed of a Brit, a Brazilian, and a Spaniard, in London. Writer-director Matthew Parkhill, in his feature debut, conceals the complete illogicality until the "sucker-punch" twist. In the meantime, he reveals the charms of Gael García Bernal and Natalia Verbeke. With James D'Arcy, Tom Hardy, Charlie Cox. 2004.

★ (SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 11/7, 6:30 P.M.)

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 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 nonadmirers will be 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 elevenyear-old Dakota Fanning, and even more touchingly, because taciturnly, by Kurt Russell as the horse's trainer and girl's father With Elisabeth Shue, Kris Kristofferson, and David Morse. 2005. ★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL

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Elizabethtown — There 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 often something actually ingratiating as well, stemming paradoxically from how hard he tries. This one 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 suicide-prevention 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

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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 cross-country road trip. And as always with Crowe — whatever the balance of embarrassment and ingratiation — there's the unavoidable snag of a limitless playlist of pop songs on the soundtrack. Susan Sarandon, Alec Baldwin, Bruce McGill 2005

★★ (ENCINITAS 8: ESCONDIDO 16: FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18: MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24: PARKWAY PLAZA 18: RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; 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 intriguing. And Jodie Foster's mixture of strain and anxiety and trying not to show it is very persuasive - quite a feat, assuming she had read the script clear to the end before she consented to do it. For as soon as we begin to get some answers to the puzzle, the movie goes into a tailspin from which it will never pull up. The revealed plot — the double-meaning "flightplan" — seems to make so little sense that you might almost mistrust your own intelligence or sanity, never mind Jodie Foster's. With Peter Sarsgaard, Sean Bean, Kate Beahan, Erika Christensen; directed by Robert Schwentke. 2005.

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The Fog — 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.

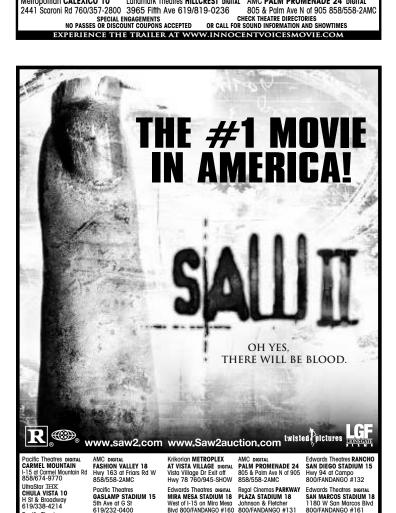
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Garcon Stupide — Homosexual coming-of-age tale from French filmmaker Lionel Baier, starring Pierre Chatagny. (KEN, 11/4 THROUGH 10)

Good Night, and Good Luck — Unabashed hero worship of the "crusading" CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow, 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







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through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal "Salute to Edward R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-ofhonor'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. (Mc-Carthy, 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 reactionary ism: 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 blackand-white (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. With Robert Downey, Jr., Patricia Clarkson, Frank Langella, Jeff Daniels. 2005.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; VISTA VIL-LAGE)

**Grizzly Man** — The globe-trotting Werner Herzog digs up another of those border dwellers, those boundary pushers, he loves to document — one Timothy Treadwell, b. 1957, d. 2003 — along with a hundred or so hours of found footage, a treasure trove of video shot by the subject himself, mostly of himself, to record his years in the wilderness living among Alaskan bears, capped off with an audio recording of his own death, plus his girlfriend's death, at the paws of one of those bears. ("Capped off" might not be the way to put it: he evidently didn't have time to take the lens cap off the camcorder.) Herzog neatly organizes the material into a portrait of a man who at first glance seems simply an ecological eccentric, with more than a little presentiment of his fate ("They can kill, they can bite, they can decapitate"), but a man who, at a longer look, turns into something of a self-mythologizing monomaniac. The filmmaker, in his own footage, gathers testimony from those who knew the man ("He tended to want to become a bear"), and he captures at least a couple of priceless moments: the coroner handing over to one of Treadwell's former girlfriends the still-ticking wristwatch taken from his detached arm, and his mother reminiscing about him, in the comfort of her home in Florida, with his favorite teddy bear perched on her lap. Herzog is not shy about adding his own observations in his familiar feverish idiom and his expectorating delivery ("I discovered a film of human ecstasies and darkest inner turmoil"), nor about taking an editorial stance at variance with his subject: "I believe the common denominator of the universe is chaos, disharmony, and murder." Treadwell, in proof of Herzog's point, is in no condition to present a rebuttal to that. 2005.

★★★ (LA PALOMA, THROUGH 11/3)

A History of Violence — Further unpleasantness from the always unpleasant David Cronenberg. Despite the pretentious-sounding title, this is in no sense an historical record of violence as a human fundamental (dating back, say, to Cain and Abel, or farther back to the appearance of the monolith among the apes in 2001), but merely a history in the archaic sense of a story, as in H.G. Wells's The History of Mr. Polly, and also in the sense of a past: a violent story, that is, about a man with a history of violence. More exactly, the bloody chain of events unleashed when the family man proprietor (Viggo Mortensen) of the Main Street diner in Small Town, U.S.A., is forced to fight back against two homicidal psychopaths at his lunch counter. The unpleasantness on this occasion consists, not atypically for Cronenberg, in some gratuitous gore - stomach-turning makeup effects for a bullet through the top of the head, a nose pounded up into a skull, etc. — as well as in the oppressive mood of ominousness and dread. The latter is quite admirably achieved, especially in view of the conventionality of the plot: the past catching up with a retired killer, a staple of the American action film, whether Western or contemporary crime thriller. Through such devious means as the sedate and didactic tone, the clear-eyed and controlled cinematography, the deliberate pace, and a spot of uncommonly graphic sex between

happily marrieds, the film feels unconventional, feels unpredictable. And it makes good use of William Hurt's widely recognized looniness for an unexpectedly funny climax, notwithstanding the expected gore. (Beyond unexpectedly funny, it may be self-defeatingly funny.) The ultimate purpose of the thing — the unique distinction of the thing — comes down to precisely those sources of unpleasantness and nothing more: the gratuitous gore and the feeling of unconventionality. But the unconventionality, such as it is, proves to be just a feeling rather than a fact: it tends to evaporate rapidly at the curtain. (One recom-

mended point of reference would be Richard Fleischer's perfectly conventional yet 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 Harris. 2005.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSS-MONT TROLLEY)

**In Her Shoes** — Curtis Hanson's handling of the Jennifer Weiner book, lightly,



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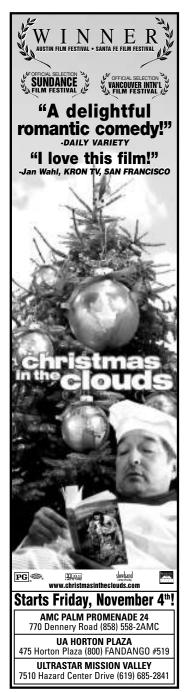
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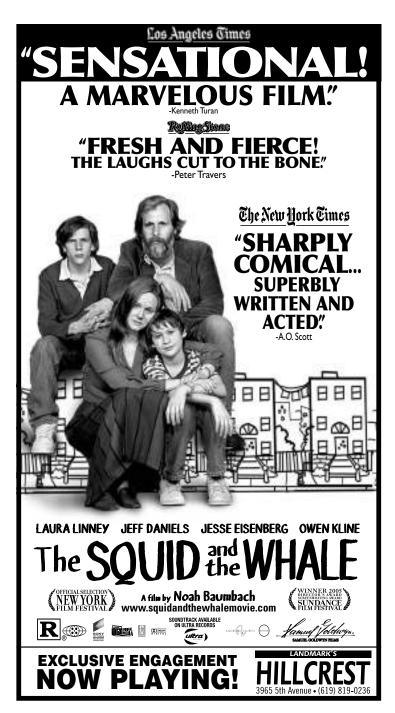
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mildly, breezily entertaining in a secondrate, best-sellerish, chick-lit kind of ways the seriocomic story of two mismatched Jewish sisters, one an overweight, highachieving Philadelphia lawyer whose private life consists of romance novels and a shoe 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 for the old ladies in a Florida retirement community and reading poetry to a blind professor, while conquering her dyslexia, at the Assisted Living Center. And they then find their way back to each other. Yay, team. The scene of a man and a woman reading aloud from a romance novel as sexual foreplay is good for a laugh; and the sight of a Bikini Babe around the old folks' swimming pool is good for a few; and Shirley MacLaine, as the long-lost grandmother, can still handle a line and a look. The casting of Toni Collette and Cameron Diaz as the sisters, on the other hand, is somewhat hard to swallow. Forget, if you can, their ostensible Jewishness and their supposed sisterhood. Collette, though she's reported to have packed on twenty-five pounds for the part, still looks well under the national norm and nowhere near her Muriel's Wedding weight. And Diaz, though she wears her clothes well, especially the eensy-weensy ones, fails to reveal any depths beneath. Even she can't quite botch the lump-in-the-throat recitation of E.E. Cummings at the wedding, but she's more in her element when she gets to kick up her heels afterwards. 2005. ★ (FASHION VALLEY 18: FLOWER HILL 4:

GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; TOWN SQUARE 14)

**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 Squid and the Whale

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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14, FROM 11/4)

Into the Blue — Caribbean treasure hunters stumble upon a Civil War-period sunken ship — "the motherlode of all motherlodes" — in the same vicinity as a downed drug-smuggling plane. Juvenile aquatic adventure reaches out — or up, if you prefer — to the MTV crowd through reggae tunes, water sports, itsy-bitsy bikinis (on Jessica Alba, Ashley Scott), and a brick-

load of cocaine. Paul Walker, the star, has evidently graduated from the Keanu Reeves School of Acting, dropping his voice to its lowest register in search of gravitas. With Scott Caan, Josh Brolin, James Frain; directed by John Stockwell. 2005.

● (VOGUE)

Jarhead — Jake Gyllenhaal, Jamie Foxx,

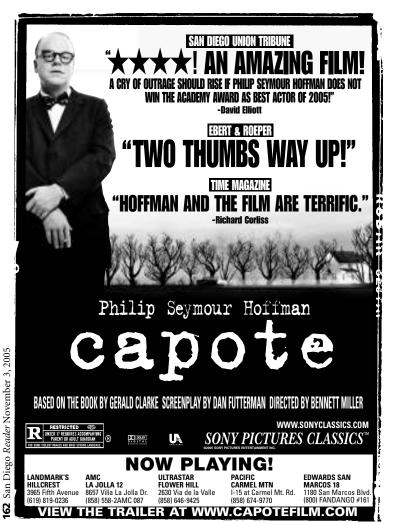
Peter Sarsgaard, and Chris Cooper as Marines in the Middle East, directed by Sam Mendes.

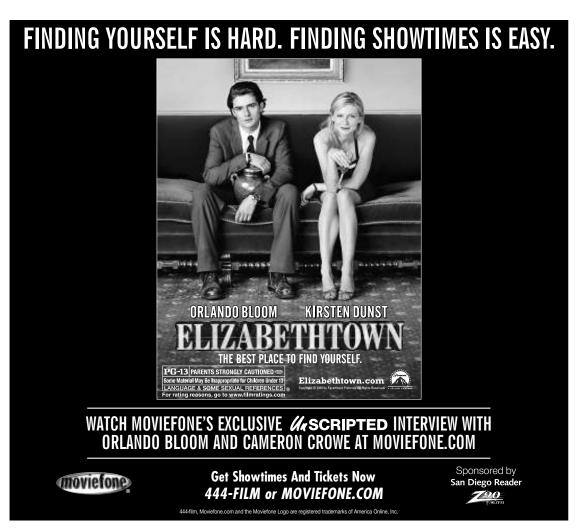
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The Legend of Zorro - Zero. The obligatory sequel finds our mid-19th-century Batman in marital trouble, continually called away to fight for California statehood and never able to get away on a vacation with the wife and kid, now ten years old even though it's only seven years since the previous installment. "If you walk out that door," hears the henpecked Fox, "you are not sleeping here tonight!" (Post-9/11, the villain is a foreigner, French in origin, with a secret lab of WMDs.) The camera cannot seem to get close enough to the two stars, Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Iones, and within the first half-hour it goes over the limit of allowable dollies from medium closeup to closeup or from closeup to extreme closeup. The copy of the famous shot from Cat Ballou of the drunken horse and rider held up by a wall would alone be grounds to flunk the film for plagiarism. With Adrian Alonso, Rufus Sewell, and Nick Chinlund; directed by Martin Campbell. 2005.

● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CIN-ERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MIS-SION VALLEY 7; 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; SAN-TEE DRIVE IN: TOWN SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

March of the Penguins — Nature documentary on the reproductive ritual of the emperor penguin, the back-and-forth walk of around seventy miles, the mating dance, the harsh winter, the interminable night, the months of starvation, the high mortality rate. It's a hard life, and fascinating. The cuteness of the creatures makes up for much of the hardness, although it also





makes the hardness harder to bear. Narrated by Morgan Freeman; directed by Luc Jacquet. 2004.

★ (LA PALOMA)

Nine Lives — Nine differing women, divided into nine single takes, each around twelve minutes in length, with some crossover of characters from one segment to another. The form itself makes a statement, something about their lives being separate, but equal, but connected. The acting is mostly strong; the writing is sometimes stagy; the image is always awful, a digital dust storm. With Elpidia Carrillo, Robin Wright Penn, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Holly Hunter, Amanda Seyfried, Amy Brenneman, Sissy Spacek, Kathy Baker, Glenn Close; written and directed by Rodrigo García. 2005.

★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

North Country — A sexual-harassment horror story, single-minded if not simpleminded, 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 fictionalized 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. 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. 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, Woody Harrelson. (But if the story demanded 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: the father's change of allegiance at a combative union meeting; and the spontaneous rallying, one person at a time, to the side of the besieged heroine in the courtroom, 2005.

★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Paradise Now — Step by step through a suicide-bombing mission in Tel Aviv, gone off the rails when one of the chosen two ("This honor is granted only to a few") begins to doubt his fate. This puts a face, as they say, on the Islamic terrorist (the good stony face of Kais Nashef); the point of view is diplomatically, circumspectly noncommittal; and the suspense, owing to all the diplomacy and circumspection, is severely tempered. A self-conscious re-creation of the Last Supper, with the two bombers in the place of Jesus, cannot stand up to scrutiny. With Ali Suliman and Lubna Azabal; directed by Hany Abu-Assad. 2005.

 $\bigstar$  (HILLCREST CINEMAS, FROM 11/4)

**Prime** — Reviewed this issue. With Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman, Bryan Greenberg,

and Jon Abrahams; written and directed by Ben Younger.

★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT
CENTER; GROSSMONT 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; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN
MARCOS 18: TOWN SOUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**Proof** — Director John Madden puts on the Pulitzer Prize play by David Auburn, a hoked-up sort of mathematical mystery thriller, not so much a whodunit as a whoprovedit, centered around the mentally shaky daughter of a mentally crumpled math genius: two beautiful minds. (With Philip Glass-y motor-gunning, 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: MISSION VALLEY 7)

Saw II — A new director, Darren Lynn Bousman, handles the bloody sequel, with Dina Meyer, Glenn Plummer, Shawnee Smith, Donnie Wahlberg.
(CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 18; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

**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.

• (HORTON PLAZA 14)

**Shopgirl** — Reviewed this issue. With Claire Danes, Steve Martin, Jason Schwartzman, and Bridgette Wilson-Sampras; directed by Anand Tucker.

★ (FLOWER HILL 4, FROM 11/4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY, FROM 11/4; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18, FROM 11/4; PALM PROMENADE 24, FROM 11/4; PARKWAY PLAZA 18, FROM 11/4; SAN MARCOS 18, FROM 11/4; VISTA VILLAGE, FROM 11/4)

**Sky High** — Kurt Russell goes back to his beginnings: silly Disney family films, this one a sort of live-action version of The Incredibles, with Russell and Kelly Preston as the superhero parents (realtors by day) of a "late bloomer" who in his freshman year at the elite prep school must be assigned to a Sidekick course of study, otherwise known as Hero Support, while awaiting a manifestation of superpowers. Russell is very skillfully silly ("All I ever wanted for him was to save the world"), and on balance the whole show tilts more toward pleasant than painful, and in any event it's several degrees more human than The Incredibles. With Michael Angarano, Danielle Panabaker, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Lynda Carter, and Bruce Campbell; directed by Mike Mitchell. 2005

★ (SANTEE DRIVE IN, FROM 11/4)

**The Squid and the Whale** — Reviewed this issue. With Jeff Daniels, Laura Linney, Jesse Eisenberg, Owen Kline, William Baldwin, and Anna Paquin; written and directed by Noah Baumbach.

★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

**Stay** — A tortured art student with writhing eyebrows plans to kill himself in three days on his twenty-first birthday, and a psychotherapist in pants as short as early-



#### **GARY GUESS**

Secret Cinema regular

From South Korea, I'd pick Attack of the Gas Station. I enjoyed the way the director makes fun of Korean society and how everyone that goes into the gas station fits a role in Korean society. It's a hilarious, wonderful comedy, probably one of my top two or three comedies of all time.

Second is one from New Zealand, Once Were Warriors, a brutal, devastating portrait of a family in turmoil. It's painful and ugly yet beautiful; it's simply amazing how the director did this.

And the last one is *Schizo*, from Kazakhstan. It's the story of a developmentally disabled young man who becomes a boxer and then meets a woman and falls in love. It's just a beautiful, amazing love story.

ATTACK OF THE GAS STATION
(South Korea) 1999,
Media Blaster
List price: \$29.95

ONCE WERE WARRIORS
(New Zealand) 1995,
New Line Home Entertainment
List price: \$19.98

SCHIZO (Kazakhstan) 2004,
Picture This! Home Entertainment
List price: \$29.95

#### **BRIAN ACOMB**

Secret Cinema attendee

Hands down, the first pick is Blazing Saddles. I think I've seen it every month since I was three. Without a doubt, it's one of the smartest movies you'll ever see because you can pick up new things each time you see it.

Second would definitely be The Vanishing — the original version — which is one of the most unique thrillers ever because it's told from the standpoint of the perpetrator, of the villain rather than the victim.

And, finally, *The Wages of Fear*, the H. G. Clouzot movie, because it really exemplifies what a suspense movie is supposed to be. They are supposed to be tense from start to finish, and everything Clouzot does in that movie keeps me on the edge of my seat.

BLAZING SADDLES (USA) 1974, Warner Home Video List price: \$19.96 THE VANISHING (Netherlands/France) 1988, Criterion List price: \$29.95 (two discs) THE WAGES OF FEAR (France) 1953, Criterion

List price: \$29.95

#### SARAH BIRKBECK

Secret Cinema attendee

Titus is one of the lesser-known Shakespearean plays, but it's absolutely stunning. Julie Taymor's film offers incredible visuals, and the characters are just beyond what you'd expect.

Suddenly Naked is an Anne Wheeler film, and it stars Wendy Crewson. It's another of my favorite films because of the humor involved. It has to do with the ways in which we perceive ourselves, the way we want to lead our lives, and the things that come along to change that whether we like it or not

What Dreams May Come is another visually stunning film that also has to do with the ways in which we understand each other and how we understand our own lives.

TITUS (USA) 2000, 20th Century
Fox Home Entertainment
List price: \$24.98 (two discs)
SUDDENLY NAKED (Canada)
2001, Pantheon
List price: (out of print)
WHAT DREAMS MAY COME
(USA) 1998,
Universal Home Entertainment
List price: \$9.99

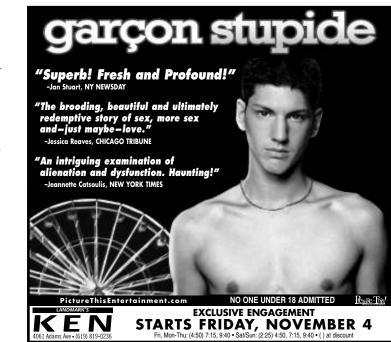
Beatles hastens to prevent it. A pattern of duplications and repetitions establishes an air of oddness, and the narrative line spirals off increasingly into David Lynchian irrationality. Some slight curiosity may be stirred. The explanation, or what passes for one, seems partial and facile. With Ewan McGregor, Ryan Gosling, Naomi Watts, Bob Hoskins, Janeane Garofalo, and — not just another pretty face, but plainly a pretty face — Elizabeth Reaser; directed by Marc Forster. 2005.

★ (GASLAMP 15)

Three Extremes — Three tales of the macabre, extreme indeed, from three different Asian directors, Hong Kong's Fruit Chan, Korea's Chan-wook Park, Japan's Takashi Miike, in that order, roughly forty minutes apiece. The first man up sets the bar far too high for his successors. Chan's offering, titled "Dumplings," is evidently a condensation of a feature-length film of the same name, an extremely twisted twist on the fountain-of-youth theme. The fountain in this instance would be the pricey homemade dumplings of the tenement-dwelling Bai Ling, whose flawless face and hinted-at advanced age are their best advertisement: "My dumplings are worth it. You get what you pay for." An over-the-hill TV actress, Miriam Yeung, is willing to pay the price, even when the secret ingredient is revealed to be aborted human fetuses, chopped up very fine. That's nowhere near the story's punchline, although the witnessed abortion achieves an early and unchallenged pinnacle in gore. Because this revelation is not the punchline, the viewer is obliged to sit

for a while with the idea of self-indulgence, the idea of narcissism, at its most — shall we say again? — extreme. Shall we even say its logical extreme? The actual punchline, after what has preceded it, feels like the merest tap. It would no doubt simplify matters if the treatment here were as distasteful as the subject matter. But in fact

Chan's touch is very controlled and assured — *extremely* so — and his eye is that of an artist. The viewing experience, torn as it is between the savory and the unsavory, may be a bit uncomfortable, but it's a long way from torture. The second episode, "Cut," is both overcontrived and overextended, a horrible bore, a boring



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horror. The third, "Box," is a return, at least partway, to control and assurance, yet it is not a return from boredom, 2004.

★★ (KEN, THROUGH 11/3)

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride — Partly, if not equally, stop-motion animator Mike Johnson's *Corpse Bride*, a voguishly grotesque kiddie film in which all the characters look like reflections in fun-house mirrors, and the worm-eaten title figure is not appreciably more ghastly than the living. Indeed the netherworld boasts more color, albeit garishly expressionistic, than the mere blush of color aboveground. Overlong at an hour and a quarter, it features several showstopping musical numbers, not in a good sense but in the sense of clockstopping, and a couple of un-Disneyfied cute critters, a maggot with the eyes and voice of Peter Lorre and a skeletal pet pooch. For all his ghoulishness, the essential innocence, 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.

★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 11/4; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Transporter 2 — Supercool hero in a blisteringly roasty-toasty image. Filling in for the family chauffeur, the "professional driver" (euphem.) gets swept up in the kid-napping of the darling little boy of an antidrug czar. A trickle of schmaltz, a torrent of



The Weather Man

slapsticky action. With Jason Statham, Amber Valletta, Alessandro Gassman, Kate Nauta, Matthew Modine, and Hunter Clary; directed by Louis Leterrier. 2005. ● (VOGUE)

Two for the Money — Simple-minded, fast-talking exposé of the sports-betting

racket, a \$200-billion-a-year business, so we're informed. Al Pacino, as the operator of a 900-number tout service, is encouraged in his worst excesses; and Matthew Mc-Conaughey, as a disabled quarterback who can really pick 'em, is Pacino's disciple in more than one way: "He makes Nostrafuckin-damus look like a novelty act." With

Rene Russo, Jeremy Piven, Armand Assante; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2005. • (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)

**Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of** the Were-Rabbit - Nick Park's claymation creations - the crackpot inventor who's "crackers about cheese" and his

silent, watchful, wary, undyingly loyal yet healthily skeptical pet pooch — 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-generated 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

# **MOVIE SHOWTIMES**

Call 444-FILM or the theater for missing information. Bargain showtimes are in parentheses.

