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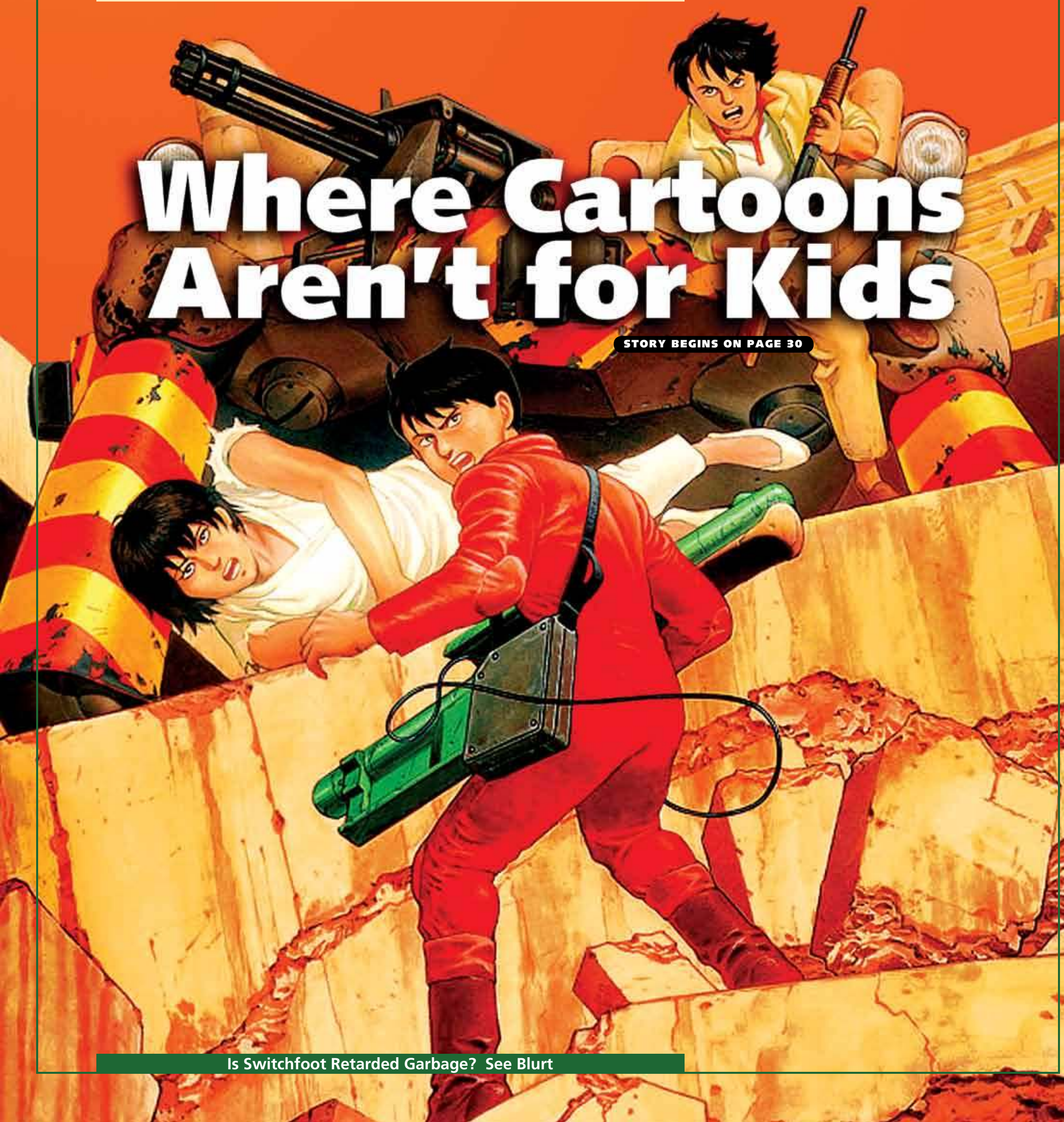

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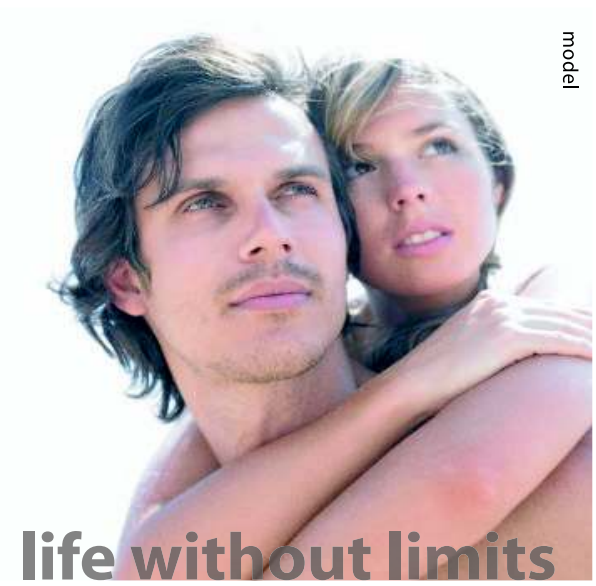

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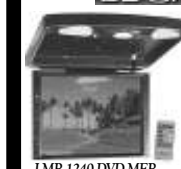

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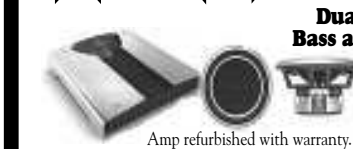

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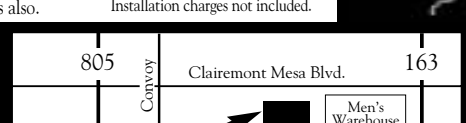

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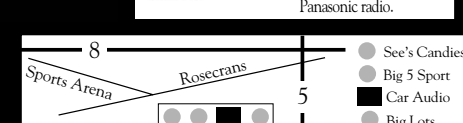

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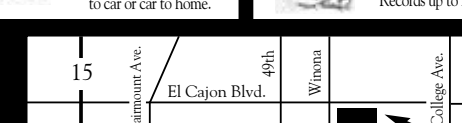

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It's only money When you're the president of a big taxpayer-funded state university in California, you get plenty of perks. Take the case of San Diego State's **Stephen Weber**, who has gone on more than a few junkets, work-related and otherwise, over the past 27 months. For instance, there was his trip to Hong Kong, Shenzhen, and Beijing, China, in October of last year to speak to "Chamber of Commerce representatives," attend a "High-Tech Fair," and have a "Meeting with China Ministry of Commerce." State taxpayers picked up $212 of Weber's tab, according to records the university released in response to a California Public Records Act request, but that's just the beginning of the story. A memo accompanying the bill says that "travel arrangements were made by and most anticipated expenses will be paid by a private party. The President will be traveling with Lt. Governor **Cruz Bustamante**. The above amount to be paid from State funds reflects an estimate of the cost of staying in Hong Kong for one night." It turns out that the trade mission was financed in part by the downtown law firm of Luce Forward, along with Tatum Partners, a business consultant, along with county taxpayers. "China is the future," Weber was quoted as saying in a news release at the time.



Stephen Weber

Besides foreign travel, Weber has also jetted around America. In August 2003, he spent $626 going to Dallas to meet with "major donor" **Norman Brinker**, a onetime Jack in the Box franchise operator. Then there were repeated trips to Sacramento to visit state lawmakers. In August of last year, Weber spent $288 to attend a "California Senate presentation to Senator **Alpert**." That May he went to the state capital for "CSU Budget Advocacy Day," costing $169. The same month it cost taxpayers $684 to put Weber up for three nights in a posh $190-plus-tax Newport Beach hotel room for a "CSU Executive Council retreat." That July he was off to Salt Lake City for a "Mountain West Conference retreat" and Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a "Business–Higher Education Forum summer meeting," grand total: $639.

Some of the trips appear to be more work-related than others. In August of 2003, Weber went to Chicago for "Appeal of NCAA ruling on infractions," cost: $1074. That September he traveled to Spokane, Washington, and San Francisco for "Director of Athletics candidate interviews," cost: $1116. The same month he went to Phoenix for another athletic director interview, cost: $435. In August 2003, the records show that Weber requested reimbursement for $661 to watch SDSU play Ohio State in Columbus. In November, he spent $860 on a trip to New Orleans for a "meeting to discuss the Bowl Championship Series." The hotel room alone cost $284. In February 2004, he put in for a $684 reimbursement for a trip to Miami Beach to discuss athletic business with the Mountain West Conference.

Last December, he went to San Francisco to receive a Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association, at a cost to taxpayers of $720. In March of this year, Weber claimed $1917 for expenses racked up during a lobbying excursion to Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

The same month, he was off to Phoenix for a "Business–Higher Education Forum meeting," cost: $698. In April it was back to Sacramento for "CSU Legislative Day" and a night at the upscale Hyatt Regency across from the capitol, cost: $431. The same month Weber put in a reimbursement request for a day in Los Angeles as a member of the "Union Bank of California Community Advisory Board." Even though that was a private function, his "Request for Absence from Campus" justified the trip on the grounds that "President Weber's service on the board supports improved relations between SDSU and the local community." The cost of getting up to L.A. and back, including $165.40 for a night's lodging, was $369. This June, Weber went to Anaheim to attend a "Presidential Leadership Forum," cost: $286. And in July, it was time again for CSU's three-night "Executive Council Retreat" at the Four Seasons Hotel in Newport Beach, cost: $809.

Politics as usual Forty-ninth on the list of most munificent corporate political action committees is La Jolla's Science Applications International Corporation, the federal contractor famous for its controversial defense contracts in Iraq. During the most recent reporting period, the company gave a total of $174,500 to congressional campaigns: $74,000 (or 42 percent) to Democrats and the rest to Republicans. When the 58 PACs that gave the most money are ranked according to percentages of their contributions made to each party, SAIC came in as 10th most generous to Democrats and 46th to Republicans. … **Randy "Duke" Cunningham**, the Vietnam War ace, is serving out his last term in Congress following an FBI probe into his financial ties to high-rolling defense contractor **Mitchell Wade**. But disclosure records show that Cunningham was still raking in campaign contributions even after the controversy came to public attention. On June 16, four days after the story broke, ex–GOP congressman **Bill Lowery** — now a Washington lobbyist representing such clients as the San Diego State University Foundation and Titan Corporation — gave $2000. A week and a half earlier, Lowery and his associate **Jean Denton** had given the congressman a total of $4000. On June 22, Cunningham picked up $7500, including $1000 each from **Dewitt Hardin III** and **Frank Collins** of the Alexandria, Virginia, lobbying firm Northpoint Strategies. On June 30, General Atomics owner **Linden Blue** kicked in $500.



Randy Cunningham

— Matt Potter

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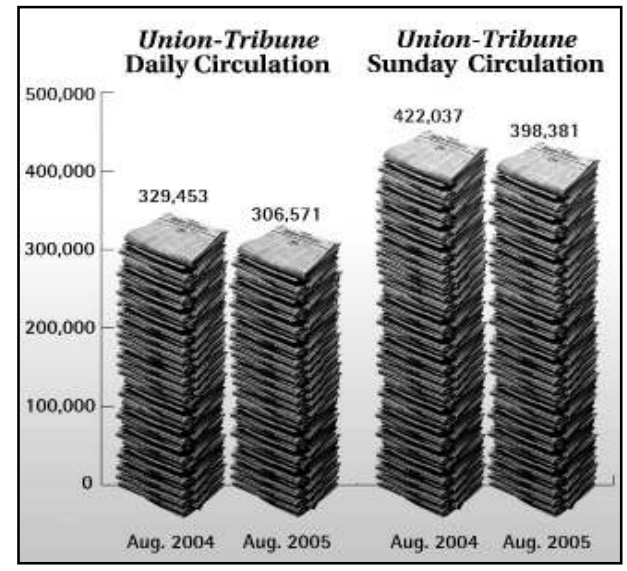
Fudged Circulation Figures

By Don Bauder

The *Union-Tribune* has two problems with its circulation: quantity and quality. The numbers are sinking, but they're also artificially bloated, according to two Wall Street media analysts. The analysts rate 50 major metropolitan newspapers for quality of circulation: the *Union-Tribune* is one of the 5 worst.



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First, the numbers. In its in-house magazine, the *U-T* says that its average August daily circulation was 306,571, down from 329,453 a year ago. Average Sunday August circulation was 398,381, down from 422,037 a year earlier. September numbers improved moderately.

There are 3.05 million people in the county and 1.06 million households. This means that the daily newspaper is directly reaching only 10 percent of people and 30 percent of households. In 1960, Copley papers were reaching almost 80 percent of households; by 1983, that was down to 46 percent.

In 1950, household penetration of U.S. daily newspapers peaked at 123 percent. (People then read more than one paper.) Now the average is 51 percent. The *Union-Tribune* is well below 51, but so are many large metro papers.

In 1999, the *Union-Tribune* announced its 400,000/500,000 plan. In three years, it intended to raise daily circulation to 400,000 from 381,256 and Sunday to 500,000 from 453,666. Those would have been modest increases: 400,000/500,000 really wasn't that ambitious. But six years later, the company is now down around 300,000/400,000.

Indeed, if low-quality circulation is eliminated, the *Union-Tribune* is now below that threshold. On Monday, the Audit Bureau of Circulations, the industry monitor, came out with data for the six months ended September of this year. Average Sunday circulation was 416,682 and Monday–Friday 314,279. But there is a category called "other paid," which is above 25,000 in both cases. Without "other paid," Sunday plummets to 389,198 and Monday–Friday to 289,009.

That "other paid" category is one thing that arches eyebrows among followers of newspaper circulation. Most

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School vs. Ball Field Re-ignites Skirmish

By Ernie Grimm

After a two-year cease-fire, shots are again flying in a battle between San Diego City Schools and some Golden Hill residents.

The battleground is a section of the urban grid bounded by 32nd and 33rd streets on the west and east, A and C streets on the north and south. Sharing space in that quadrangle is Golden Hill Elementary, which is scheduled to open in January, and the southern end of the 32nd Street Canyon.

The fight dates to 2000, when San Diego City Schools sat on a mountain of Prop MM cash, which could be spent only to modernize existing schools or to build new ones. The district tagged Golden Hill and Grant Hill as candidates for a new elementary school. "Population was going through the roof at the time," says school district chief of facilities Bob Kiesling, "and the bond measure called for a school to relieve overcrowding at Brooklyn Elementary [at Ash and 30th Street in Golden Hill] and Kimbrough Elementary, across 94 [in Grant Hill]. At that time Brooklyn and Kimbrough each had about 1000 students, and we typically like to see between 500 and 700, maximum, in an elementary school. So we were going to build a new school to take some of the population off of each of those two schools."

The district informed the Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee that it would start looking for a six-acre site for the school. Tershia d'Elgin, who leads a group of activists



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called Friends of 32nd Street Canyon, says she and many others in Golden Hill were surprised by the announcement, especially since gentrification was driving down the number of kids enrolled at Brooklyn Elementary. At one planning group meeting, she said, "Over a hundred people were there saying things such as, 'There's a decreasing enrollment here. Why do we even need a new school?' "

Kiesling concedes that enrollment in Golden Hill has dropped dramatically since the new school was first planned. "What has happened in the meantime," Kiesling explains, "with the run-up in the cost of land and housing in San Diego, is the Brooklyn school has come down to about 500, which is within our norm. But Kimbrough school is still about 900. So the new school is still needed in terms of relieving crowding.

"The other thing that the board of education has done is we've allowed a charter school to go into the Brooklyn campus."

This fall, 271 charter-school students are sharing the campus with non-charter-school students. The charter school anticipates its enrollment to increase next year.

"We are going to take the 500 [noncharter] students from Brooklyn — and the population is still decreasing in that area," Kiesling continues, "and we are going to move them over to Golden Hill Elementary [in January]. Then we are eventually going to move some Kimbrough students into Golden Hill as well and try to balance that out a little better."

In 2001, after what d'Elgin calls a "very acrimonious site-selection process," the district settled on the south end of the 32nd Street Canyon to build the new school. But when neighbors saw the first drawings, many protested. The plan called for filling in the canyon and building a six-acre campus on the resultant pad. The streambed, through which water flows during rainstorms, would be encased in a concrete culvert. The neighbors were joined by environmental groups such as the Audubon Society and San Diego Baykeeper (now called San Diego Coastkeeper). Native plant groups decried the planned destruction of the natural drainage, which features rare southern maritime chaparral habitat. Their resistance was fierce enough to get the school district to change its plans. Instead of filling the southern end of the canyon, the district seized 30 houses on its eastern slope, centering the school on the corner of A and 33rd. The playground and parking lot extend along 33rd Street to C. Workers broke ground in the summer of 2004. The school district retained ownership of a .8-acre parcel on the west side of the canyon, across the streambed from the playground. The district hoped to combine that parcel with a city-owned parcel just north of it and build a joint-use ball field on the site. The City, however, wouldn't relinquish its parcel, and the Friends of 32nd Street Canyon opposed the field idea. So the district dropped the field from its plans and proceeded to build the school without it.



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Tershia d'Elgin

Meanwhile, d'Elgin, on

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Golden Hill Elementary School

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of it refers to those newspapers that show up in your driveway Sunday morning, even though you don't have a subscription. In such cases, a large retailer such as Target has purchased the papers and wrapped its own ads around them. Trouble is, potential advertisers look askance at the "other paid" number; they think it's a statistical tumor.

This is an issue of circulation quality — something that Steven N. Barlow and Philip J. Mulé of Wall Street's Prudential Equity Group have been addressing. They have set up a "circulation quality screener" that attempts to filter out bulges from reported figures.

Among the factors it measures: whether home delivery, single copy, and general circulation are down; what percentage of total circulation is "other paid" and how much it has risen; how much of circulation goes to employees; and what percentage of circulation represents "newspapers-in-education" (papers distributed to schools) and how much that number has risen. The last report compares March 2005 Audit Bureau of Circulations numbers with March 2004.

Of 50 newspapers, 5 get dinged in six of the categories and are ranked the worst: the *Newark Star-Ledger, New York Daily News, Wall Street Journal, San Diego Union-Tribune,* and the jointly distributed *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press.*

The *Union-Tribune* takes a hit for declining circulation across the board, the rise in "other paid" (33.3 percent), the percentage of newspapers-in-education (5.5 percent), and the increase in that category (62.9 percent). Its percentage of "other paid" (9.4) barely sneaks under the no-no threshold of 10 percent.

"The sense in the industry is that this analysis is arbitrary," argues a Copley spokesperson, noting that the paper took its biggest hit in newspapers-in-education and "other paid." The former is a community service that the company feels is beneficial. It's "ramping down" the "other paid" category but hasn't moved as fast as other papers have.

An industry circulation expert notes that the company delivers its Saturday and Sunday papers to schools — thus artificially boosting Sunday circulation, which accounts for more than 40 percent of revenues.

Harold W. Fuson Jr., vice president and general counsel of Copley Press, says there is "nothing peculiar about our penetration problem." It applies to the entire industry. Copley's revenue from newspapers is holding relatively steady, while online business is growing 30 to 40 percent annually. The company's revenues are now $550 million annually, dominated by the *Union-Tribune.*

The online business is profitable, although not yet up to the returns of the printed product. Copley's online revenues are 5 percent of newspaper revenues; the industry average is 3 percent, says Fuson.

What he doesn't say is that it's doubtful that online will continue to grow at 30 to 40 percent, because it's coming from a low base. And if current trends continue, printed product sales could easily begin declining. Then the company would have gnarlier problems, because it is virtually 100 percent newspapers. It went into debt to buy dailies in Peoria, Illinois, and Canton, Ohio, and has a number of other papers. The debt is manageable, claims Fuson.

However, the vampire is getting ever closer. The 50-year decline of daily newspapers is accelerating. There are a number of factors: society has dumbed down; young people shun reading; people of all age brackets except those over 65 are reading newspapers less; and competition from the Internet, cable TV, and other media is sucking blood from daily newspapers. "The most common response of people who cease taking newspapers is that they do not have enough time to read

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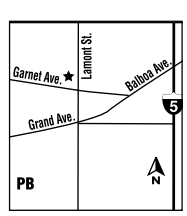

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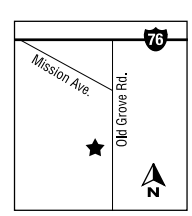

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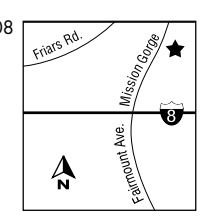

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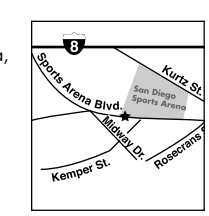

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the newspaper," says Fuson.

A big question is whether the *Union-Tribune*'s kowtowing to the business establishment and the Republican Party hurts its circulation. Are the people who are disgusted with the pro-corporate-welfare bias likely to drop the paper, and if they do, are they numerically sufficient to make a dent in circulation? Or do the majority buy it for the ads and coupons and overlook the establishment bootlicking?

For a while, it appeared that the publication was trying to straighten out. But in the Donna Frye–Jerry Sanders mayoral race, it went back to its old tricks. "They did five or six editorials that completely distorted my [economic] plan," says Frye. Among other things, the paper falsely claimed that she would impose a tax increase as a "first resort." And editorial writers asserted it would be a tax increase of over $1 billion. But they could only get there by multiplying the annual tax return by ten. Sheer demagoguery.

Similarly, a news article about the candidates' approach to any Chargers' handout omitted the fact that last year, Sanders was listed among 14 "Chargers Champions Leadership Team" members promoting the footballers' interests. That can be found on the Internet and in print. Since former mayor Dick Murphy deceived the public on his pro-sports-subsidy intentions, Sanders's coziness with the Chargers is critical information.

Many people (including me) believe that if the *Union-Tribune* were a watchdog instead of a cheerleader, the city wouldn't be in such miserable shape. "There is an internal debate within the paper," says city attorney Mike Aguirre. "Some want to be aligned with reform, but there is a contingent that wants to continue painting special-interest programs as public-interest programs."

If the forces of journalistic reform prevail, will circulation improve? Unfortunately, that's a knotty question that has been debated for years. Says Fuson, who disagrees with my characterization of the paper, "If we had known and had reported five years ago what we know and are reporting today, I doubt if it would have had a meaningful impact on our circulation." ■

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School vs. ballfield

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behalf of Friends of 32nd Street Canyon, wrote and received grants to restore the northern end of the canyon, which extends to Cedar Street, to its natural state. "We got grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, which is a federal organization, $22,388 from them. We have had two grants from the San Diego Foundation, each one for $25,000. We got a $5000 grant from the Tides Foundation; we got a $5000 grant from the Metropolitan Water District for doing environmental education stuff, and then we got $158,000 from the state Department of Water Resources."

D'Elgin and her group used the cash to have contractors remove a stand of *Arundo donax,* the invasive giant reed that chokes many of San Diego County's streambeds. They also planted natives such as white lilac and lemonade berry.