#### **CENTRAL** CLAIREMONT

#### **Town Square 14**

4665 Clairemont Drive (858-274-1234) **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sat. (12:00, 12:50, 1:45, 2:15, 3:15) 4:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:20, 7:00, 7:35, 8:25, 9:05, 9:45, 10:30 Sun. (12:00, 12:50, 1:45, 2:15, 3:15) 4:15, 4:45, 5:30, 6:20, 7:00, 7:35, 8:25, 9:05, 9:45; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:05, 2:30) 4:55, 7:25, 9:50; **Good Night,** and Good Luck (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (12:20, 2:45) 5:10, 7:50, 10:15; In Her Shoes (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:30, 10:10; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. (1:25) 4:30, 7:20, 10:05; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:30) 4:20, 7:10, 10:10; Prime (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:50) 4:35, 7:15, 9:55; **Saw II** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (12:25, 3:05) 5:20, 8:00, 10:25 Sun. (12:25, 3:05) 5:20, 8:00, 10:15; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:45, 10:00, 10:35 Sun. 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:45, 10:00; **The Weather Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (12:15, 3:00) 5:25, 7:55, 10:20; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sun. (2:05) 4:40, 7:05, 9:25

#### DOWNTOWN

#### Gaslamp 15

701 Fifth Avenue (619-232-0400) Call theater for program information

#### Horton Plaza 14

Horton Plaza (619-444-FILM)
Chicken Little (G) Fri. (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:50, 3:15, 4:05, 5:30) 7:10, 7:45, 9:25, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (10:30, 11:00, 1:00, 1:50, 3:15, 4:05) 5:30, 7:10, 7:45, 9:25, 10:00; Christmas in the 6:30, 9:00; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (1:20) 7:15; **Innocent Voices** (R) Fri.,-Sun. **5** (10:45, 1:35, 4:30) 7:15, 10:05; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri. (10:35, 11:05, 1:25, 2:00, 4:10, 4:55)

7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:40 Sat., -Sun. (10:35, 11:05, 1:25, 2:00, 4:55) 4:10, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:40; **Mobsters and Mormons** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:45, 1:15, 3:45) 6:20, 9:10; **Serenity** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. (10:30, 1:30, 4:25) 7:25, 10:15; **The** Constant Gardener (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25, 4:20) 10:30; The Legend of Zorro (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (1:00, 1:25, 4:00) 7:05, 7:35, 10:10; Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) Fri.,-Sun. (10:40, 3:50) 9:45; **Two for the Money** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (10:25, 1:20, 4:30) 7:30, 10:25; **Wait**ing (R) Fri.,-Sun. (11:10, 1:45, 4:25) 6:50, 9:40; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sun. (10:55, 1:40, 4:35)

#### **LA JOLLA**

**La Jolla 12** 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive (858-558-2262) Capote (R); Chicken Little (G); Dreamer (PG); Elizabethtown (PG-13); In Her Shoes (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); North Country (R); Prime (PG-13); Saw II (R); The Legend of Zorro (PG); The Weather Man (R); Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)

**La Jolla Village** 8879 Villa La Jolla Drive (619-819-0236) Blue Velvet (Not Rated) Sat. 12:00; Good Night, and Good Luck (PG) Fri. (2:45, 5:00) 7:15, 8:00, 9:30 Sat.,-Sun. (12:30) 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30; **Nine Lives** (R) Fri. (1:50, 4:20) Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 1:50, 4:20; **Shopgirl** (R) Fri. (2:20, 4:50) 7:25, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 9:50; **Where the Truth Lies** (Not Rated) Fri. (2:00, 4:30) 7:00, 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40

#### 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) A History of Violence (R); Chicken Little (G); Doom (R); Dreamer (PG); Elizabethtown (PG-13); Flightplan (PG-13); In Her Shoes (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); North Country (R); Prime (PG-13); Saw II (R); The Fog (PG-13); The Legend of Zorro (PG); The Weather Man (R); Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)

#### Mission Valley 7

7510 Hazard Center Drive (619-685-2841) Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:00, 2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00; Christmas in the Clouds (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:00, 7:15, 9:45; **First Morning** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:45, 3:00) 5:15, 7:45, 10:00; North Country (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (4:15) 9:30; Prime (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Proof** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:45, 7:00; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **The Weather Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (1:00, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45

#### Mission Valley 20

1640 Camino Del Rio North (858-558-2262) Chicken Little (G); Domino (R); Doom (R); Dreamer (PG); Elizabethtown (PG-13); Flightplan (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); North Country (R); Prime (PG-13); Saw II (R); The Fog (PG-13); The Legend of Zorro (PG); The Weather Man (R); Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG); Waiting (R); Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

#### **STATE UNIVERSITY**

#### Cinerama 6

5831 University Avenue (619-287-8990) Chicken Little (G) Fri. (2:25) 4:35, 7:00, 9:15 Sat. (12:15, 2:25) 4:35, 7:00, 9:15 Sun. (12:15, 2:25) 4:35, 7:00; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri. (3:45) 7:25, 10:10 Sat. (1:00, 3:45) 7:25, 10:10 Sun. (1:00, 3:45) 7:25; **Saw II** (R) Fri. (3:15) 5:35, 7:55, 10:05 Sat. (1:10, 3:15) 5:35, 7:55; **The Fog** (PG-13) Fri. (2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sat. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30, 9:45 Sun. (12:25, 2:45) 5:05, 7:30; **The Gospel** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15 Sat. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50, 10:15 Sun. (12:35, 3:00) 5:25, 7:50; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri. (3:55) 7:15, 9:55 Sat. (12:40, 3:55) 7:15, 9:55 Sun. (12:40, 3:55) 7:15

#### Ken

ms Avenue (619-819-0236) Garcon Stupide (Not Rated) Fri. (4:50) 7:15. 9:40 Sat.,-Sun. (2:25) 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

#### **UPTOWN**

**Garden Cabaret** 4040 Goldfinch Street (619-295-4221) Closed for the season

#### **Hillcrest Cinemas**

3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236) **Capote** (R) Fri. (1:55, 4:30) 7:10, 9:45 Sat.,-Sun. (11:20) 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45; **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG) Fri. (2:20, 4:40) 7:00, 9:25 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:25; **Paradise Now** (PG-13) Fri. (2:10, 5:00) 7:40, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:40) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00; **Shopgirl** (R) Fri. (2:00, 4:45) 7:20, 9:50 Sat.,-Sun. (11:30) 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; **The Squid and the Whale** (R) Fri. (2:30, 4:50) 7:30, 9:35 Sat.,-Sun. (11:50) 2:30, 4:50, 7:30,

#### Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

1875 El Prado, Balboa Park (619-238-1233) Dolphins (Not Rated) Fri. 6:00; Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag (G) Fri. 1:00 Sat.,-Sun. 5:00; **Mystery of the Nile** (Not Rated) Fri. 3:00, 8:00 Sat. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00 Sun. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00; Mystic India (Not Rated) Fri. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 9:00 Sat. 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00 Sun, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00; **Night on Dream Mountain** (Not Rated); **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) Fri. 7:00

#### **EAST COUNTY**

#### **EL CAJON**

#### Parkway Plaza 18

405 Parkway Plaza (619-401-3456) Call theater for program information

#### I A MFSA

**Grossmont Center** *Grossmont Center* (619-465-7100) **Chicken Little** (G) Fri. (1:00, 1:30, 3:05, 3:50) 5:15, 5:55, 7:35, 8:10, 9:35, 10:10 Sat.,-Sun. (11:00, 11:20, 1:00, 1:30, 3:05, 3:50) 5:15, 5:55,

7:35, 8:10, 9:35, 10:10; Dreamer (PG) Fri. (2:00) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45 Sat. (11:40, 2:00) 4:25, 7:10, 9:45 Sun. (11:40, 2:00) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30; Jarhead (Not Rated) Fri. (1:20, 2:25) 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:45 Sat. (11:30, 1:20, 2:25) 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:45 Sun. (11:30, 1:20, 2:25) 4:30, 5:10, 7:15, 8:00, 10:05, 10:45 Sun. 10:30; **Prime** (PG-13) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00 Sat.,-Sun. (11:15, 1:50) 4:35, 7:25, 10:00; **Saw II** (R) Fri. (1:10, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:25 Sat. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (11:05, 1:10, 3:15) 5:30, 7:45, 10:05; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri. (1:55) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35 Sat. (11:10, 1:55) 4:45, 7:40, 10:35 Sun. (11:10, 1:55) 4:45, 7:40, 10:15; **The Weather Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. (1:05, 3:30) 5:50, 8:05, 10:20; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the **Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri. (2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:15 Sat.,-Sun. (12:00, 2:15) 4:40, 7:05, 9:15

#### **Grossmont Trolley**

8555 Fletcher Parkway (619-466-1401) Chicken Little (G) Fri. (2:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:20 Sat. (12:00, 2:00) 4:20, 7:00, 9:20 Sun. (12:00, 2:00) 4:20, 7:00; **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sat. (3:00) 5:20, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (3:00) 5:20, 7:55; **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:20) 5:00, 7:45, 10:25 Sun. (2:20) 5:00, 7:50; **Good Night, and** Good Luck (PG) Fri. (2:15) 4:30, 7:20, 9:40 Sat. (11:45, 2:15) 4:30, 7:20, 9:40 Sun. (11:45, 2:15) 4:30, 7:30; **North Country** (R) Fri. (2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15 Sat. (11:30, 2:05) 4:50, 7:30, 10:15 Sun. (11:30, 2:05) 4:50, 7:40; **Prime** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. (2:35) 5:05, 7:55, 10:30 Sun. (2:30) 5:10, 8:00; **Shopgirl** (R) Fri. (2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55 Sat. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:40, 9:55 Sun. (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 8:10; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:10, 9:50 Sat. (12:30, 3:15) 7:10, 9:50 Sun. (12:30, 3:15) 7:10

#### **RANCHO SAN DIEGO**

#### Rancho San Diego 15

2951 Jamacha Road Call theater for program information

#### **SANTEE**

#### Santee Drive In

10990 Woodside Avenue (619-448-7447) Chicken Little (G); Sky High (PG); The Fog (PG-13); The Legend of Zorro (PG)

their peers (meaning their inferiors) in matters of timing, touch, and taste. With the voices of Peter Sallis, Helena Bonham Carter, Ralph Fiennes. 2005.

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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)

Where the Truth Lies — Atom Egoyan's show-biz mystery, about the breakup of a Martin-and-Lewis-like comedy team, with Kevin Bacon, Colin Firth, and Alison (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/4)

#### **SOUTH BAY**

#### **CHULA VISTA**

#### Chula Vista 10

Broadway between H and I (619-338-4214) **Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00; **Doom** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 2:45) 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; **Flightplan** (PG-13) Fri. 1:00, 6:00, 10:45 Sat. 1:00, 10:45 Sun. 1:00, 6:00, 10:45; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30; **Saw II** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 11:15 (1:30, 3:45) 6:15, 8:30, 10:45; **The Fog** (PG-13) Fri. 10:30 (3:30) 8:30 Sat. 10:30 (3:30) Sun. 10:30 (3:30) 8:30; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 10:15 (10:45, 1:15, 1:45, 4:15, 4:45) 7:15, 7:45, 10:15, 10:45; **Wallace and Gromit: The** Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sun. 10:30 (12:30, 2:30, 4:30) 6:30, 8:30, 10:30; **Za**thura (PG) Sat. 7:00

#### Palm Promenade 24

770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)  $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Chicken Little} \ (G); \ \textbf{Christmas} \ \ \textbf{in the Clouds} \\ (PG); \ \textbf{Domino} \ (R); \ \textbf{Doom} \ (R); \ \textbf{Dreamer} \end{array}$ (PG); Elizabethtown (PG-13); Flightplan (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); North Coun try (R); Prime (PG-13); Saw II (R); Shopgirl (R); The Fog (PG-13); The Legend of Zorro (PG); The Weather Man (R); Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG); Two for the Money (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) **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 1:45, 7:45; Into the Blue (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 4:00, 10:00; Transporter 2 (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 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) Capote (R) Fri. (2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sat. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 Sun. (12:00, 2:40) 5:15, 7:50; **Chicken Little** (G) Fri. (12:45, 1:45, 3:15) 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00 Sat. (12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15) 4:45, 5:30, 7:00, 7:45, 9:15, 10:00 Sun. (12:15, 1:00, 2:30, 3:15) 4:45, 5:30, 7:30; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri. (1:25) 4:30, 7:05, 9:30 Sat. (11:45, 2:05) 4:30. 7:05, 9:30 Sun. (11:45, 2:05) 4:30, 7:30; Flight**plan** (PG-13) Fri. (1:05, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:35 Sat. (12:45, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10, 10:35 Sun. (12:45, 3:25) 5:50, 8:10: Jarhead (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. (1:15) 4:15, 7:30, 10:30 Sun. (1:15) 4:15, 7:45; North Country (R) Fri. (1:50) 4:35, 7:40, 10:25 Sat. (1:25) 4:35, 7:40, 10:25 Sun. (1:25) 4:35, 7:40; Prime (PG-13) Fri. (1:40) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05 Sat. (1:30) 4:40, 7:25, 10:05 Sun. (1:30) 4:40, 7:50; **Saw II** (R) Fri. (1:10, 3:30) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40 Sat. (12:50, 3:10) 6:00, 8:20, 10:40 Sun. (12:50, 3:10) 6:00, 8:20; The Legend of **Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. (1:35) 4:25, 7:15, 10:15 Sun. (1:35) 4:25, 7:45; **The Weather Man** (R) Fri. (1:00, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 Sat. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00, 10:20 Sun. (12:55, 3:20) 5:40, 8:00; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri. (12:50, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50 Sat. (12:35, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35, 9:50 Sun. (12:35, 3:05) 5:20, 7:35