It was early this year, while the group made plans to a restore the area at the south end of the canyon, between the new school's playground and the district-owned parcel, that

the cease-fire between the district and the Friends of 32nd Street Canyon was broken. "I thought maybe the school district would like to go in on this," d'Elgin says, "since it's right next to their land. So, in January, we appeared before the school board and requested that they consider either partnering or just endorsing this thing. We came to find out, they are thinking about a ball field down there."

D'Elgin had assumed that the joint-use field was a closed issue. "At a planning committee meeting on April 16, 2003," d'Elgin says, "Lou Smith, who was the chief of facilities then, said that there would be no more discussion of a playing field after December 2003."

Minutes from that meeting state, "Discussion ended with [Smith's] explanation that the drop-dead date for finalized plans was January 2004, which means that any discussion and/or decision on the joint use field would have to be no later than November or December 2003."

Kiesling says his predecessor's statements never ruled out a joint-use ball field. "Tershia interpreted that to mean that if we get to that date, we are never going to have a joint-use field there. [Smith's] comment, in my view, was that if we get to that date and we haven't settled the joint-use issue, we are going to separate it and do two projects out of it. We are not going to hold the whole school up while we argue about the joint-use field."

Kiesling points out that the district-owned parcel is degraded. "What we are talking about," he says, "is just down at the very far end of the canyon, where it has been disturbed anyways."

A glance at the land along C Street confirms Kiesling's contention. Tons of fill dirt have been dumped on the plot. And tons more would be required to level the 17 percent grade into a playing field, plus a retaining wall would need to be built for the streambed. Kiesling refrained from discussing designs but says, "My civil engineer is looking at four possibilities: two different scenarios on the .8 acre that we own, and then two scenarios on a 2-acre parcel, assuming the city gives us theirs. And then he has kind of a hybrid plan [in which] we build ours first, and then the city comes around and gives us theirs sometime later, in which case we have plans ready and we build the second acre."

The ball-field plans, Kiesling says, would include access to the northern part of the canyon. And he warns that if the school district is unable to build the field, the likely alternative would be worse. "The last thing to note is," he adds, "the way the education code reads, if I condemn a piece of property and buy it from somebody, and then I don't need it, I have to offer it up to the people that I condemned it from first. And the reason that is important is that we bought that land from a group that was going to build an apartment building on it. So if Tershia wins out here and I can't build anything on that property for the school district, I am likely going to end up selling it back to this outfit that was going to put an apartment building on it, and it'll end up worse than if I developed it as a field."

D'Elgin responds, "We'll oppose anyone who tries to build in the canyon."

She sees the effort as something more than a Golden Hill issue. "Our fight has raised the awareness level about these little canyons," she boasts. "Now there is a save-the-canyons movement in San Diego." ■



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You Are Out Of Your Mind

This message is for Ollie, the remote control king. I am shaking. I am laughing. You are out of your mind this week. You are hilarious. Boy, do I enjoy your column.

Deanna Shockley

More Killer Vermin

In reply to Mike Hoff's October 27 response to my letter of October 13, *thank you.* I happen to be a great grand-*mother* (female, in spite of my name). I had a friend in New Mexico who was killed in 1942 by bubonic plague after skinning a gopher. Also, I was aware of plague in ground squirrels in the Cuyamaca area. In addition, I knew a woman killed by tularemia after hunting jackrabbits near Lancaster, California, in 1955. I came by my leeriness of vector-borne illnesses this way.

As a former hunter and camper and now living in a neighborhood that has rats and mice, I try to be informed. A *clean, pet* rat would be lovely.

Dale Anne Thompson
Clairemont Mesa

Pathetic, Lonely Man

Re Josh Board's article "Stephanie Who?" ("Crasher," October 27). If a journalist lies and no one knows about it, is it still bad journalism? I am one of the people mentioned in the article, as are my husband, my best friend, and my assistant. He quotes us incorrectly and outright lies about certain things said to him. What is the purpose of this inane article about two parties no one cares about other than the people who were there? What value do the *Reader*'s readers get out of this pathetic, lonely man's ramblings about parties he attended? Additionally, as a journalist, he could at least check the spelling. It's *www.wineshopathome.com,* not *www.wineshop@home.com.*

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Josh Board responds: Regarding the Web address, it was told to me as I was walking away from the party. I should've checked to make sure I had it correctly, but 95 percent of the time when somebody tells you a Web address and the word "at" is in it, it's the @ symbol. She should've clarified that as she told me it. Regarding the lies, that is just not true. I've been writing about parties for a few years now, and nobody has ever accused me of lying. Sure, people often get angry when they realize that the things they've said after a couple of beers (or, in this case, a few glasses of wine) just aren't as funny when they read them in print, sober.

I Cannot Stand By

Hello, my name is Danielle, and I am writing to make sure that you are aware of an alarming situation that is occurring in your paper. Journalist Josh Board recently wrote an article detailing events, as he remembered them, of a wine tasting that I was present at ("Crasher," October 27).

To preface this event, I am a younger female, 23 to be exact, and I am a political science student. While it was exciting to hear that I was in the *Reader,* upon reading the actual print a cold sweat washed over me. While I wish to gain publicity, being accused of participating in a threesome is not the kind of publicity that I am ever wishing to entertain!

The article accused a dentist that Mr. Board "met" of introducing his *wife* and myself as " 'the two women I'm sleeping with.' " I put double quotations as I am simply quoting Mr. Board's recollection of the events. In order to take this opportunity to clear the situation for future readers and those in society that know me and my good name, this account is completely fictitious. Since this is a well-respected publication, I can assume this was simply an oversight to allow a journalist to wander

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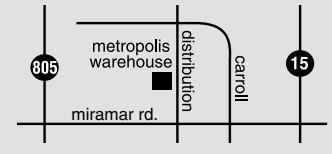

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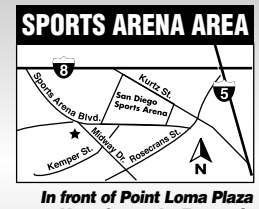

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HIP

BY MATTHEW ALICE



Illustration by Rick Geary

HeyMatt:
Is there a doomsday for analog-type TVs? Seems that I read that on January 1st, 2006, that 8 to 10 million televisions will go blank due to new FCC rules and all TVs have to be high definition/integrated type and our analog TV will turn into a piece of useless junk. Millions of people will be without television because they will not be able to afford to buy a new HDTV. Any truth to this?

— Jerry Lee Phillips, La Mesa

Let's all cram into the laundry room here and keep our voices down. We don't want Pa Alice to hear this. He's dead set against getting a new TV. He's convinced his 15-year-old Magnavox with the rabbit ears is good enough for anybody. But eventually he'll be looking at a blank screen and wondering why. Doom isn't quite as imminent as you fear, Jerry, but it's coming, and apparently most people don't have a clue.

See, since 1996 the feds have been fooling around with the idea of taking back the VHF frequencies devoted now to analog television signals — channels 2 through 13. They want to reassign them to public safety communication and, rumor has it, to sell the rest to the wireless industry for newer, even more annoying applications than they've already thought up. (Think your garage-door-opener problem is irritating? Just wait...) Think of it as a farmer looking at his 100 acres and realizing he could buy a classier brand of bib overalls by selling out to condo builders. The VHF freeks are valuable.

So, by a certain date (possibly some time in 2009 — formerly 2008, formerly 2006 — the date changes from month to month) all TV stations must be broadcasting a digital signal to clear out the current VHF bands. Digital is transmitted in 1-0-1-0 format, unreadable by an analog set. When that happens, if you don't have a TV with a digital tuner, your screen will go blank. Manufacturers have until March of 2007 to install digital tuners in all the new TVs they offer for sale. On paper this much is true.

But, you protest, some TV stations are already offering digital signals, and you can still see those *CSI* idiots big as life even though your TV doesn't have a digital tuner. So what's up with that, Matthew? That's because those stations broadcast both digital and analog, and your old TV is reading the analog. And the feds say the stations can continue to do this until 85 percent of their viewing audience has digital capability, which theoretically could extend past the 2009 deadline. This 85 percent thing is one of many, many fuzzy details yet to be clarified by the FCC and Congress. Or it could be because you receive your signal via cable or satellite, and the carrier translates the signal for you. It's likely that cable or satellite service will insulate you from this digital tuner problem for a long time, but not necessarily forever.

But what about soreheads like Pa Alice who are still getting an over-the-air, antenna-style signal after the cutoff date? Well, they'll need to buy set-top digital-to-analog translator boxes to keep their nostalgic sets.

All in all, it doesn't seem necessary to rush out and glom onto a digital TV. Which is a good thing, actually, because manufacturers seem to have started with the high-end, big, expensive digital sets. The plasmas and rear projections and that kind of thing. Virtually no manufacturer has yet to offer a plain old TV with digital capability. (By the way, HDTV has to do with the way the picture is displayed on the screen, in hi-def and surround sound. The incoming digital signal is what the new laws are about. You're not required to have one of those wide-ass HDTV sets to receive a digital signal. An ordinary non-hi-def TV with a digital tuner would work just as well. But we'll have to wait and see if manufacturers offer plain digital-tuner models.)

Confused? It looks like the FCC, manufacturers, broadcasters, and Congress are too. Dates and rules seem to change weekly, so stay tuned. Things are likely to be different in six months. But in the meantime, turn on your old analog, sit back, and don't worry. Just don't tell Pa Alice.

Hey Matt:
I was thinking about restaurants and how the wait staff all have clever versions of the "Happy Birthday" song. I've heard all the talk about how copyrights won't allow them to sing it. So in case I ever buy a restaurant, what are the laws regarding the Birthday Song?

— Steve the Libra, the net

The laws are, no commercial use, musically or in print, without publisher's permission until the copyright runs in 2030. The heirs of the Hill sisters of Kentucky own the rights to this 1893 ditty that began life as "Good Morning to You." Rampant copyright violations in the 1920s and 1930s inspired one of the sisters to take the whole thing to court. So if your wait beings serve free cake with a chorus of "Happy Birthday to You," first check to make sure it's not to a table of ASCAP employees.

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By Patrick Daugherty

All Hands Hoay!

You've probably read or heard the story. *Seabourn Spirit,* a German-built, Bahamas-registered, Miami-based, Norwegian-crewed cruise ship of 10,000 tons and six decks, carrying 208 passengers and 160 crew, was attacked by pirates 100 miles off the Somali coast Saturday morning. The pirates approached the ship in two open boats, fired rocket-propelled grenades, and repeatedly strafed her decks with machine-gun fire.

The ship's captain, Sven-Erik Pedersen, attempted to ram one of the fiberglass boats before turning the ship and heading out to sea at maximum speed. The pirates gave chase for *30 minutes.*

The International Maritime Organization, based in London, keeps track of "world piracy and armed robbery against ships," a fact, until three hours ago, that was unknown to me. Their latest report covers September 2005. Follows are three of the 29 pirate attacks listed for that month.

Container ship, *London Tower,* Atlantic Ocean, "Four pirates armed with long knives in a wooden boat boarded the ship at forecastle, drifting 19NM off Logos."

The bulk carrier, *Intrepid,* Indonesian port, "Four robbers armed with long knives and hooks boarded the ship…escaped with their loot in a motorboat."

General cargo ship, *Prima Indah,* on the South China Sea, "Robbers armed with guns boarded this ship…while underway. They hijacked the ship and transferred master and crew to a fishing boat."

Wire services report that the *Seabourn Spirit* "escaped by increasing speed and changing course." According to *departure.com*, *Seabourn Spirit*'s cruising speed is 18 knots. Let's say, to be overly generous, that Captain Pedersen can crank her up to 30 knots when escaping pirates.