#### **ESCONDIDO**

#### Escondido 16

350 W. Valley Parkway (760-291-0119) Call theater for program information

PACIFIC THEATRES

Carmel Mountain 12

Broadway Between H & I 619/338-4214

DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8

PACIFIC THEATRES

CINERAMA 6

CHULA VISTA 10

l-15 at Carmel Mountain Road 619/674-9770

University Avenue West of College 619/287-8990

El Camino Real/Del Mar Heights 858/646-9420

ENCINITAS 8

REGAL CINEMAS

220 N. El Camino Real 760/942-5544

ESCONDIDO STADIUM 16

Hwy. 163 at Friars Rd. West 858/558-2AMC

350 W. Valley Parkway 800-FANDANGO #519

O FASHION VALLEY 18

GALAXY 6

Grossmont Shopping Center 619/465-7100

GROSSMONT TROLLEY 8

8555 Fletcher Parkway at Jackson 619/466-1401

PACIFIC THEATRES

HORTON PLAZA 14

LA COSTA 6

475 Horton Plaza 800-FANDANGO #519

Corner of El Camino Real & Aviara/Alga 760/599-8221

#### **FALLBROOK**

#### Galaxy 6

Iission Road (760-945-8784) Chicken Little (G) Fri. (2:00, 4:00) 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 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; **Dreamer** (PG) Fri. (3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 7:45; **Elizabethtown** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 2:15, 7:15, 10:00 Sun. 2:15,

7:15: Jarhead (Not Rated) Fri (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sat. 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:30 Sun 11:00 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30: Prime (PG-13) Fri. (3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sat. 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15, 10:45 Sun, 10:15 (12:45, 3:15) 5:45, 8:15; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri. (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sat. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 11:15 (2:15) 5:15, 8:00; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the **Were-Rabbit** (G) Fri. 5:00 Sat.,-Sun. 10:15 (12:15) 5:00

#### **POWAY**

#### Poway 10

13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423) Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00: **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; Jarhead (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Prime** (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; **Saw II** (R) 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 Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:45 (1:45, 4:45) 7:45, 10:45 Sun.  $10{:}45 \ (1{:}45, \, 4{:}45) \ 7{:}45; \textbf{The Weather Man} \ (R)$ 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; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:15, 9:30 Sun. 10:00 (12:15, 2:45) 5:15, 7:15

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#### San Marcos 18

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#### VISTA

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#### **NORTH COASTAL** CARLSBAD

#### Plaza Camino Real

2385 Marron Road (760-729-7469) Call theater for program information

#### **DEL MAR**

#### Del Mar Highlands 8

El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road (858-646-9420)

**Chicken Little** (G) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 Sun. 10:00 (11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00; Dreamer (PG) 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; Jarhead (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; **Prime** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00, 10:45 Sun. 10:00 (12:30, 3:00) 5:30, 8:00; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15, 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (1:15, 4:15) 7:15; **The Weather Man** (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; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-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,

#### Flower Hill 4

2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425) **Capote** (R) Fri.,-Sat. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30, 10:15 Sun. 11:15 (2:00, 4:45) 7:30; **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; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 1:30, 7:00, 10:00 Sun. 1:30, 7:00; **Proof** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 11:00 (4:30); **Shop-girl** (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

#### **ENCINITAS**

#### **Encinitas 8**

220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544) Chicken Little (G); Dreamer (PG); Elizabethtown (PG-13); Jarhead (Not Rated); North Country (R); Prime (PG-13); Saw II (R); The Legend of Zorro (PG); Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G)

#### La Paloma

471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW) March of the Penguins (G); Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG)

#### LA COSTA

#### La Costa 6

6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)

Chicken Little (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; **Dreamer** (PG) 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; **In Her Shoes** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sat. 10:15 (4:15) 10:15 Sun. 10:15 (4:15); North Country (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:15, 7:15; Prime (PG-13) 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; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sat. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30, 10:30 Sun. 10:30 (1:30, 4:30) 7:30; The Weather Man (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

#### **OCEANSIDE**

#### Mission Marketplace 13

College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)

Chicken Little (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 12:35, 2:30, 3:00, 4:45, 5:15, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00: Doom (R) Fri.,-Sun. 1:00, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45; Dreamer (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; **Jarhead** (Not Rated) Fri.,-Sun 12:10, 1:10, 3:10, 4:10, 6:05, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10; **Prime** (PG-13) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25; **Saw II** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:10, 12:40, 2:35, 3:05, 4:55, 5:25, 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:10; **The Legend of Zorro** (PG) Fri.,-Sun. 12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:35, 6:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:00; **The Weather Man** (R) Fri.,-Sun. 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30; Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (G) Fri.,-Sun. 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50

#### Oceanside 16

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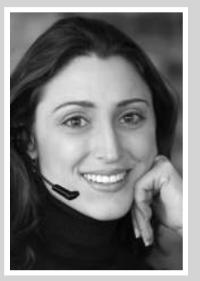
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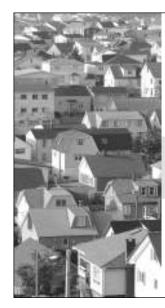


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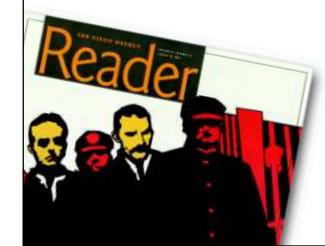
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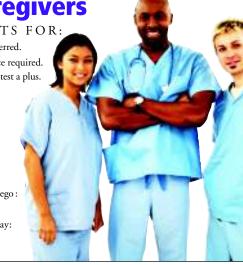
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We definitely have to take care of things at home; the refugees have to be looked after first. They were shorthanded [in Louisiana] because everyone was over in the Middle East. What's happening in the Middle East is beyond our control; it's something we can't even fathom. When there was that tsunami [in Asia] aid was over there in 24 hours, and it was far away. They couldn't help for four of five days when Katrina hit; that didn't make any sense. We should be prepared for natural disasters of that magnitude



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Chula Vista

t's a tough position for me because I'm also in the Marine Corps reserves. I have quite a few Marine buddies who are there [in Iraq] now as we speak. From a military standpoint, I think it's necessary that we are over there doing what we got to do and getting what we need to do done. I think the hurricane was a domestic problem, and we should put just as much emphasis as we put on the war as we do the hurricane, Personally, I think we're spending a little too much time on the war and too little time on Katrina when it should be an equal balance. A lot of people are starting to realize that this is one of those wars that's not going to be resolved for a while. It's for the United States' interest. I want all my Marine buddies and all my friends to come back home safely. If I get called up to go to Iraq, I'm just going to get some straws and suck it up and do what I got to do.



Keith Greene Tattoo Artist

North Park

Hurricane Katrina, of course, because that's home. It's time to bring 'em [the troops] back. I don't we should've necessarily brought them back for the hurricane, but more attention should've been focused on Louisiana We're totally spread out. I tattoo a lot of these guys, so when I see people saying, 'No more war, no more war,' I understand them, but you can't hop on these guys because they're just doing their job. A lot of them [the troops] are poor, and they find an education in the military. I had a customer who had to go back [to Iraq], and he's just worried about his family; I just hope everything's all right with him.



Levi Jones Draftsman

Downtown

The Iraqi War; you know, I'm gonna say Hurricane Katrina because it's on the homeland. I'm not really sure [about the reaction time] because I'm not there. As I understand, there's another hurricane coming and the Red Cross doesn't even have the finances for it. The government should definitely put more money into that. [With regard to Iraq] I'm gonna say it like I heard it, 'Kick their ass and take their gas,' I think it's wrong; you see gas prices around here for \$3.25, \$3.50 a gallon. I think it's wrong because we have a lot of resources here that we haven't even utilized. I was out in Oklahoma in 1999, and it was, like, 79 cents a gallon; to pay three dollars here is



Ross Allen Singer

Downtown

ore important to who? The the government; they've known for centuries that Louisiana was a flood plain, and it's on them [the responsibility] for living there. Our government needs to get the hell out of Iraq and bring all those motherfucking tools and bring all that money back here. They should've been fucking putting it back in Louisiana to help rebuild, but no one's likely to tear the whole fucking city down. We could've put money into barricades, but we were too busy spending money trying to get our oil wells, by taking over Iraq. If America wants to be the world police and be the dominant world power, I'm not saying we have the right to do it, we should be in every country then. I don't think Hurricane Katrina had anything to do with race; I can't call Bush a racist, he's a money man. The war is about spending money to make money, and all Louisiana is going to do is cost money. There were white people and black people affected by the hurricane; it had nothing to do with race.



Tony Brown Panhandler Mission Hills

would say the Iraqi War. There're I would say the Iraqi War. There're a lot of troops over there, and their lives are on the line each and every day for all of us. We're there to install democracy; I don't think that because Hurricane Katrina is on home soil that we should pay more attention to it. We should stay in Afghanistan until we capture Bin Laden; his people came over here and they attacked us when we did nothing to them. Therefore, we should bring them to justice.

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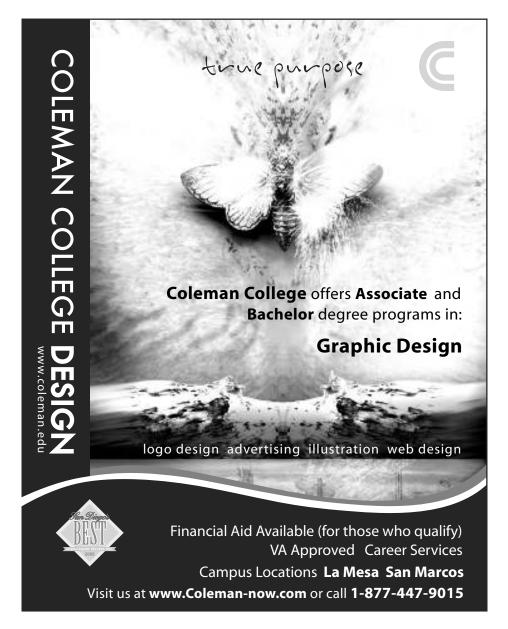
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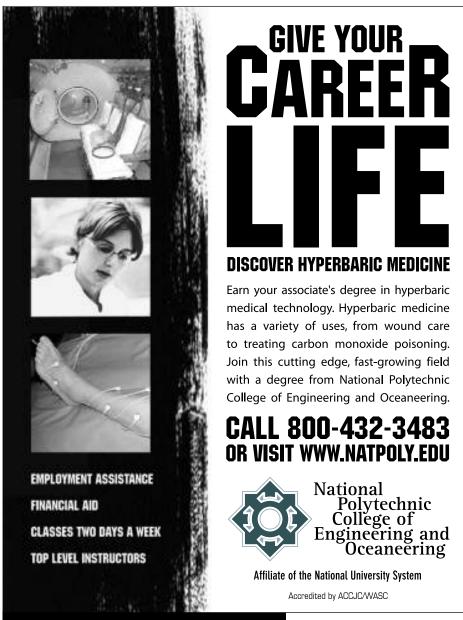
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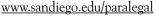
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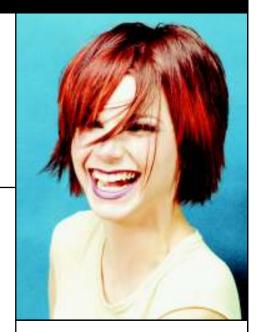
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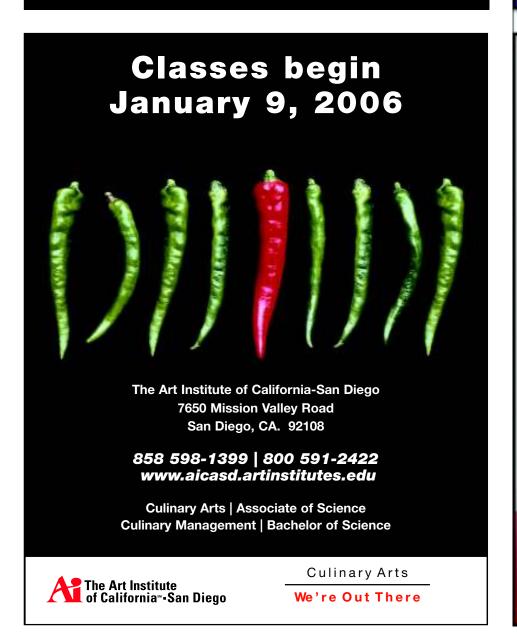


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EUROPEAN EDUCATED, gorgeous petite. Seeking successful, truthful, generous, educated, anti-war, stylish, monoganous, (com)passionate. No baggage man, friendship, sportive. No previous kids. spiritual/nonreligious, 37-49, 5'9'+. (11/16) ☎ 49207

SENSUOUS, PASSIONATE, cuddling, hugs, kisses, monogamous to meet same male counterpart. Walks, talks, movies, dinners, compatibility. Me: 58 years. You: 40-58. No baggage, some educa-tion. (11/16) **3**49224 EXOTIC, ATTRACTIVE, SMART, funny, fit.

loyal, monogamous, politically liberal, educated, spontaneous, affectionate. Looking for same. You: 55-70 years old. I am waiting. (11/16) \$\alpha\$49219 watting. (11/16) \$\tilde{\pi} 49219\$

EAST COUNTY WIDOW, pretty, slim, active, blonde, 60, youthful, happy. Enjoy travel, dancing, dining, boating, theater, movies, concerts. Seeking tall, fit, attractive, nonsmoker, similar interests. (11/16) \$\tilde{\pi} 49210\$

SINCERE, BEAUTIFUL, black, attractive lady, 52, medium built, 5'9", humorous, sexy, good-looking. Enjoy music, dancing, walks, amusement parks, cuddling, kissing. Seeking tall, white, 45-50. (11/9)



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- 14. On the ocean
- 15. Brandishes
- 16. King or mode lead-in
- 17. 1931 Pearl Buck novel that's been amended by 56-Across? 20. Rd. that follows the Atlantic
- Ocean
- 21. Suggest 22. 1970 Erich Segal novel that's been amended by 56-Across?
- 29. Like this type, for short
- 30. "Don't mind \_\_\_\_ do"
  31. Vicious of the Sex Pistols
- 34. Longtime Steelers coach Chuck
- 35. Numbs
- 38. Brouhaha
- 39. 1988 David Mamet play that's been amended by 56-Across?
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  44. N \_\_\_ Nancy
  45. "Oh yeah? Who

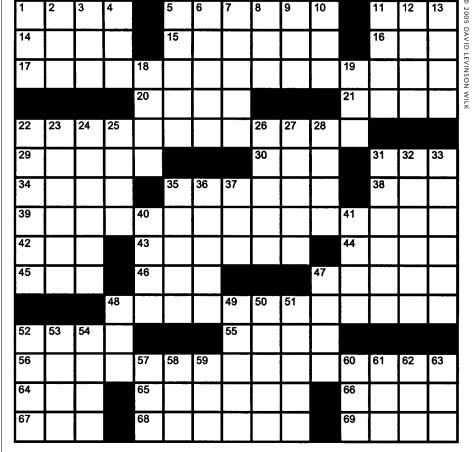
- 46. Prefix with conservative or orthodox
- 47. Home of Goya's "Naked Maja"
- 48. 1940 Richard Wright novel that's been amended by 56-Across?
- 52. It's high in trans fat
- 55. "I'd consider \_\_\_\_ honor"
  56. Group that is recently giving "liberal activists" a run for their money
- 64. Whatever
- 65. Not looking healthy
- 66. Shade of green
- 67. Senate vote
- 68. Ian Fleming's "Casino \_\_\_\_
- 69. Sign in the dark

- 1. Cave dweller
- 2. Campfire remains
- 3. Bridal bio word 4. Comic's bit
- 5. With 60-Down, 12:58
- 6. Gave a hand
- 7. First name in morning TV
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- 10. Lao-\_\_\_ 11. Whittle
- 12. Utah ski resort 13. Paula of CNN
- 18. AA and AAA, e.g.

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- 23. "Lawrence of Arabia" star
- 24. Juan of coffee ads
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- 27. "Lord\_
- 28. Shine's partner
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- 57. Kind of financing
- 58. \_\_\_\_ Paulo 59. Journalist Nellie
- 60. See 5-Down
- 61. Pickle
- 62. Inventor Whitney
- 63. "Law & Order" role: Abbr.

### RULES OF THE GAME

- 1. The prize for solving the Reader Puzzle will be a Reader T-shirt.
- 2. All entries in the Reader Puzzle contest must be received by the Reader by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to Reader Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
- 3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
- 4. Employees of the Reader and their immediate families are not eligible.
- 5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
- 6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
- 7. One entry per person.





Solution to and winners of the Reader Puzzle for 10/27/05.

Of the 201 entrants, 186 were correct. The winners are:

- 1. Tracey Anderson, San Diego
- 2. Gustavo Stephens, Bonita
- 3. Sean Murray, *Poway*
- 4. Caren Humphries, San Diego 5. Leon Van Peltt, La Mesa

NOT OUT IN LEFT FIELD! Padres fan, white female, 50ish. Seeking outdoorsy, nice, financially secure guy; loves animals, family. I'm attractive, fun, like to travel. (11/16) \$\alpha\$ 49214

WOULD LIKE TO MEET an attractive Italinne IU MEET an attractive Italian man, 6' or taller, between 40 and 50, or all the reasons a woman would want to have an Italian man in her life. (11/16)

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MAN, 45-55, healthy, fit. I am Caucasian, healthy, professional, 5'9", 145lbs., attractive. Like plays, musicals, sunsets, dining, exercise, good wine, intimate, fun. (11/16) 49218

★49218

ATTRACTIVE LATINA, long hair, sexy nice legs, want to meet very attractive guy, 41-52, honest, healthy, financially secure, nonsmoker, nondrugs for friendship, possible relationship. (11/16) ★49223

HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN with integrity, model, artist, author, dancer, love mountain cabins, animals. Never married. You:

never married, handsome, quality, 40-59. (11/16) 749227

59. (11/16) **☎**49227 **BEAUTIFUL, 47 YEAR OLD** striking bluish-green eyed lady. Enjoy sports, beach, nature, animals, sunsets and movies. Seeking easygoing nonsmoker with similar interests between the ages of 43 to 51. (11/16) **☎**49198

43 to 51. (11/16) ☎49198

WARM PERSONALITY, traditional values, attractive blonde, blue, retired widow, beauty fashion counselor. Seeking congenial Christian gentleman for healthy relationship. Enjoy travel, cruises, swimming, cultural activities. (11/16) ☎49212

MATURE WHITE LADY, attractive, 516', slender. Looking for white gentleman, 70s, romantic, sincere, companionship for life, financially secure. No smoke please. (11/16) \$\alpha\$49217

please. (11/16) #49217
ATTRACTIVE ASIAN. 5'1\*, 130lbs., 53
years old, romantic, loving, caring, easygoing. Seeking attractive man, 49-65
years, easygoing, honest, romantic, lov-

ing, caring, for friendship, possible rela-tionship. (11/16) 249201

SINGLE FILIPINO FEMALE looking for Asian/Caucasian professional male, 5'10'+, 30-45 years old, romantic, thoughtful, responsible, a good heart a plus for date, friendship, marriage. (11/16) \$\alpha\$49206

nage. (11/16) \$\overline{\Overline{\

COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN, attractive COSMOPOLITAN, EUROPEAN, attractive, intelligent, health-oriented. Interested in masculine scholar gentleman, cultured, refined, financially stable, generous, genine. Downtown San Diego, Seaport Vilage. 50-70 if useful. (11/9) 49189

**38 YEAR OLD, TALL,** blue eyed, black-haired female. Seeking you for dating, possibly relationship. Like swimming,

movies, dancing, dining, walking, touring my own city. (11/16) \$\frac{1}{2}\$

my own city. (11/16) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49208

SEEKING PROFESSIONAL, retired, race unimportant, who's done that. Seeking pretty black woman who loves bowling, walking, exercising, dancing. If interested, please call. Age 50s and 60s. (11/9) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49178

aus. (11/9) a 49178

ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN, single mom, 40, full-figured, size 18. Seeking someone to share a little life with. Enjoy all activities. Not looking for an occasional date. (11/16) a 49205

BRIGHT MIND, WARM, CARING heart, passionate about life, 5'3', fit, spiritual growth important! Outdoor activities, hike, bike, travel. You are 50s, fit, outgoing, active, nonsmoker. (11/9) 249185

SOUTHERN CHARM, SEXY, white, 40s. Seeking honest, good-looking male, 30-50s, who's looking for love in all the right places, cooking, outdoor fur; Southern Belle charmed. (11/16) \$\alpha\$ 49220

New Sunday Night

NICE-LOOKING EUROPEAN lady, 50, 5'4", blonde, educated with huge travel experience in Europe. Looking for soul mate, around 60 years, good looking, degreed, north. (11/9) ☎49180 SENSUAL CHANTEUSE, 43. seeks con-

SENSUAL CHANTEUSE, 43, seeks consort: sexy, successful, self-employed, smoke-free, spiritual, centered, connected, conscious, caring, financially secure, sustainable food/filef/love, 30-55. Let's live! (11/9) \$\tilde{\alpha}\$49192 ATTRACTIVE REAL ESTATE agent, 59.

slim, petite, former art docent. Enjoy travel, outdoors. Seeking a reasonably fit companion for a glass of wine and conversation. (11/16) \$\frac{1}{2}\$49226

SPICY, VIBRANT LATINA, 40s, sincere, pretty. Seeking gentleman, 43-54, for a sincere, romantic, committed relationship. No games. Let's enjoy it all together. (11/16) ☎49204

ARTISTIC, CREATIVE, down to earth, liberal woman, age 64, attractive, fit, slim, multi-lingual. Seeking intelligent, literate, humorous counterpart. (11/16) 249211

BEAUTIFUL, SLIM, vivacious, sophisticated, sweet, passionate, eclectic interests. Seeking 50-65 Caucasian, successful professional, healthy, 5'10'+, handsome, fit, gregarious, compassionate, integrity, appreciates life's best. (11/9) 249188

BLACK ATTRACTIVE CHRISTIAN female 53. Enjoy dining out, movies, jazz, walking. Seeking black, honest, Christian male, 40-55, for long-term monogamous relationship. (11/16) 49228

PRETTY CHRISTIAN SURFER, ex-hippie, 

BEAUTY, BRAINS AND HUMORI Greeneyed sexy brunette seeking long-term relationship. Wicked sense of humor, honesty, athletic build, time to spend together a must. (11/16) \$\frac{11}{20}\$ 49209

ATTRACTIVE EUROPEAN- Mexican, 5'8" 145lbs., 40, sexy, fun, very affection Seeking attractive male, 39-49, fun, e going, educated, financially succes Serious minded for lasting relati Serious minded for lasting relation-ship. (11/16) 249197

aunisnip. (11/9) 49588

ARE YOU LOOKING for one-on-one only, no head games? Well this single white male, mid-40s, seeks black female, 30-45, for jazz, cooking; romantic. (11/9) 49593 PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 54, 6'3'. Interested in meeting down-to-earth, non-smoking, good humored, honest female, 40-55 years, for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (11/16) 49634

HEALTHY, 60, FINANCIALLY secure

MATURE MAN WANTED by single white female, 39, attractive, independent, brunette, 5°C. Seeking successful, educated male, 40-53, for dining, movies, museums, theatre, beach, romance, (11/9) 4749191

SASSY, SENSUAL, SMART, black

princesś, liberal teacher. Seeking artistic, honest, kind, white professional male, emotionally mature, financially stable lover for committed, monogamous, joyous long relationship. (11/9) \$\infty\$ 49176

THIS ATTRACTIVE, PETITE, and propor-

tionate lady would like to meet a kind, caring, and sincere gentleman for a long lasting relationship. 50+. Let's talk. (11/16) \$\frac{1}{2}\$49199