One would think that 30 knots (34.6 mph) is not that fast in the rootin'-tootin' world of 21st-century piracy. And yet, a cruise ship, whose sole purpose is to haul white-belly old people, their swimming pool, their shuffleboard equipment, their liquor and food, outran two open boats commanded by professional pirates.

Fellas, it's time to think about an upgrade.

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"Interested in learning about your Hustler boats."

"Okay," says Henri Apbadie, owner of Performance Marine Specialists, West Coast dealer for Velocity and Hustler powerboats.

"I'm on the Hustler powerboat website," I say, "looking at the 2005 Sling Shot and its Twin V-10 Viper engines. The boat is rated at 90-plus miles per hour. How much plus?"

Henri says, "I think it ran in the 95-mph range. That particular boat has the Arneson Surface Drives."

I couldn't be more pleased. "I count ten models. Which one is the go-fast boat?"

"Whatever one you put the biggest engine in." Silence. More silence. "Probably, the fastest one is the 377 Talon. We have some that run in excess of 140 mph."

Bingo! Jibe the lugsail and clear the orlop, we're shoving off. Next stop, treasure and romance! But first, I'd better get a few specs. "And a civilian can buy your 140 mph boat?"

"Oh, yeah. Regular people own them. When I say regular people, you'd be surprised. Used-car salesmen," Henri laughs, "just regular people."

Do I have competitors? Besides used-car salesmen, who else wants to muscle in on this? Time for Gitmo-style interrogation. "Are there places where civilians race boats that go 140 mph?"

Henri says, "People don't race them; they use them as pleasure boats and then four or five times a year there's a poker run, where you come and you pay an entry fee, and they usually have a cocktail party the night before, and then the next morning they tell you how it's not a race, that it's just a social event, and then they drop a flag," Henri laughs hard, "and they go as fast as they can to the next checkpoint."

I say, perhaps a little too eagerly, "WHERE? WHERE? Where do they hold these poker runs?" My crew will require training.

"One of the biggest ones begins in Long Beach. Long Beach to Catalina to Newport and then back to Long Beach."

It's a bloodbath out there. On second thought, perhaps I should take Henri into my confidence. I repeat the pirate story and say, "I saw pictures of the pirate boat. Four guys in black masks holding AK-47s. They're sitting in a Lake Murray cheap-ass weekend fishing boat. That won't do. How should I outfit a proper pirate boat?"

"Velocity built boats for the D.E.A. They were light gray and had big machine guns mounted on them," Henri laughs, "that would be a pretty good pirate boat."

"A little flashy, maybe."

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"Let's see, 85 mph for a 50-foot boat," Henri chortles.

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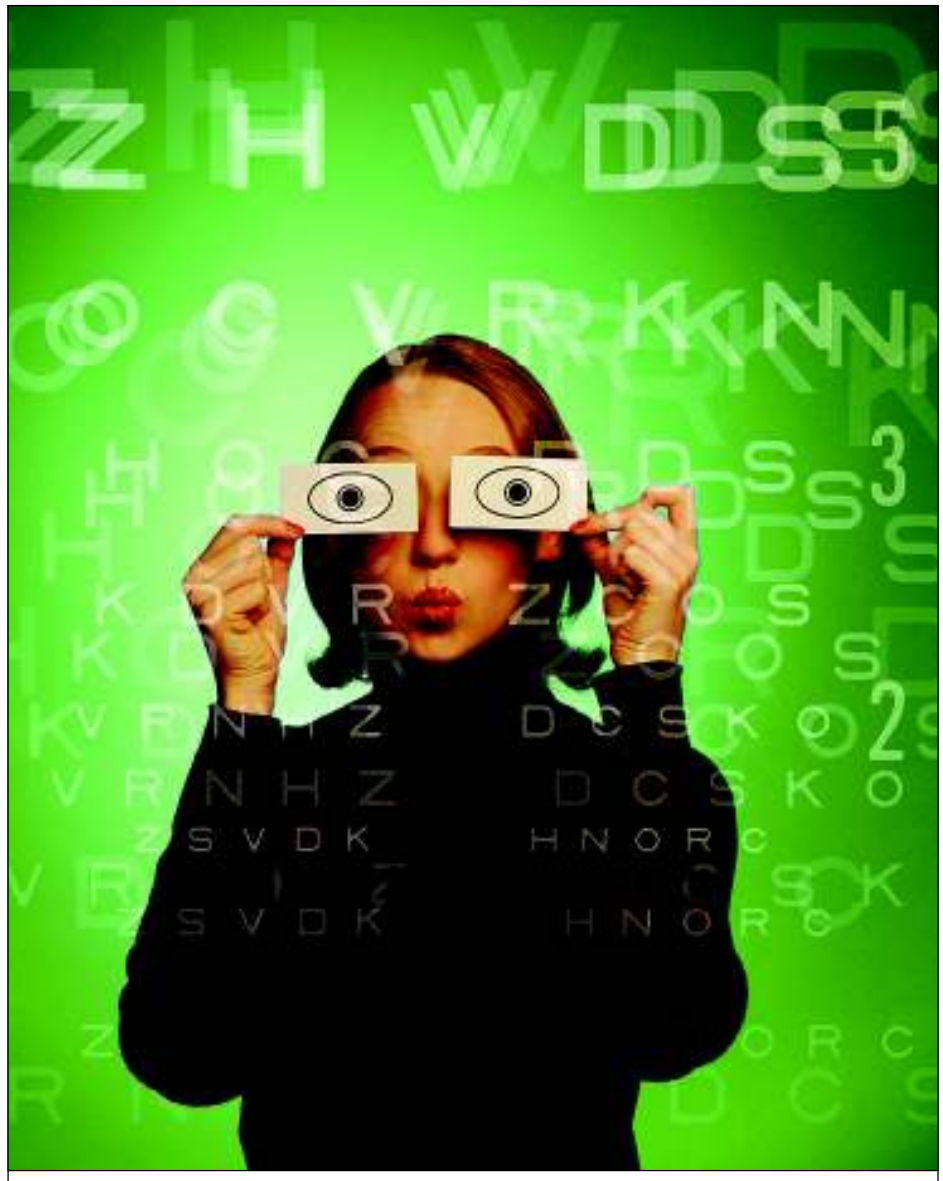

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Staff size: 120
Sunday school enrollment: n/a
Annual budget: did not disclose
Weekly giving: did not disclose
Singles program: n/a
Dress: n/a
Diversity: n/a
Sunday worship: n/a
Length of reviewed service: 3 days
Website: *www.outreach.com*

In 2005, churches will mail over 50 million direct-mail postcards created by Outreach, Inc., the largest provider of Christian outreach products and services in North America. In addition, churches will hang 200,000 Outreach door hangers on houses, hand out several million bulletins, and display 160,000 banners to promote their church. "2005 was a big year for us because of *The Passion of the Christ*," said Matt Harper, product manager at Outreach. Outreach's goal is to help churches reach local communities and convert people to Christianity. Last week, several thousand pastors and church leaders attended an Outreach conference in Mission Valley on how to attract non-Christians. The conference offered workshops "led by some of the fastest growing and most innovative ministries and church leaders." The workshops included, "They Like Jesus — Not the Church," "How to Attract Visitors Through Direct Mail," "The Modern Day Orphans: Ministry to Kids in Single-Parent or Blended Families," "Reaching the Business Leaders in Your Community and Reaching Today's Urban Youth: They're Closer than You Think."



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Vista
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content	★★½
delivery	★★
Liturgy	no liturgy
Music	
congregational	★★
choir	★★★
Snacks	★
Architecture	★★
Friendliness	★★★

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Exhibitors promoted additional outreach services, from golf events by In His Grip Golf Association, financial management seminars based on the Bible, to business-leadership seminars with telecast lectures by people like author John Maxwell, supermodel Kathy Ireland, and NFL quarterback Peyton Manning. Outreach promoted a comedy event for churches. "A comedian will come and perform 40 minutes of stand-up comedy that is family-friendly," said Paul Pickard, Outreach events general manager. "The events are effective and are not something that the community expects from a church. It allows people to attend a church that might otherwise not feel comfortable."

In the wake of *The Passion of the Christ*, many churches plan to use the power of Hollywood to reach out to non-Christians. At the conference, several booths promoted *Narnia* for churches. "Use the season's biggest film to start a dialogue with your community," read Outreach's marketing material. Outreach provides church mailers, door hangers, a special *Narnia* sermon message series, children's curriculum, and dozens of other movie tie-ins. "Movies are a very effective way to engage people less likely to attend church," said Carri Gambill, an Outreach employee.

"The church in America has been known for media-bashing. But churches are beginning to understand that they need to join in the conversation. The theater is the modern-day church," said Lynne Marian, executive editor of *Outreach Magazine*. "This is where the big questions and spiritual things of life are discussed in our culture." Marian believes Hollywood will work to deliver even more Christian-friendly movies. "The *Passion* showed Hollywood there is a lot of money to be made from Christian themes."

I asked Marian what limitations churches should have in marketing their faith. "Churches should use anything that is appropriate to communicate. We saw in Acts 2 that when the Pentecost occurred there was a loud noise that got people's attention," said Marian. "Sometimes churches need to create a loud noise. But churches need more than good marketing to reach out to their community. I don't believe a program alone is effective outreach. These are communication tools to provide a connection with the community. Churches need to know the needs of the community and love and serve them."

Ken Hensley, pastor of LifePoint Community Church in Mission Valley, believes a lot of new churches have a reaction against the packed slickness that developed in churches in the '90s. Hensley used a company called GenEvange to create an untraditional campaign. LifePoint sent out 60,000 postcards in September to announce the start of their new church. From the campaign, Hensley said 70 visitors attended a service and 20 are still active. "This is fairly effective by Southern California standards. Southern California is an un-churched community. If we did this in other parts of the country, we would have had a far better response."

Pastor Matt Ortiz, of Crossroads Church in Chula Vista, believes church marketing can be dangerous. "I think a lot of non-Christians are very uncomfortable with being marketed Jesus. The motives of a church are important. If a church compromises to be attractive, they have gone too far. People can read through inauthentic messages," said Ortiz.

"Jesus is not a product to be marketed. We really want to downplay the numbers," said Heather Johnson, associate editor of *Outreach Magazine*. Yet, Johnson said that their annual issue on the 100 fastest growing and largest churches in America is their top issue. "We get a lot of knocks from people who don't think we should emphasize these numbers." Johnson agrees that a few churches compromise Christian beliefs to attract large crowds. "I don't believe churches should tip-toe around black-and-white issues of the Bible." Johnson said Jesus being the only way to be saved is one of these issues.

— Drew E. Goodmanson

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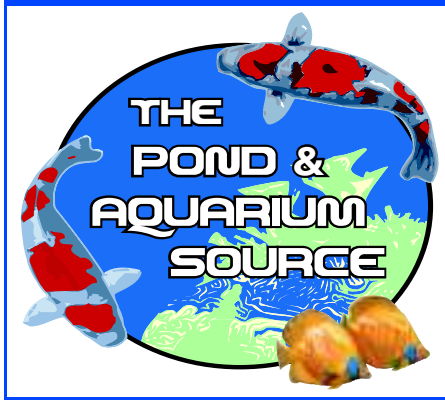

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Dear Saffron,

When I get together with my friends, they like to dish on ex-friends that they despise. I don't mind hearing their diatribes — I rather think it's amusing, like my own private comedy theatre. Eventually the focus swerves to me (and those I've parted company with), and my friends insist that I talk about a particular hated someone. The problem is, it's too painful for me to do that. They keep egging me on, and I try my best to hold my ground. I know I'll start saying terrible things and feel rotten the rest of the night. Eventually I cave and start revealing stuff, and my wounds reopen, and I'm a complete mess, and it takes me like a month to recover. How can I prevent this from happening ever again? I've tried everything. My friends are good people. I don't want to get rid of them. Help me Saff, if you can.