TALL, BIG, HAPPY, OLDER, handicapped, secure Charger fan seeks 40-50s, happy, easygoing, interesting, openminded man who wants quality companionship. Take a chance! (11/9) 2749196

₩ 349196 NUBIAN PRINCE WANTED. 45-62, non-smoker, drug-free, faithful, single! Me: full-figured, white, 59, self-employed, love music, travel, trains, dancting. Funny, talented, spiritual, smart, sexy, independent Leo. (11/9) ★49195

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE, down to earth, cuddly, full figure. 53-year-old lady interested in a kind gentleman, age open, for a romantic relationship. Serious only. (11/16) 749215

UNENCUMBERED CAUCASIAN woman,

early 40s, 5'6", 150lbs., very pretty (it's in the eye of the beholder, anyway). LOL. Seeking unencumbered honest man. (11/9) 49183

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CAUCASIAN, MATURE, attractive, secure, youthful, professional, 68, 5'10', 170lbs., passionate, considerate, healthy, liberal. Seeking very attractive, slender, elegant, intelligent Caucasian/Asian woman, 50-60, 5'4'-5'8', for serious relationship. (11/9) 249588

YOUNG SENIOR, AFRICAN- American YOUNG SENIOR, AFRICAN- American man, 5'9', 215lbs., never married, light skinned, green eyes, nonsmoker, slightly bashful. Like music, food, cooking and some travel. Seeking woman, Asian, Latino, 39 to 50 years young. (11/16) 2749200

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large loving woman want-ing permanent relationship. (11/16) 49630

OUTWARDLY MATURE, KID at heart, for SEEKING GIRLFRIEND. Petite, lovable

30-45, sweet, passionate, healthy, independent, slender, curvy, Caucasian, non-flirty, honest. Gardening, hiking, dancing, movies, cooking, find enjoyment in simple things. (11/16) 49621

things. (11/16) \$\tilde{\Pi}\$49621

ROMANTIC, LOVING, athletic, educated, handsome and healthy, 53. Seeking physically fit woman, 39-50, for honest quality relationship. North County. Will travel. (11/9) \$\tilde{\Pi}\$4999

53, SLENDER, FIT, divorced father, degreed, fun, mannered, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, bright, nonsmoker, feminine, trim, North County, for conversation, outlings, laughs, sharing. (11/16) \$\tilde{\Pi}\$49636

ATTRACTIVE, CHARISMATIC Puerto-Ri-ATTRACTIVE, CHARISMATIC Puerfo-Hi-can black male, 30. Looking for fun, out-going, Hispanic or white female for movies, dancing, dinner, possible long-term. Leave message if inter-ested. (11/16) \$\mathref{T}\$49641

ested. (11/16) 149641

ASIAN WOMAN DESIRED. You are slim, loving, attractive, financially stable, 40-55. I am attractive, fit, educated, loving, 178lbs., 5°10°, 60, Encinitas area. (11/16) 149623

rassably good Looking, educated, Caucasian dirty old man, 5'6', 145lbs. Seeking educated partner: dining, conversing, drinking, dancing, loving. Financially stable, healthy, trim. (11/9) 2749590 PASSABLY GOOD LOOKING, educated, Caucasian dirty old man, 5'6", 145lbs.

59-YEAR-OLD MAN seeks nice woman, nonsmoker, who lives in North County, has good sense of humor, who would like nice man. (11/16) \$\textit{\textit{T}} 49644

IF VERY ATTRACTIVE, 23-48, non-IF VERY ATTRACTIVE, 23-48, non-smoker, stop here! You be monogamous, spontaneous, sweetheart, dress to impress, cuddly, kind, sexy, let me indulge you. I'm 6'3', 190lbs., 49, good looking, sophisticated, sensual, funny, GO dresser, successful, wanting committed companion for finer things of life. Paradise awaits. (11)9 12-49615

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SENIOR GENTLEMAN, 78, very active. healthy. Life is a gamble so let's roll the dice for fun and excitement. So, let's be winners together. (11/16) \$\alpha\$49619

49. 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. (11/9) 249591

858, WHITE GENTLEMAN, 56, 5'9" 172lbs., clean-shaven, handsome, well-groomed, great qualities, romantic, loving, supportive, intelligent, secure. Like outdoor activities, travel, positive people. (11/9) \$\infty\$49582

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TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male. Fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average w time together. Is that you? (11/9)

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. (11/9) 249583

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE, seeks hap nilv ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive pily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive lady, 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate; blue eyes, muscular, wel dressed, Catholic. (11/16) ☎49622

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 50, 61\*, 190lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Seeking mature, assertive, beautiful sublime, curvaceous woman to show he the respect she deserves. (11/16)

HONESTY, TRADITIONAL values, lasting relationship. Intelligent professional seeks nonsmoking woman to enjoy week-end adventures, casual entertainment,

travel, good music, good friends, my cooking, life. (11/9) \$\overline{\alpha}\$49613

DINNER AND A MOVIE. Young mid-60s, divorced white male, attractive, lots of energy. Looking for a great relationship. Call and let's talk. (11/16) \$\alpha\$49628

SINCERELY SEEKING A QUALITY relaionship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good look-ng. I love music, walking, having fun at nome, more. La Mesa area. (11/16)

a content, reasonably attractive, sensitive woman (any race) for whom loving and being cherished is nonnegotiable. Single

weing cherished is nonnegotiable. Single mom encouraged. (11/9) \$\tilde{\pi}\$ 49611

MARRY MEI I'm 39, 5'10', 174lbs., handsome, healthy, always exciting, hardworking, dependable homeowner, with nice body/smile. Seeking relationship or marriage with caring, friendly female. (11/16) \$\tilde{\pi}\$ 49638

MOSTLY NORMAL, ranch, vineyard owner, 5'8', 165lbs., not too ugly, baggage checked, want mature, low mileage lady, varied interests. For companionship que syrah shiraz curious. (11/09)

**SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE** girl looking for a lasting relationship. Please be slender a lasting relationship. Please be slender and nice. I am 48, 160lbs., blond, blue, my daughter is 8. (11/9) 🕿 49610

WHITE MALE, 63, teddy-bear type has RV and Baja house. Just retired. Seeking RV and Baja house. Just retired. Seeking long-term relationship. Have teeth and hair. I smoke and drink. (11/9) \$\alpha\$49605 FREE TO GOOD HOME. White, 58, bald, honest. work nights, good sense of huhonest, work nights, good sense of humor. Beach area. Like to touch and cuddle. No smoke, nor drugs. (11/9)

KOREAN GIRLFRIEND wanted, slender, attractive, for long-term relationship, inattractive, for long-term relationship, interested in science/space-related, too. The right last brother to carry on my fam-

ily name. (11/9) **3** 49585 **PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN,** 6'1", 165lbs., 53, chemistry/connec-

WANTED: FULL-FIGURED, mature lady for casual dating. Must be ma minded and funny, race not between age 40 to 55. (11/9) 2 49612

KISSES, HUGS, CUDDLES, 43, 5'10". 155lbs. Long brown hair, brown eye clean shaven, presentable. Simpl things: sunsets, bonfires, walk on the beach. (11/9) 249614

PAPA BEAR 44. BABY GIRL bear 12 Looking for mama bear. I own my cave. We like camping, fishing, outdoors. Cubs of your own OK. (11/16) \$\frac{1}{\infty}\$ 49625

ITALIAN, 46, HARD WORKER, Seeking nice, simple lady for long-term relationship. Open race/age. Nonsmoker/drinker. Enjoy music, dance, romantic dining. Ciao bella! Call. (11/9)

SEEKING DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE for love and exciting pleasure. I'm 38, slim build, athletic type, and ready to serve you. (11/9) \$\infty\$ 49602

LOOKING FOR A LOVING, affectionate female, any age, for a quality relation-ship. I'm tall, attractive, 54, Caucasian easygoing, loving, romantic, affectionate, financially/emotionally secure. (11/16)

SINGLE, 40, MEXICAN. Seeking black female, 35-45, 4'11'-5'4' who likes to have fun. Don't play games, has a few

kids or down to earth. Call. (11/16)

SEEKING MRS. RIGHT. I'm 79. California native, cheerful, like variety of activities. You are 70-80, sincere, tall, plus size, looking for right guy. (11/9) \$\infty\$49589

WHITE MALE, 75 YEARS OLD, 5'10" 50lbs., retired professional, financi ecure, in excellent health, outdoor ty earch of long-term relationship. (11/9)

TALL, PROFESSIONAL, Caucasian male. Seeking tall, slender, Caucasian lady to share and enjoy dinners, travel and entertainment. I'm 57, fit and 6'6'. (11/16) 49637

GOOD-HEARTED BIKER, looking for fit woman for fun and possibly serious relationship. Let's enjoy life together. Call me. (11/9) ☎49581

ACTIVE CAUCASIAN WIDOWER, 68, 65lbs., well groomed, fit, Bay Pare owner. Like cooking, glass wine good company. Seeking lady companion under 65 for dating. (11/16) 249618

BOYISHLY HANDSOME, YOUNG 60, ro-mantic. sexv. lover, 6'1", 185lbs., dimantic, sexy, lover, 6'1", 185lbs., di-vorced father. Seeking classy, intelligent, slim lady for intimate, romantic evenings, kissing, cocktails, candles, music, me. (11/16) **1** 

GENTLEMANLY, NONSMOKING, retired senior widower, love music, theater, con-certs, travel, cruising. Seeking unencum-bered, uninhibited, compatible lady counterpart for friendship, companionship to enjoy our lives together. (11/16)

A DECENT MAN. A good man is waiting for the right woman. I'm 48. You are 36-50. Intelligent, thoughtful and loving. (11/9) \$\tilde{\tilde{4}}\tilde{4}\tilde{6}00\$

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs., casual, healthy lifestyle. Outdoors, bik-ing, hiking, new adventures. You: some-what attractive, enjoy nature, ready for caring, sharing relationship. (11/16)

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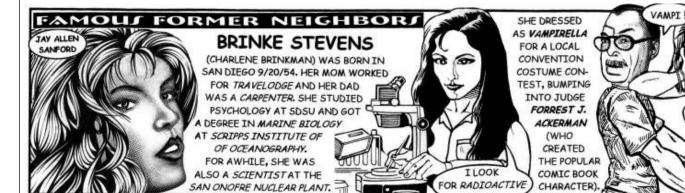
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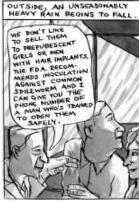














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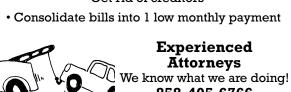
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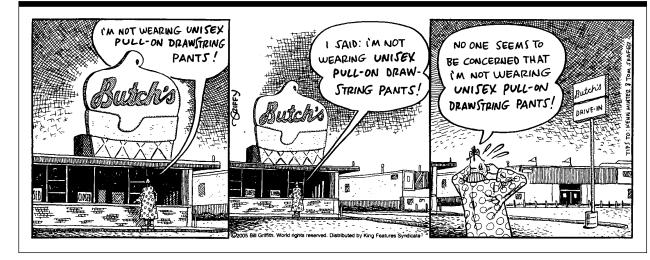
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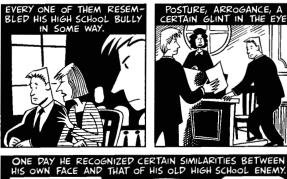
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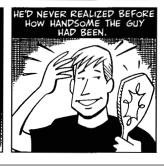








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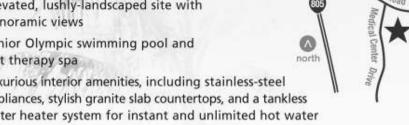
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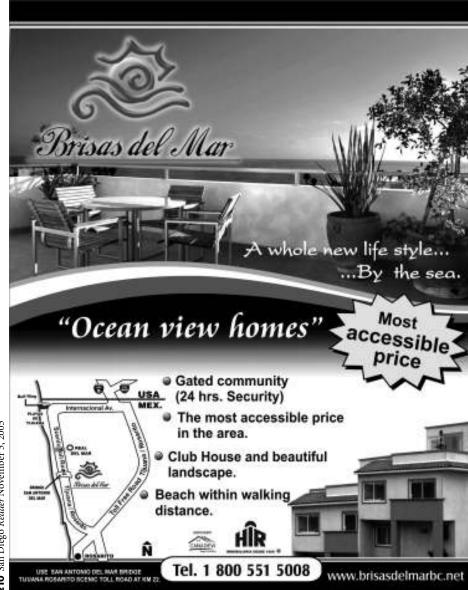
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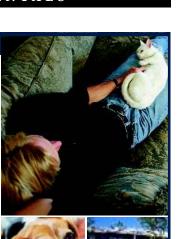
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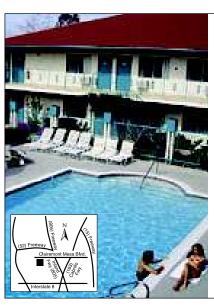
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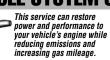
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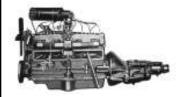
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## **Can't Possibly Be True**

 Inmate Scott Bolton filed a lawsuit in September against the Luzerne County, Pa., prison and a slew of corrections officials, blaming them for the severe injuries he suffered in a 2003 alleged escape attempt, claiming that tighter security would have foiled his breakout. Bolton suffered spinal cord injuries (which have permanently confined him to a wheelchair) when fellow inmate-conspirator Hugo Selenski pushed Bolton out of a window, several floors up, apparently to speed their leaping exit. Asked a corrections commissioner, incredulously, "[An inmate] is dumb enough to act as a human mattress for Hugo, and [we're] responsible?"

 Reba Schappell, of Reading, Pa., a professional country music singer who is also a conjoined twin with sister Lori, was profiled in a September segment of the BBC radio series Who Runs Your World. Said Reba, "When I am singing, Lori is like any other fan, except she's up on the stage with me [covered in a blanket to reduce the distraction]." Said Lori: "I do not ask for anything from Reba. I don't get in to her concerts free just because she's a conjoined twin. I have to pay, just like every other fan that comes to the concert.'

### **Questionable Judgments**

- (1) Stephen Sodones, 62, was hospitalized in critical condition in August but ultimately recovered after being bitten three times on the hand by a copperhead snake, which he was helpfully carrying to safety across Route 23 near Jefferson, N.J.; according to a neighbor interviewed by the Newark Star-Ledger, animal-lover Sodones stops traffic to let ducks cross roads and once tried to revive a bumblebee by warming it in his hands. (2) Delshawn Prejean, 35, was arrested in Jacksonville, Fla., in June after a Starbucks waitress squealed on him for leaving a small pile of marijuana as a tip.

At the Weavers School in Wellingborough, England, teachers were told in August to tolerate 15- and 16-year-old students' cussing, even the "f word," at least up to five times per class. According to London's Daily Mail, the teachers were to merely keep a count of the words on the board, which the school believes shows tolerance for occasional bad language, but which more cynical teachers and parents believe will encourage the students to max out usage in each class.

### **Signs of the Times**

(1) Ismael Velasquez, 47, was convicted of drug possession in Round Rock, Texas, in September because he failed at flushing his baggie of cocaine down the toilet of a Shell station; police attributed their evidence-recovery success to the station's new, low-flow toilet, which caused the baggie to swirl around. (2) Among the latest citizens to (as per the First Amendment) "peaceably assemble" and "petition government for a redress of grievances" were "hundreds" of sex offenders who gathered in September in Palm Bay, Fla., to protest the town's severe restrictions on where they can live and travel.

### Awesome!

- (1) Hungry Howie's Pizza deliveryman Thomas Stefanelli, 37, was shot in the leg during a June robbery in Tampa, Fla., as he made his rounds, but he fought the robbers off and, not really aware that the pain in his leg was from a gunshot, dutifully delivered his other four pizzas before returning to the store and examining his wound. (2) In London, in July, an unnamed teenager was rescued from a construction site at

4 a.m., about ten stories up on the arm of a crane, which she had climbed during an apparent sleepwalking episode; she had to be brought down on a hydraulic lift.

# **Family Values**

— (1) Pastor Marshall Wedderburn was given a "conditional" sentence and probation by a court in Kitchener, Ontario, in June after he admitted that he had whipped his 11-year-old daughter in church with a microphone cord because she appeared not to be paying attention to his sermon. (2) Elaine Walker became the latest parent to decide to relocate without letting her child know about it. She moved out of their home in Redmire, England, in July, leaving the equivalent of about \$40 to her 15-yearold daughter, along with a note announcing that she and an older daughter had moved to Turkey (where she had recently met a man).

### **Fetishes on Parade**

(1) Toru Nagasawa, 29, a construction worker in Kawasaki, Japan, was arrested in July after allegedly forcing a man to give up his contact lenses; at his home, police later recovered 124 pairs of eyeglasses and 30 pairs of contacts, stored in plastic bags. (2) Stephen Schroeder, 60, was arrested in Wilmington, N.C., in August, as the man who has been stealing teenage boys clothes for 25 years, with an inventory of 137 pairs of shoes and enough other items to fill a van and a truck. According to police, Schroeder said he had a need to "hold" and "possess" the

### **Least Competent Criminals**

- Kim Bedwell, 52, and Gladys Bedwell, 50, were arrested for alleged marijuana manufacturing in Clarkston, Wash., in September, discovered when police happened to chase a black bear through their neighborhood and into the Bedwells' back yard. Apparently, frightened that the commotion was a drug raid, Kim tried to toss a marijuana plant over a high fence, but it landed on one of the officers. ... In San Jacinto,

Texas, in May, William Bluder, 21, was arrested for armed robbery but attempted to escape by diving head-first through some bushes outside a convenience store. Unknown to Bluder, the bushes obscured a brick wall, which he hit with full force.

## **Cultural Diversity**

· Royalty by Opportunistic Encounter: After a lifelong search, Marty Johnson, a Minnesota mortgage broker, finally located and visited his birth father this year, according to an ABC News report. Dad is John Ogike, who was an exchange student from Nigeria when he had a brief affair with Marty's mother, who gave Marty up for adoption, but today John Ogike is chief of the Aboh village in Nigeria, and Marty will be accepted as the new chief upon his dad's death (but Marty is unsure whether to accept).

- Human Rights in Action: The Sri Lankan Daily News reported in September that the government's cabinet has decided to lower the age of consent for sex from 16 to 13 because, according to Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva, too many men were being arrested under the old law. Also in September, Nepal's Supreme Court ordered the government to ban the traditional practice of confining women to cow sheds during their menstrual periods.

### **Undignified Deaths**

- A 49-year-old woman and her 30-year-old daughter were accidentally run over and killed in August in Indianapolis as they scuffled with each other just after midnight and rolled into the street, in front of an oncoming car. ... A 38-year-old man whose family owns the Catacombs Extreme Scream Halloween attraction in Kansas City, Mo., was killed while working on the exhibit when the horror house's elevator malfunctioned.

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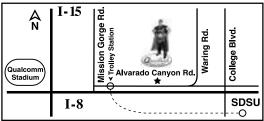
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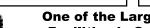


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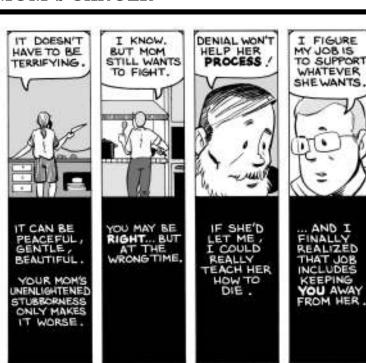
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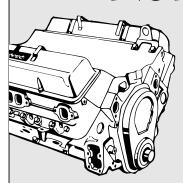
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Here are some of the things that my current home, Slovenia, has been confused with: Slovakia, Transylvania, Siberia, Slavonia, Yugoslavia, and Sepultura. Well, maybe not the last one, but definitely the others — especially Slovakia. You can't really blame people. Slovenia and Slovakia have nearly identical flags, are both Slavic, both Eastern European, both small, and both appeared on European maps about 15 years ago. In 1993, Slovakia quietly and amicably divorced the Czech Republic; in 1991, Slovenia walked out of a violent polygamous relationship with Croatia, Serbia, and the other members of Yugoslavia.

I arrived in Slovenia in 2001. Before that I was in New York City, where I studied journalism at NYU and did brief stints at Bloomberg and the online edition of the Wall Street Journal. I moved over here to be with my then girlfriend and now wife, Katarina. The whole "separated by the Atlantic Ocean" thing was always tiresome, but eventually it grew unbearable. We decided to finally do something about it. In truth, it wasn't too difficult for me to make the jump. I'm from one of those restless families that move every few years. My father worked for a German shipping company that regularly dispatched him from port to port, first across the American South (Savannah, New Orleans, Houston) and then up to New York and later on to such far-flung places as Singapore and Hamburg. I never really got a taste for stability and roots. I couldn't even hold still when I got to college; I spent my undergraduate years at three different universities, where I also went through majors the way most people flip through Sunday-afternoon television.

Nevertheless, my friends were still a bit surprised that I would even consider leaving a bustling metropolis like New York for an obscure patch of mountainous Europe like Slovenia. Many of them probably weren't sure how to picture the place, but guessed it might have something to do with the word "slovenly." (It doesn't.) Or that it was some bleak, post-socialist nightmare, with lots of rundown coal factories and long bread lines. (It's not.) Or that it was the Republic of Slovakia. (It ain't.)

It really isn't. And yet: The Slovenia/Slovakia conundrum has managed to confuse just about everyone and their hard-to-fool sister. In the United States, almost every major media outlet has jumbled the two at one point, including heavyweights like the New York Times, the Chicago Tribune, and USA Today. It's also claimed highprofile victims like President George W. Bush, who famously mistook a Slovenian politician for a Slovak.

There are also practical consequences. Last year, for example, Slovakia got about 1,300 pounds of mail intended for Slovenia — the equivalent of a full-sized West Indian manatee. (I'm pretty sure that a few ounces of that were intended for me.)

When I arrived here, I assumed that the mixup was only a problem outside of Europe. But in fact, even Slovenia's neighbors seem to have trouble with it. I've met people in the borderlands of both Austria and Italy who not only didn't know where Slovenia was, but had never even heard of it before. It's like telling a Californian you're from Oregon and hearing: "Ore-what? Orewhere? You mean oregano?

Isn't that an herb? Get out of here! Really? Oregon?"

To satisfy some of my friends' curiosity, I started writing long e-mails explaining what I was seeing and what it was like here. (Imagine Italian, Austrian and Slavic influences all swirled up together, then shrunk down to a place the size of New Jersey. With mountains.) But I noticed that I was often repeating myself.

Regularly.

After a while, I decided to put up all my observations on a single source: a blog. I started The Glory of Carniola (Carniola is the Latin name for an old Slovenian region) in January 2004. When I started, I could find one other blogger in the entire country. Since then, blogging has boomed. There are now upwards of 165 Slovenian

> bloggers, plus an additional 72 writing in foreign languages. (Mostly in English, but also in languages like Spanish and German.) More appear every week.

It's double-plus good, in that it's hard enough to find any kind of information about this country.

There are places like the official tourism agency or some news sources that will tell you about local political developments, but I think it's increasingly bloggers who are taking their place (for better or for worse) as the country's representatives abroad.

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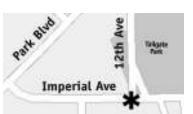


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# **BRANDISHING A DEADLY WEAPON/MUGGING**

Location: 12th and Imperial, East Village Time/Date: 1:10 a.m. on 10/22/05

Victim's Statement: I was at the trolley station, looking at the schedule for the next line going



out to East County, when I noticed a man in the field of my vision. He was behind

me. I thought at first he wanted to look at the schedule too. The guy was about 5'7", in his 40s, with a thick moustache and rugged, dark skin and grey in his hair. I could smell alcohol on his breath and his eyes were bloodshot. He put his arm around my shoulder and smiled. I thought he might be a friendly drunk. I smiled back at him. I then saw a screwdriver in his other hand that he put to my neck. He said, "Give me your wallet or I'll open you up and make you bleed." I was shocked and could not respond. He repeated what he said. I told him: "I don't have any money." He said: "I know you have money, you look like you have money, you bastard, now give me your wallet, you bastard." I gave him my wallet. I had \$2 in my wallet. I keep my money in my front pocket because friends always told me to do this in case I was ever mugged. The guy walked away and headed east on Imperial

During this incident, there were half a dozen people sitting around waiting for the trolley. I knew they saw what happened and none of them did a thing to stop it. Two people just sat there and watched. I yelled at them: "Did you see what just happened? Why didn't you do anything?" One of them said to me: "What am I supposed to do?"