TIGHT LIPPED IN OLD TOWN

Dear Tight Lipped,

I won't suggest that you get rid of your gossipy pals, but it seems from what you say in your letter that you need to find a new way to interact with them when they are sitting around shredding characters. You can learn to "dish the dirt with the rest of the girls" (regardless of your gender, as in the line from that old song "The Lady is a Tramp") or you can let everyone know that when the gloves come off that you cannot, will not, shall not participate. Tell them that putting in your two cents causes you to have a month-long breakdown. It's important to let your circle of critical buddies know that you're not remaining silent because you're sitting in judgment of their harsh assessment of others. It's likely that they're trying to compel you to besmirch your fellows because they feel guilty about what they're doing when you listen in but don't join the fray. Your remaining aloof seems a condemnation of what they are indulging in and spoils their fun. So if you want them to be okay with you getting an earful without contributing, make it clear that you enjoy being an audience for their scandal sessions, that you don't think badly of them, and in fact believe they're all brilliant wits. It's just that you're not up to participating — it actually makes you ill. It's a mental health issue. Tell them that they must decide whether you remain a silent witness to the slanderfest or whether you are banished to the kitchen to make sandwiches for the group. Gossiping is hard work and can cause people to work up a mighty appetite.

Dear Saffron,

The treatment "Fledgling Teacher" described in her letter about being asked to do a load of extra tasks on an unpaid basis is fairly common for adjunct professors. This is because many administrators assume that all adjuncts want to become tenured full-time professors and will do whatever it takes to get teaching experience and good references on their résumé. Furthermore, many college professors and administrators have virtually no work experience outside higher education and so have no idea if what they are asking is accepted practice in other workplaces. Supervising independent studies, as "Fledgling" was being pressured to do gratis, does offer valuable work experience. In most private-sector situations, new employees are eager to take on extra projects to prove their worth to the company and wouldn't consider bickering about their wages until the project was completed. However, colleges rarely have much flexibility in their wage levels, especially with regard to adjuncts, so "Fledgling" should evaluate his/her goals carefully, and consider seeking out the faculty union. Please allow me to remain anonymous as to my name and location, as I may want to seek employment in this field again and I want to keep my options open.

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BestBuys

"They may need to physically tap out syllables on the desk."

–EVE KELLY

I was attending a gardening workshop, plotting my vegetable placement. The woman next to me gave me a hesitant tap on the shoulder. "Could you help me write a thank-you card for the instructor?" We'd chatted throughout the workshop, mostly about tomatoes. I must have won her trust, because she was confessing to me that she could barely write. I asked if she'd be interested in some kind of adult literacy class. She said yes, and that's why, two days later, I was in Valerie Hardie's office at the Malcolm X Library on Market Street. Hardie is the administrator for READ/San Diego, the adult literacy program of the San Diego Public Library and the San Diego County Library.

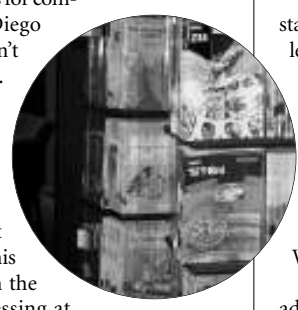


"There isn't any one reason why adults haven't learned to read," said Hardie. "Many say that their parents didn't read to them; they didn't model that skill at home, so there's a cycle of illiteracy that gets perpetuated. A lot of adult learners in the program talk about their school experience. Some missed significant portions of their schooling due to illness. Some had learning disabilities or visual defects that weren't detected early on." Some had reading troubles too slight to receive attention, but big enough to make learning a struggle. "They got frustrated and dropped out, or they started fights at school. They decided they'd rather get kicked out than be embarrassed by letting on that they were struggling with reading and writing."



Most have some abilities, but the skill levels and types of difficulties vary widely. "In the years that I've assessed adult learners," said Hardie, "I have come across perhaps two people who had to sign their name with an 'X.' Most people recognize letters and can write their name. Some can write the letters of the alphabet — but they may not be able to write the entire alphabet in sequence. Or they may not know the sounds of the letters. Some people can read any word you put in front of them, but they won't know its meaning. Others can look at a paragraph and distinguish its meaning — what's going on — but if you give them a three-letter word, they can't break it down and sound it out."

People's reasons for coming to READ/San Diego vary as well. "We don't see reading as an end. We see it as a means to an end. Some come because they're stuck in dead-end jobs; they know they're bright, and that it's just the lack of this skill that's getting in the way of their progressing at work. Others come because they want to read the Bible, or get involved with their community's Neighborhood Watch, or prepare for the citizenship exam. Others come because they want to work on their role as parents. They want to participate in the PTA, or help their kids with homework, or just read to their kids."



The Family Literacy Program is one of READ/San Diego's most popular. "We encourage parents and primary caregivers to come in and bring their preschoolers. The program starts with storytelling, with the parents generally sitting on the floor with their kids. There's homework, and if it's done, they get free bonus books to build a library. It's based on the premise that parents are the first and most important teachers. We gear the activities to support and foster a love of learning and literacy — it's a preventative program to try to reduce the cycle of illiteracy. Even if you can't read, you can model holding the book and the importance of having books."

READ/San Diego is a free service. "We recruit volunteers to teach adult learners. We provide the volunteers with initial training, materials, and ongoing support and additional training. We explain that they will work with an adult learner twice a week for an hour to an hour and a half. We try to match volunteers with learners based on compatibility, time schedules, and geographic locations. We ask the volunteer to commit a minimum of six months to a year for the program."

Volunteer training is broken down into five sessions. First is an overview that features an adult learner as a guest speaker, and also gets at the difference between teaching adults and children. Later sessions cover various types of learning difficulties and focus on teaching strategies, "teaching phonics in a multi-sensory way. Our classrooms are set up for visual learners, but many adults who come into the program are more auditory learners. They may need to physically tap out syllables on the desk, or they may need to trace letters with their first two fingers." Finally, volunteers learn about teaching reading comprehension and writing.

The adult learners also go through training, though much less extensive — "about an hour and a half. They get to hear from another adult learner in the program. Then we guide them through an exercise where they identify their primary reason for coming to the program. After that, we schedule them for an informal literacy assessment with one of our literacy professionals. We talk to people about their experience, do some reading and writing, so we have an idea of where to start with the tutor."

Once both sides have been trained and the staff has made a likely match, "we call the adult learner and tell them about the tutor, based on what the tutor has filled out on his or her application. If the learner agrees and the tutor agrees, we have them meet at an informal location — someplace public and easily accessible, like a McDonald's. If both tutor and learner are comfortable with each other, they determine a day and location to meet. We ask them to keep it public."

Enrollment in the program also grants adult learners access to READ/San Diego's computer lab. "We have wonderful software that helps with math and phonics and reading comprehension, and we have a list of adult education websites." For more information, or to become a volunteer tutor or adult learner, call READ/San Diego at 619-527-5475 or visit *www.sandiego.gov/public-library/services/*.

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Thirty Years Ago

The first time I saw B.B. (BeBe) was 1967; she was in a white corduroy jockey suit and cap. She reminded me of a 90-pound white rat on speed. Later at an after-the-play party for Theatre Five in Pacific Beach, Bob Glaudini, the director, threw her over his shoulder and carried her from the theater screaming, "You're all fascists, you live off the rich." I looked to check the response of her husband, San Diego Superior Court judge Roger S. Ruffin.…there was none. A few years ago, Warhol put her in his film shot on the beach at La Jolla.

—**"GOODBYE RADICAL CHIC,"** *Winifred, November 13, 1975*

Twenty-Five Years Ago

It was mostly dirt. A dirt road, a bunch of one-story houses and a few two-story ones, a scattering of low wooden fences, and a lot of front yards and dirt back yards. Around it some trees, the tallest of them barely higher than the rooftops, some low scrub, and more dirt. This was Old Town in 1867 when Alonzo E. Horton arrived and said, "I would not give you five dollars for a deed to the whole of it."

—**"THE ARCHIVE,"** *Amy Chu, November 13, 1980*

Twenty Years Ago

Just before 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13, Bro stepped out the back door. He'd spent the past half-hour smoking cocaine — freebasing — paranoia was beginning to set in. It seemed to have started after he moved in with plans to make the two-story, four-bedroom home the ultimate party house.

—**"LIFE AND DEATH AT THE PINK PALACE,"** *Thomas K. Arnold, November 14, 1985*

Fifteen Years Ago

Jesusita shook my hand and called me *hermano.* Brother. This is not a common Mexican greeting. It is used among Protestants as shorthand for "fellow Christian." A "real" Mexican would never resort to such fanaticism. The poor, however, deal with missionaries and learn to use religious terms. It is often a manipulative thing; they are hoping you will assume they are "Hallelujahs" too and give them more goods than the rest.

—**"SIFTING THROUGH THE TRASH,"** *Luis Urrea, November 15, 1990*

Ten Years Ago

Where did my father bring his kids? We went on excursions, which he called "takeins." Walden Pond, the House of the Seven Gables, the U.S.S. *Constitution* — "Old Ironsides," the Harvard Yard. We visited Hawthorne's house in Salem, saw Gallows Hill, and knew the very spot where the witches were cruelly hanged. (Rebecca Nourse, slipping at the foot of the gibbet, rose and said, "I didn't have my breakfast.") We climbed New Hampshire's Mt. Washington in August 1951 and almost got lost. By the age of 12, I was familiar with Lexington Green; Louisa May Alcott's house, or "Apple Slump"; Mother Goose's grave; the Concord Bridge; Benjamin Franklin's birthplace on Milk Street; and the statue of the brave Indian fighter Hannah Dustin in the town of Haverhill. ("Why is Haverhill always clean? It's got Hannah Dustin.")

—**"DECENT LIFE LED BY THE ORDINARY MAN,"** *Alexander Theroux, November 9, 1995*

Five Years Ago

Re Richard Meltzer's lambaste of S.D. native made good Cameron Crowe I have this to say: drop the comedy bits.

Possible explanations for Meltzer's bitterisms re Crowe:

Richie gets 45 hits using the AOL search engine, Cameron — 145 (ouch). Adding insult to injury, nuthin — and I mean in the big O sense of nuthin — about that "hotcake" book of yours, o rock guru.

Or maybe it's cuz you were fired from *RS* and Cammy wasn't. If you hate *RS* so much why are you — probably to this day — "mentioning" to folks you wrote for it?

Possible third scenario — Crowe is married to Heart guitarist Nancy Wilson, and you…ain't.

—LETTERS: **"MELTZER'S BITTERISMS,"** *David Rizzuto, November 9, 2000*

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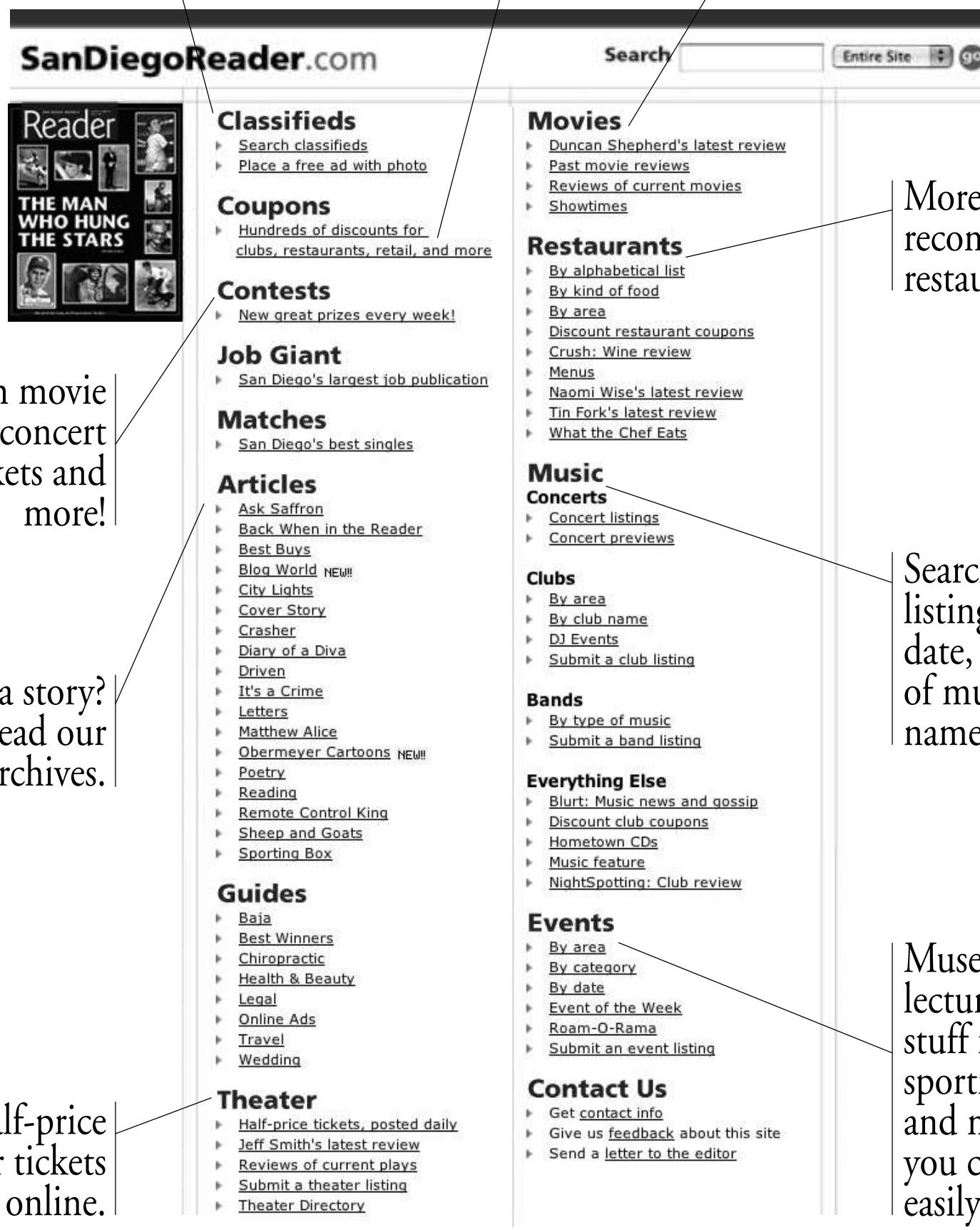

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Crasher

THE HAIR'S THE KEY

by Josh Board



I was invited to several Halloween parties this year, among them a "goblin gathering" in Spring Valley, a haunted house in Chula Vista, and the Halloween Ball at the Prado in Balboa Park, which I scored free tickets to.

I had a few friends with me and agreed to be the designated driver, but I didn't feel like driving from one party to another. We knew of seven different parties and agreed that we would leave a party if it was lame and move on to the next one.

The first party we attended was fun enough that we never went to another party.

Ken and Chris, who had invited me to their Oscar party last year, gave me the heads up on this Halloween bash — a TV sitcom-themed party. My stepbrother was going to dress as Barney Rubble. He's a teacher, and many of his students had told him that that's who he looks like. I searched for a pirate shirt because I wanted to go as Jerry Seinfeld (from the puffy shirt episode of *Seinfeld*). We had no luck finding these costumes, so my friends and I didn't dress up.

As we arrived, a guy dressed as Zorro was leaving, as was a guy with a wig who told me he was supposed to be Abbie Hoffman.

Ken greeted us dressed as the gay cop who wears shorts on the show *Reno 911*. I asked him if his gun was real. "Nope. It has the orange tip. I like it that way, too. I don't need a *real* cop shooting me." Ken's wife was dressed as one of the cops on the show as well. He told me that when they went to pick up their friends, they shined their flashlights in the living room window, and their friends freaked out.

> It's not a good idea to play the "Ginger or Mary Ann?" game while they are both standing in front of you.

Inside the party I saw a guy in a white tuxedo. I asked him if he was supposed to be James Bond, and with the appropriate accent he said, "No. I'm Ricky Ricardo." I soon realized that this wasn't the type of party where you can guess someone's costume. A woman in a wig who I thought was Elaine from *Seinfeld* told me she was Peg Bundy. There were some obvious costumes, however, such as Fred Flintstone, and the casts of *Beverly Hillbillies* and *Gilligan's Island*. (It's not a good idea to play the "Ginger or Mary Ann?" game while they are both standing in front of you.)

There was a guy at the party who looked like Jerry Seinfeld. He was wearing jeans and tennis shoes, and his face was an exact match. He told me that people often yell out "Seinfeld!" when they see him. I said, "This is the perfect party for you. You don't have to dress up." He told me that he wanted to dress as Gilligan, but he couldn't find the right hat to go with his red shirt.

I talked to the party host, who was dressed as Jed from the *Beverly Hillbillies*. He awarded prizes for the best costumes. First prize was a gift certificate for Costco, second prize was a wine package, and third prize was a tequila package. And he handed out $20 toward cab rides to those who had too much to drink. He told me, "In the past I've given out limo rides home, but that got expensive when people decided to take detours to other places."

The hosts told me that they spent weeks decorating their house with skeleton heads and candles, and in the back yard they had skeletons floating in the pool. There was a bar and bartender out by the pool, as well as Mexican food and a variety of appetizers, including fruit with a big bowl of chocolate to dip it in. There were coolers filled with nonalcoholic drinks. Chris told me, "They have more fun on Halloween than on Christmas."

Along with the food and decorations, the hosts provided a variety of music. I heard songs from David Bowie, ZZ Top, John Lee Hooker, and King Curtis. When I commented on the mix of music, I

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was shown the hosts' CD collection. There had to be over a thousand discs.

I met a blonde nurse who was drunk. She told me she had had her breast pierced. Unsure how to respond, I asked her if it hurt when she got it done. She said something I couldn't make out. I said, "It sure hurt me when I had certain parts of my body pierced."

She was with her fiance, who was dressed as a wacky doctor. He seemed buzzed as well. At one point I heard her yell at him, "Don't worry, I'm not gonna f*** anyone here! There's no room." I wondered what would've happened if it was a bigger house.

As the couple was leaving, the woman grabbed Chris and gave her a big kiss. Chris pushed her away. When I told our friend what happened, he told me that he overheard the woman say that she "goes both ways."

I talked to a guy who was dressed as Kramer from *Seinfeld*. He had the right clothes for Kramer, but the wrong hairdo. The hair's the key to Kramer's look. A guy who was supposed to be George from the show was bald and short, but didn't look like the guy who played George, Jason Alexander.

I'm not judging them, though. I didn't even bother to dress up. ■

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getting caught on them. Poor Bella.

The plan worked. I lifted Bella like a watermelon and sat her on my lap. Jane crept toward us from the left and when she said, "Now!" I held my niece's arms firmly in mine, and Jane went to town on the toilet seat. Bella screamed. There was a moment of doubt as Jane and I searched her head for signs of wounds. Her little ears had suffered some — they were red, and one of them boasted a minuscule scrape no longer than my pinky nail.

I consoled the crying child while Jane ran to fetch her another Popsicle.

"Do you want a cup of tea?" she asked from the other side of the knee-high gate at the kitchen's entrance.

"Sure." After Jane disappeared around the corner, I watched as Bella, sporting a mischievous smile, applied the orange Popsicle to the brown leather in broad strokes.

"Uh, Jane? You might want to take a peek in here, Little Miss O'Keefe is creating a masterpiece on your furniture."

"Bella, NOOOO!" I probably could have stopped her myself, but in order for me to maintain my role as the favorite aunt, it is crucial that I never involve myself with anything relating to discipline. Jane, a stack of paper towels in hand, rushed in for damage control. Bella smiled as she watched her mother wipe the cushion and the floor.

"I just need to sit for a minute," croaked Jane. Her voice was almost gone now, something she attributed to the previous day, spent at a nut farm (a place up north where pumpkins and nuts were being sold, though if you had drawn other conclusions, I'd be the last to blame you). Nearly the whole family went to the nut farm — Heather and Sean, their two boys, Jenny, Mom, and Jane and Bella. I forget what I was doing that day, but I'm sure it was *very* important.

I added Splenda to my gingerbread herbal tea, and Jane sat across from me at the dining table. "Thank you so much. I know you're busy and I didn't want to bother you, but I really appreciate...what are you writing?" A note of hysteria entered Jane's voice.

"Nothing," I assured her. "If anything like this ever happens again, Jane, I don't mind coming to help. I don't live that far from you, so feel free to call me first."

"What do you mean, 'if anything like this happens again?' Nothing *like this* is going to happen again." Her eyes were darting back and forth between my notebook and her daughter.

"I'm just saying. *If.* I'm just a phone call away. All right, it's time for us to get some sleep." As is our custom, Jane and I kissed each other on each cheek and hugged. I held out my arms and Bella trotted toward me. As I squeezed my niece in an embrace, I whispered in her scraped ear, "Keep up the good work, Bella Boo." ■

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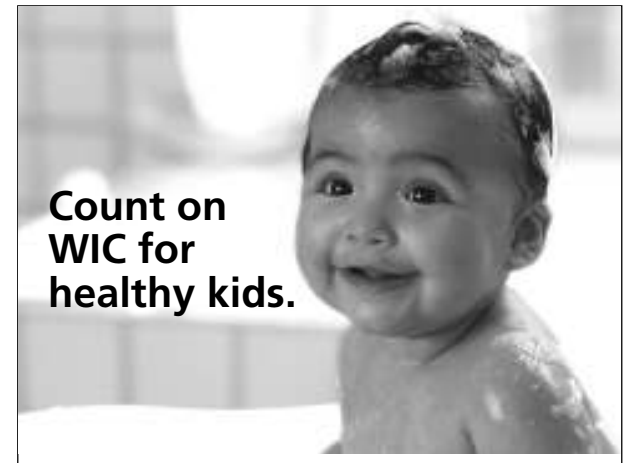

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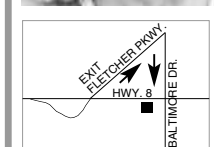