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and yell. He started coming back. He yelled: "Where's the money, bitch?" I wasn't going to let this happen again. I started walking toward him and yelling back at him. I yelled: "Try to mug me now, just try to mug me now!" I wanted to kick his ass. I saw him drop my wallet and run away.

I picked up my wallet from the sidewalk. My ID and credit card were in the wallet, but my \$2 was

### DRUG POSSESSION

Location: 5200 Bancroft Drive.

Lemon Grove

Time/Date: 4:05 p.m. on 10/20/05



Investigation: Lemon Grove Sheriff's Gang Suppression Deputies stopped a vehicle...for a traffic violation. Upon contact, the driver Quirino B. went to retrieve his vehicle's registration from the glove box. When Quirino opened the glove box, both deputies saw a large plastic bag of methamphetamine inside. Quirino and his brother, identified as Facundo B., were subsequently arrested.

During the search of the vehicle, a small baggy of methamphetamine was found on the passenger seat and a tube of bathroom sealant containing fourteen individual bags of methamphetamine was located in between the driver and passenger's seats. The total net weight of the drugs was 7.4 ounces with an approximate street value of \$4000. Quirino and Facundo were transported to the San Diego Central Jail and booked on several drug related charges. Their bail was set at \$45,000.

# ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

Location: [5000] Muir Avenue, Ocean Beach

Time/Date: 2:25 p.m. on 10/20/05



Victim's Statement: I was walking down the street and a white van stopped next to me, heading westbound toward the beach. The driver said, "Excuse me?" He was heavy-set and looked to be Asian, in his 50s. I figured he was going to ask me directions. He said, "Come here!" He said it like an order. I felt something was wrong. Strangers just don't say that to people. I stopped. I wasn't going to get close to the van. The driver had a cell phone. He said, "I can't find an address. Come talk to this guy." I said, "No." The driver then pointed a black handgun at me. He was acting nervous. He said,

"Come here or I'll shoot." I turned away and began walking fast. I was scared. I didn't know if he was going to actually shoot. I heard the van's tires screech. I turned around and tried to get a license plate number but the van was too far away. I could identify the driver if I saw him again.

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Location: 1137 Regal Road, Encinitas Time/Date: 12:09 a.m. on 10/24/05



Incident: The Carl's Jr. Restaurant was robbed...by a lone suspect. The suspect, possibility a Hispanic male, entered the restaurant wearing a gray bandanna over a portion of his face. He brandished a machete, confronted several employees and demanded money from the safe. When unable to open the safe, the suspect demanded money from the cash registers.

A restaurant employee opened three cash drawers from which the suspect took money and placed it into a backpack. The subject fled in a red pickup truck, possibly a Ford Ranger. The loss was estimated to be approximately \$350.

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Joel Brilliant tells me his car is commonly referred to as a mini-woody. "I had always wanted one. I lived in England for a few years, from '70 to '73, and drove one there. And later I lived in Italy, and an Italian friend of mine had one that we put our dive gear into when we went out diving every morning.

"A few years ago, the spark just hit me, and I got on the Internet and searched for about nine months and finally found one on a website that specialized in British cars. This one came from Pennsylvania. It had been in the garage for about ten years. The guy was going to get around to fixing it and never did, like most of us guys who have things in the garage.

"We negotiated price. He sent me some photos. I believe the car is originally from Canada, because the speedometer is in kilometers and it's left-hand drive, and I don't get a sense that the steering was changed over

"I arranged for shipping. The first time I saw it was when it arrived in San Diego. Shipping was about \$900. You'd think it would be half-price for a car this size, but no.

"I had a few mechanical things done, nothing significant. Body-wise, I was referred to a place that took off all the trim, sanded down to basic metal, then started from there. I refinished the wood. It's the original oak. I got it reupholstered, the sides, the floor re-carpeted, the header, the back bench, the seats all redone.

"I've only driven it about 5000 miles in the two years since it's been ready. It hasn't left San Diego in all that time. Not even to go to El Cajon. I treat it gently, because it only has so many miles and years left. I'll only drive about 60 miles an hour, though it will go faster."

"Still," I say, "you're happier with

this than you would be with a new Mini Cooper?"

Joel nods. "Even as fun as the new Mini Coopers are, this is a bit more fun. It corners uniquely; it's just a terrific-handling car. It's only 11 feet long. Four strong men can pick it up. The transmission is a four speed with no synchro for first gear. You have to stop to put it into first, but first is a very, very low gear, so you can start it off in second if you want to.

"I belong to a Mini club, with owners of the Mini Coopers and some of the classics like mine. We get together every month. They'll take long road trips. The new cars go on those. The old cars, it's not wise to take them inland, because at any amount of speed, they'll overheat. Not boil over, but run hotter than they should. The radiator is tiny. It wasn't designed for the San Diego environment. It's a British car, after all.

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the British Leyland Motor Corporation. Sometime in the '70s they stopped sending them to the States. But they still sold them in Europe.

"I've seen one woody like mine in San Diego. I could probably count on one hand the number of mini-woodies in Southern California, unless they're hiding out someplace."

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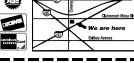
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"Sorry. Say that again."

"What would you like to do?" I found the mouth that had spoken the words. She had chestnut hair and alabaster skin.

I feigned knowledge of our acquaintance. "Oh, whatever you'd like."

"Well, we said last night that we'd hang out here until we met the Spanish guys," her London accent seemed familiar. "Then we were going see Shaun Ryder DJ at that pub by the castle. But, that won't be until around 10 o'clock or so. Let's just watch Pop Idol until then. I still feel pretty bad from all the partying we did last night."

Who the hell is this woman? Oh ho ho. It came rushing back to me. The entire night clicked through my head, cut up, patchy, and vague. The pills. The wine. Running up and down the stairs of the hostel from room-to-room. TV lounge to bar. Lobby to patio.

A Scottish snow fell on us and we stood there in it with cigarettes. The smoke is hardly detectable in a blizzard. You can sit in a windowsill and look out over Edinburgh and the lights reflect in the glass of cabernet. You can tell each other your life stories and watch Coyote Ugly together, drinking still, until you just can't stand it anymore.

Six hours with someone, holding each other and taking pictures. Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas. And, the next day you wouldn't have remembered a thing if she hadn't walked right up to you in the bar and asked you what you wanted to do.

Tonight we'll go to a pub by a castle to watch a famous DJ. It'll be the same story. Endless walking, dancing, drinking, talking. And, tomorrow I won't remember a damn bit of it.

### WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

### **HUMAN CANNONBALLS**

### DSC 12:00 P.M.

Freakin' sweet! I rarely make proclamations. I'm a relativist. But, I will state officially that I feel there should be way more programming about human cannonballs. That's my final word on the subject.

### GERALDO AT LARGE

### KUSI 8:30 P.M.

Geraldo gets another show. You can't see it but I'm rolling my eyes so vehemently that I look like I'm in the first stages of a grand mal. Geraldo. With that mustache.

# FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

### STRIPTEASE (1996)

### MAX 8:00 P.M.

You'd think stripper movies would be more popular. There are a lot of movies with awful writing and terrible direction. People still see those. In a country where Zorro Two: Electric Boogaloo This Time It's Personal can thrive at the box office, Demi Moore's dirty bits are ignored. Go figure.

# SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

THE LAST WARRIOR (2000)

WGN 11:00 A.M.

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What? Dolph Lundgren leads earthquake survivors against a gang of convicts bent on ruling the world. Let me go look this up, that can't be right. No, that's right. That's the premise. That's not a joke. Dolph. Earthquake. Convicts. Just because of this movie's existence someone owes me an apology. The director, the writer, whoever sunk the millions required to make such a film. Someone. Get them on the horn.

## THE HULK (2003)

# USA 4:00 P.M.

Giant cartoon Hulk battles giant

cartoon poodle. I'm not making that up. That's a scene in this movie. At no time during the production of this film did anyone stop and say, "Wait. A giant poodle? No. That's, uh, that's just stupid." American craftsmanship, quality, and know-how thrown out with a bag full of purple pants and giant poodle poop.

### LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT NBC 9:00 P.M.

Between NBC and USA, Law & Order is being shown nine times today. Am I missing something? I've seen all of the different versions — SVU, Criminal Intent, Original Recipe — at least once. I wasn't so impressed that I would want to watch nine times in a day. Is this one of those things where I have to pretend to understand why this is so popular so people won't think I'm an idiot? Ugh. I hate those.

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

## SEX AND THE CITY

### WGN 8:00 P.M.

I was recently talking with someone about how we had never seen a hooker in San Diego. And, not two days later I'm driving down El Cajon by 35th and see two bona fide streetwalkers. That's awesome! I love to see the lost kids, the to them. I've been out in the dark a lot. We're all the same. You know. LATE EDITION WITH WOLF BLITZER

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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

### HOLLYWOOD SNAPPERS

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By John Brizzolara

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One of my closest friends in San Diego is Bill, two years younger, I think, but we share both a December birthday and a former girlfriend; regarding this woman, we will refer to "our shared microflora." Not to lend undue credence to astrology, but a love of Halloween and a wide range of tacky horror films, novels, trivia, and amusing arcana can join these coincidental bonds. Bill had visited the night before, bringing a gift, his personally re-edited version of the 1968 Vincent Price film, The Conqueror Worm, to which he had restored the since bowdlerized, original soundtrack, adding some of his own accomplished instrumentation just before and after the credits.

Bill had also brought with him a movie poster he had found for me, a gigantic and fabulous thing advertising the 1975 opening of The Man Who Would Be King at the Broadway Leows Theater. I had been at the opening, and the poster is now on my living room wall above a bookcase. On the top shelf of the case rests a plaster skull. Periodically Bill restores this to look exactly like the crowned death's head of Daniel Dravot (Sean Connery), which Peachy Carnehan (Michael Caine) brings to Rudyard Kipling (Christopher Plummer) in that all-time favorite film of mine.

On this Friday night, the last in October, I content myself to walk around the neighborhood both for entertainment and exercise. I had spent almost \$20 earlier in the day on a book I had special ordered from what is literally my corner bookshop. In this case it happens to be Controversial Books on University Avenue, manned by owner Doug and personable booksellers Leslie and Arlen – at least that day. While it is a sort of new-age bookstore, it is also a good source for occult stuff and plenty of crackpot creepiness. The book I had ordered was by Aleister Crowley, for example, one you wouldn't find quickly at chain stores.

Down the street at Claire de Lune coffee house, I order a pastry and a coffee and enjoy myself watching the characters of the neighborhood, many of them at least tonight in observation of Halloween possibly though not necessarily with a distinct Goth tinge. Any night of the week one might well find the young, eye-shadowed, hair-dyed-too-black reading Anne Rice or Kerouac; but you will, I'd wager, find Anne Rice sooner. You will find people reading poetry here and you will find poets. Most of these, like all poets, are undoubtedly bad. I would sooner live in a neighborhood with bad poets than none at all. Perversely, this puts me squarely in the rank of bad poets (were I to write the stuff), I suppose, since a good one would prefer silence and a blank page or a still pen to crap. I don't mind a reasonable amount of crap, however, which brings me to another feature of North Park, just around the corner, Paras newsstand.

Paras is where I would buy my copies of the again-silenced pulp magazine Weird Tales. In another, anthology-style incarnation, WT bought my first two pieces of fiction in 1980. Taking its place fairly well these days is a new favorite, Cemetery Dance. One can also buy the Paris Review here and any of a number of small literary magazines; but far and away, the bulk of publications for sale at Paras are nothing if not squarely in line with my ongoing perception of the weirdness at the heart of all things.

An ambitious walk or a short bus ride will take me to Lestat's coffee shop in Normal Heights. Itself, named after an Anne Rice character and a burgeoning venue for the local music scene (as is Claire de Lune), Lestat's is another

island of alienated Goth intellectuals, artists, and musicians. The regular patrons tend to be young, but by no means exclusively. One thing that occurs to me about Lestat's and Claire de Lune is that unlike similar places in La Jolla or the beach areas, even downtown, you will find far fewer tourists here. The clientele is largely local and though I would not wish it on either establishment or their customers, visitors to San Diego might find it far more revealing, rewarding, and representative of the city to visit these spots on, say, a Friday night. Sea World will tell tourists little about us. certainly nothing of any life of the mind or the populist sensibilities of a sizeable "fringe" element that co-exists here with the



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