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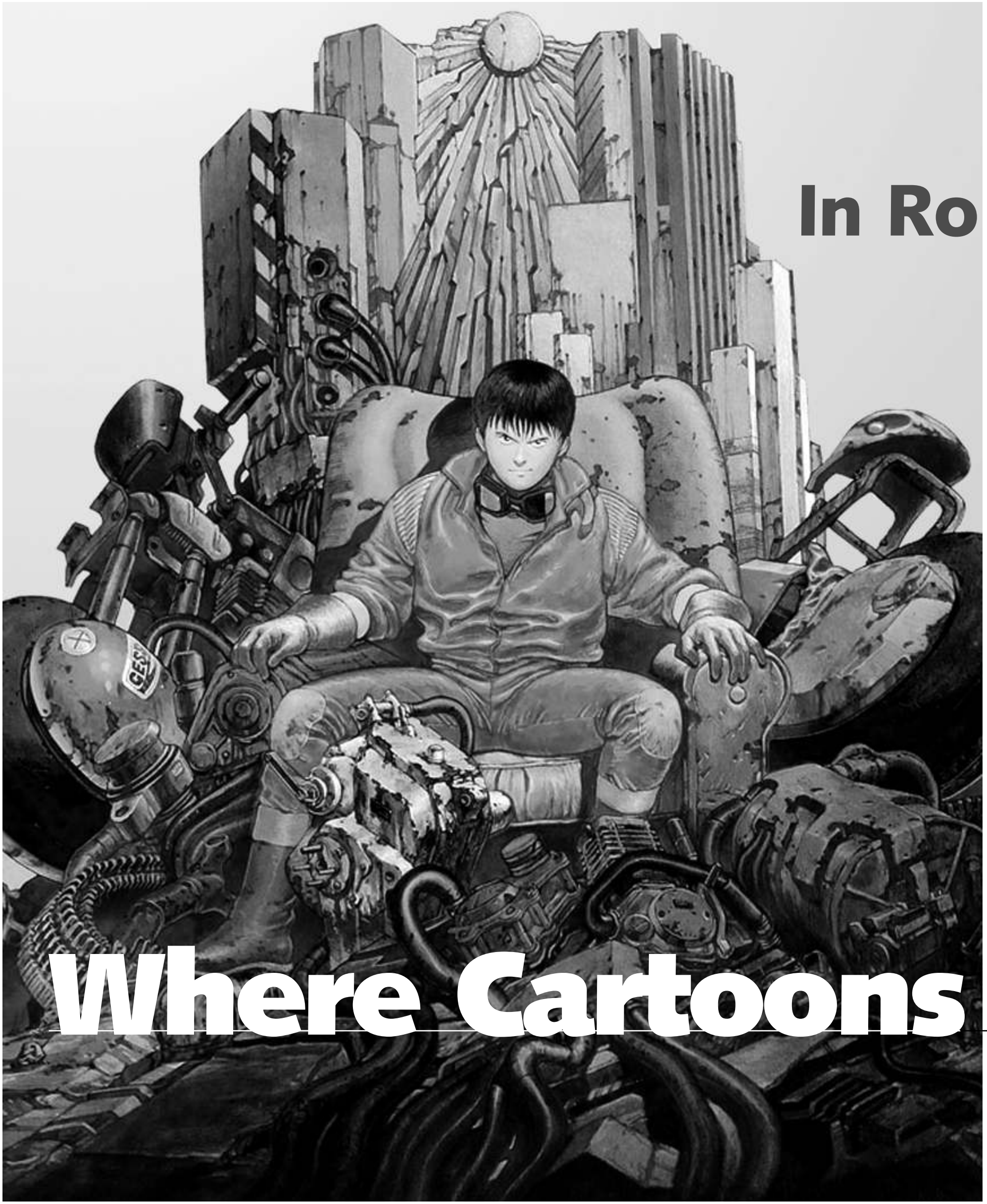

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Where Cartoons

From Katsuhiro Otomo's Akira

oman times,

the word "animare" meant "to give breath to." In the Biblical record, the first act of animation was performed by God, who created Adam by breathing life into a lump of clay. But it wasn't until the 1880s that the word "animation" was first used in reference to moving pictures, and it wasn't until 1908 that Frenchman Emile Cohl released what is considered to be the first animated film.

From that point onwards, animation advanced by leaps and bounds: In 1910 artists began to cut out and reuse images for every new frame of film; in 1914, the technique of overlapping transparent layers of celluloid — or "cels" — was patented. By the time World War I broke out, the animation industry was off and running, and for much of the next century, its centers of power would be located in America.

Today, however, Japanese companies have moved to the foreground of animated art and technology, and Japanese animation — or "anime," which is pronounced in such a way as to rhyme with "Fannie Mae" — is quickly becoming an international phenomenon. In Japan itself, the form is as popular as live-action movies are here in the United States, and in Tokyo, it's not unusual for anime films to take up eight or nine screens at the local multiplex.

While Japanese animation has been around since 1910 or so, it wasn't until the late '50s that the Walt Disney of Japan, an animator named Osamu Tezuka, created a distinctive national style. Having adapted, translated, and drawn Disney's *Bambi* for Japanese audiences, Tezuka went on to produce and illustrate Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment.* In doing so, he instilled the idea that cartoons weren't necessarily child's play and could encompass the raunchy humor, violence, and kind of adult themes you'd find in films by Akira Kurosawa or Seijan Suzuki. In Japan, that idea holds true to this day.

When Tezuka opened Japan's first animation studio, in 1961, he avoided Disney's formula of recycling old folk tales and struck out instead for new artistic territories. Along the way, he created anime's futuristic feel and its immediately recognizable visual style. He employed flamboyant visual effects, from tracking shots and unexpected lens flares to striking close-ups and the oddest camera angles imaginable. By the time of Tezuka's death, in 1989, dozens of anime artists stood ready to inherit his mantle and bring the art form to an international audience.

The following year, *Akira* — an anime film set in 2019 and designed to appeal to fans of post-industrial thrillers like *Blade Runner* and *The Terminator* — found a small but dedicated audience in the West. By the mid-'90s, dubbed anime videos were appearing in American stores, and cable channels like MTV were beginning to feature anime in their programs. In 2003, an anime feature film, Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away,* won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature. And, this spring, *Akira*'s creator, Katsuhiro Otomo, released a new film called *Steamboy* — with a budget of over $20 million, it's said to be the most expensive anime film of all time.



Katsuhiro Otomo

As it developed, anime combined elements of the Warner Bros. cartoon with those of the independent art-house film; at its best, it became a smart, fast-paced, thought-provoking, and eerily beautiful genre. By common misperception, anime is often equated with pornography. But while *hentai,* or animated porn, is indeed a subset of anime, it's hardly the only one. There are also historical anime, sci-fi anime, fantasy anime, horror anime, cyber anime, mecha anime (which is geared towards techies), *shoujo* anime (which is aimed at girls), *shounen* anime (which appeals to boys), and *sentai* anime (in which color-coded warriors battle evil monsters). Anime's comic-book equivalent — which is called *manga* — is considered an art form unto itself and has an equal number of subsets.

"They have kind of a bad reputation," Ed Sherman says, when I ask about American perceptions of the forms. Sherman is the owner of Rising Sun Creations, a Southern California chain that specializes in anime and *manga,* and a note of exasperation seems to creep into his voice whenever the subject comes up. "In the early days here in the United States, pretty much the only thing that was getting translated into English and brought over was *hentai* — which is nasty stuff, triple-X stuff. And it got so that a lot of people, whenever they hear about Japanese animation, all they think is *hentai.* But it's not that at all. It's just that that was the popular stuff in the early '90s, when it was first starting to hit here."

Sherman, who grew up attending comic swap meets, entered the industry in 1989 and switched from American comics to anime and *manga* six years later. Even then, he says, the writing on the wall was easy to read.

"The popularity of anime, I think, is based on the fact that it appeals to everyone. The U.S. comic market is aimed primarily at young

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teenage males. But in Japanese animation and *manga,* there is subject matter for everybody. You know, there's stuff for little girls, families, all the way to triple-X, and everything in between.

"The subject matter covers so many different aspects of real life. There's a lot of martial arts in it, but that's not all there is. There are teen-angst storylines young readers identify with. There's comedy, and Japanese horror is just incredible. Even in their live-action films, the Japanese are starting to dominate the horror market worldwide. Take the movie we call *The Ring;* the Japanese original is so much better than the remake, and most Americans don't even know it."

Sherman is a fan of most things Japanese — his inventory at his stores includes Japanese action figures, anime DVDs and posters, Japanese keychains, plenty of *manga* comics, stuffed toys of anime characters, Japanese candy and snacks, and (in the case of a store I visited), a two-foot-tall, remote-controlled model of Godzilla, which sells for $700. The store looked more like a toy store than, say, an art gallery.

"It's a family thing," Sherman explains. "Something parents can get into with their kids. They watch the animes together, they collect the books together, which is something you never see with U.S. comics."

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Sherman's point was echoed by 40-year-old Frans Alkemade, who runs an anime company nearby, in San Diego.



From Katsuhiro Otomo's Steamboy

"*Hentai* has been around for a long time. It's been lurking around under the radar and gradually making its way up to the surface of pop culture," Alkemade told me when I asked him about the form.

I'd contacted Alkemade after seeing that his business, the Supreme Anime, carried a seal of approval from a prominent Catholic website. According to Catholic Online, it's "the only anime store with Catholic values."

"Is *hentai* going to dilute anime?" Alkemade asked. "Is it going to give anime a bad name? In America, where awareness is just growing? Well, we've got an anime channel on TV, and we've got anime-on-demand on TV as well. They're pushing to present anime to the American public in the way that it's supposed to be shown: as entertaining, and as something that's suitable for family viewing."

As of this writing, Alkemade's company includes an e-commerce site called *supreme anime.com,* a community site called *animeoasis.com,* and a developing line of original anime, called "The Lost Line." It employs over 100 people. Before Alkemede started it, in 2003, he was a director of operations on the business side of Apple Computers, Inc. Wanting to branch out into online commerce, he began searching Google and found that the most popular search subjects seemed to revolve around Japanese animation.

"Top news stories would be popular for a month here and there," Alkemade told me. "Osama bin Laden would take over number one for a time, or the tsunamis, but then they would always fade, and Dragonball Z would take their place."

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ing obsessed with anime, Alkemade began to run test groups, hired a staff, and jumped in with both feet.

We'd made a date to talk about the company, and a few days later Alkemade ambled up my walkway, looking relaxed and youthful in khaki shorts, leather sandals, and button-down short-sleeve shirt, toting a little trove of books and DVDs with him. Tagging behind him were two of his employees: "Jeff Preston can clarify a few things, and Sergio Kajirian should liven the conversation up a bit," Alkemade said.

While Alkemade had stocked his company with MBAs, he'd also made it a requirement that his staff familiarize itself with anime and other aspects of Japanese culture. "Even the guys who maybe weren't so much into it at the beginning are a lot more into it now," he said. "That's important — you have to know your product to be a good businessman."

If so, Preston and Kajirian must be excellent businessmen, indeed. Preston, who is 37 and has an MBA from USD, spent six years teaching high school English to students in Osaka, Japan. Preston's wife is Japanese, and his brother-in-law was as instrumental as Preston's students at getting the teacher into anime. Kajirian, who is 30 and unmarried, also with a USD MBA, has been into anime since childhood and still watches five or six anime films a week. "Especially now," he says, "since it ties in with making a living as well."

Kajirian told me that anime films are livelier than American animations, in part, because anime illustrators have far more freedom than their American counterparts. "There's a depth of issues and themes they can explore," he said, "and that's a surface we can barely scratch over here. Take the G.I. Joe cartoon we saw when we were growing up. That was about war. It had battle scenes. But no one was allowed to die. Can you imagine a war where no one dies? I mean, they had some kind of thing worked out with American censors so that if a plane blew up in midair, and there were people on board, they had to show parachutes coming out of the wreckage. Morality is so immature, here in the West. In Japan, businessmen coming home from work read *hentai* on the train, and no one even looks twice."



From Katsuhiro Otomo's Akira

Kajirian was so passionate about the subject, I wondered if he'd given drawing a try. "I went to fashion school in London," he said. "There was a guy called Lee there who'd been going to school since the age of 3 to be a fashion designer. That's how they do it in Japan. Your parents send you to school to do a particular thing, right from the start. By the time I met Lee, he was 19 or 20. He could take a napkin and draw his assignments in a few seconds. I thought, 'That's it. I'm going to fail this class.' And I said to myself, 'You know, I think I'm going to go do business.' "

Nevertheless, Kajirian had a solid grasp on the step-by-step process by which anime is produced: The work is done on an artists' assembly line — or "studio pipeline" — in which one person might devote herself to character design, another to coloring, a third to backgrounds, a fourth to layout, a fifth to the shading. "Most anime is eventually scanned into Photoshop and manipulated," Kajirian explained, "but, first, it's hand-drawn by artists who sit at storyboards using India ink and a stylus." In the finished product, drawn material blends so well with computer-generated effects that few amateurs could distinguish between the two.

Kajirian knew this, in part, because of his

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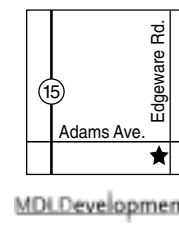

MDL Development

work, the Supreme Anime's own anime film, *The Lost Line*. A brainchild of Bay Area artist Darren Haggard, *The Lost Line* is about five people who are saved from Armageddon only to live throughout eternity and battle evil. The film is meant to be broadcast online as a Flash animation.

"In the early days of the company, when we tested the market for e-commerce, we also worked through the idea of creating an anime series," Alkemade told me. "The test series we did was getting something like 5 million unique hits a month — we didn't have the bandwidth for that, we weren't making any money at it, and we eventually shut it down — but it did give us some big ideas. We now understand that this stuff is so popular that even if the movie itself doesn't take off, and you can't sell a DVD or T-shirt, the popularity of an online series could drive a lot of traffic to an e-commerce site or community site. But while we hope *The Lost Line* is popular, it's also intended to bolster the Supreme Anime's reputation. To let people know we're more than businessmen and to influence the world of anime."

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"These are not just comics about superheroes," Kajirian added as he, Preston, and Alkemade prepared to depart. "These are stories about everyday people with big-time problems, with human depth. The main characters might hate themselves; their souls might be in turmoil. But the story lines bring out the heroic aspects of these tortured, everyday-type people."

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A few weeks later, I found myself sitting at a table in the Green Teahouse cafe, where the lighting's too bright to provide much in the way of ambiance, the multicolored drinks feature floating balls of something called koba, and pop music blares from tiny, tinny speakers strewn around the room. Off in the corner, at a reserved banquet table, the San Diego Anime and Manga Meetup Group was discussing the finer points of their favorite art form.

"What's so great about Japanese anime?" one man asked.

"It's not kid's stuff, like it is here in the States," a woman named Rebecca answered.

"It's about sharing," a middle-school English teacher named Laura added. "You're excited about something new that's being released. You want to be able to go up to someone and say, 'Kenjin 5 is coming out this week!' and have them know what you're talking about."

Here, a woman named Reese gained the floor and delivered an oration on the breadth of anime's stories, its pushing of cultural envelopes, its fantastical mythos and cutting-edge animation, and, finally, "visual techniques we've seen in movies like *The Matrix* but that were done in anime over 20 years ago." She finished by saying, "Anime's really a reflection of life, but like a more intense life than we can live because we have actual bodies to deal with."

"I don't know about all that," another man said, midway through this monologue. "I just like to see everything bloodied and blown up."

In Japanese, the word *otaku* describes an anime fanatic. Once a derogatory term, it has long since evolved into a compliment. "Cosplay" is short for "costume play," in which anime fans dress up and act out the roles of their favorite anime characters. Most cosplay participants wait for the big conventions to dress up, though some groups will use any excuse to get into character. *Kawaii* is Japanese for "cute" (it's obvious to anyone who's seen even a single anime film that cuteness is an important characteristic in Japanese culture). "Con" is short for "convention" — an official gathering of anime vendors and fans. And, as it happens, San Diego is the home of Comic-Con — the largest, most venerable comic-related event in the world.

Comic-Con has been drawing comic book enthusiasts to the city since 1970, but the "Japanese Invasion" of Comic-Con didn't begin until 1980, when a delegation of Japanese cartoonists, animators, and business agents attended. Last year's Comic-Con, which hosted over 87,000 people, featured four days of anime screenings. And the 2005 version, which took place the week of July 14, devoted even more space to anime.

In preparation for the event, I sat down to watch some of the anime films the anime fans I'd been talking to never failed to mention. In the course of a single week, I watched *Ghost in the Shell, Akira, Cowboy Bebop,* and *Samurai Champion.* I caught an episode of *Full Metal Alchemist* on late-night TV and saw a children's anime called *The Daichis: Earth's Defense Family,* which I took to be the inspiration for America's own movie *The Incredibles.* I got used to the sight of cartoon characters smoking cigarettes, to the archetypal anime character's outsized eyes and too-small mouths. I came to notice that hair in anime actually looks so real that it's practically a character unto itself.

I hadn't become an *otaku* yet — not quite, at least. But by the time you read this, I should be well on my way. ■

— Geoff Bouvier




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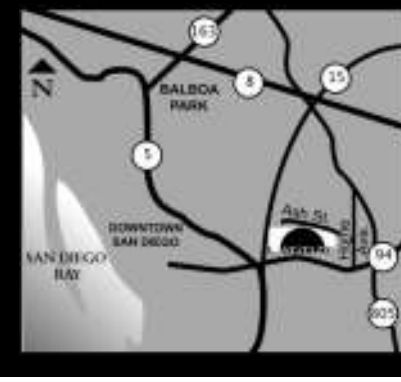

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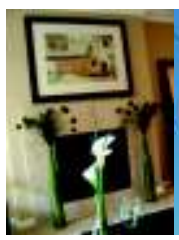





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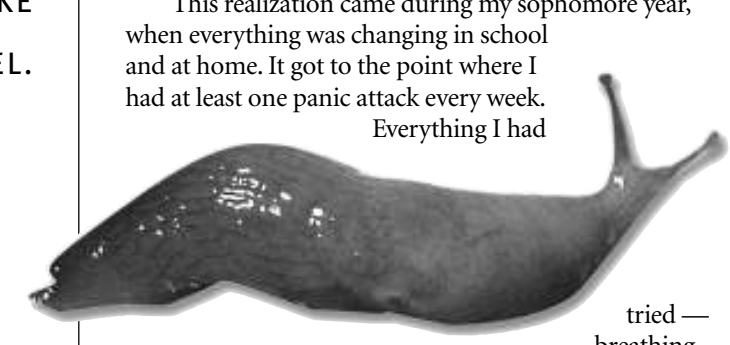
I have been afraid of change for as long as I can remember; new things scare the hell out of me. This phobia must have started around the age of three. I would cry before preschool and birthday parties. I understand that no one is fond of change, but to call my fear a common anxiety would be an understatement; I become terrified when someone moves my furniture around.

I had a silly way of dealing with this phobia. I decided that if I could plan my life as much as possible, then I might be able to stop abrupt change. At the age of five, I decided what high school I was going to attend. At age eight, I chose my best friend for life. When I was nine, I decided to be a writer — I would try to take people and dreams and then cement them. Then, when situations outside of my plans would occur — such as a friend's betrayal or my failure to achieve a goal — I wouldn't know how to deal with it. My mind would turn off, and I would be stuck. When I began having panic attacks, I realized that my way of dealing wouldn't cure my anxiety.

This realization came during my sophomore year, when everything was changing in school and at home. It got to the point where I had at least one panic attack every week. Everything I had



tried — breathing exercises, meditation, apathy, writing — no longer worked. This led to my decision to seek help and begin therapy. I tend to be a private person when it comes to emotional problems, so that was a big step. Therapy helped me realize that change is part of life and without it there can be no growth. I'd be lying if I said that I am cured or okay with that statement. I'm no longer in therapy, but I still break down occasionally, and I still hate change. However, when change does occur, I can face it head on. I have learned to take every failure and success and make it into a learning experience.

— Amy Culley,
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I'm the girl who would walk out of my way in the halls at school to avoid crossing paths with someone I know. Not because I don't like the person, but because if I see someone whom I know, I'll have to talk to them. I know, it sounds insane. But, well, what is a phobia if not an irrational fear? My affliction is not so unique as I once thought it was; according to About.com, anthropophobia refers to "an abnormal and persistent fear of people or society."

I can't say for sure when it started. I recall being outgoing and I welcomed new experiences as a young child. Somewhere along the line, the part of me that listens to my subconscious decided that there was something potentially harmful that might befall me in the presence of anyone outside of my family. Don't ask me what harm I expect from others; I'm still waiting for that silly subconscious of mine to let me know.

When I'm talking to someone, I tend to feel fine. So, I guess I don't suffer so much from anthropophobia. My mom tells me the only way to get over my "shyness" (as she calls it in her less dramatic way) is to pretend it doesn't exist, behave as if I don't get nervous and irrational when I think about interacting with people. In other words, I shouldn't even be writing this article...see, the thing about overcoming phobias is, you have to ignore that subconscious, take control, let your mind dictate your actions. Well, considering that I'm not disciplined enough to tell myself when I should do my homework, it may be a while before I can attain that level of phobia-busting self-dictatorship.

— Michelle Diaz,
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I once watched the movie *Creature from the Black Lagoon,* the epitome of hokey horror. I thought to myself *What audience — even in the paranoid '50s — would*

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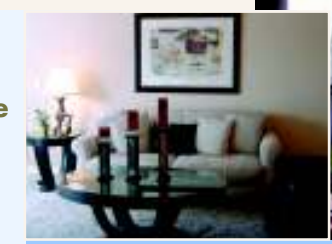

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When I was younger, I never thought twice about slugs; they were naked snails. Now, I maintain a relationship of tolerance with the shelled gastropods, but their indecently exposed counterparts send a chill up my spine. I realized this unusual fear about two years ago, during an especially rainy season. It was my turn to change the dog's water, and as I stepped out onto the patio, there they were: hundreds of greenish grey, slimy monsters, on the dog house, patio furniture, the outdoor light, even clinging to the sliding glass door.

Where do they come from? Where do they go? Why do their nearly microscopic eyes stir up so much repugnance? Why do I become physically weak when in their presence? I don't think I'll ever know. No one has been able to counsel me to help me understand. If knowing requires experimentation, I won't ever know; there's no way I'm going to subject myself to those squirmy devils.

— Mary Lindquist, El Capitan H.S.

Since I was little, I have had a fear of situations in which people look at me and judge me. For example, I had to take speech class my sophomore year in high school, and it was the worst semester of my life. Week after week, I would stand in front of the class to give a speech and try not to pass out. Every time I would get up there, my hands and voice would shake and my heart would beat so loudly that it almost drowned out my voice!

In class, one is often required to get up to give a report or to demonstrate something. I got to the point where I never raised my hand in class or participated unless I was called upon to do so; even then, I'd never say more than I had to. I hardly ever participated in group discussions, and I had a hard time interacting with people I didn't know. It gives me butterflies in my stomach to think about it. I always wondered why I was this way. Why couldn't I approach a store worker to ask for help or ask my teacher for help?

One day, in my psychology class, we were learning about phobias when I came upon one that caught my eye: social anxiety disorder, a fear of being in public situations. As I read the symptoms, I realized that was my affliction. The more research I did, the more I realized I was right. I went on websites and took the questionnaires, and they indicated that I had the disorder. Luckily, on these websites, they have suggestions for coping with the disorder and overcoming it.

Now I'm more comfortable interacting with others. I can talk to my teachers and ask store workers for help. I can meet new people, but I still work on holding conversations with them.

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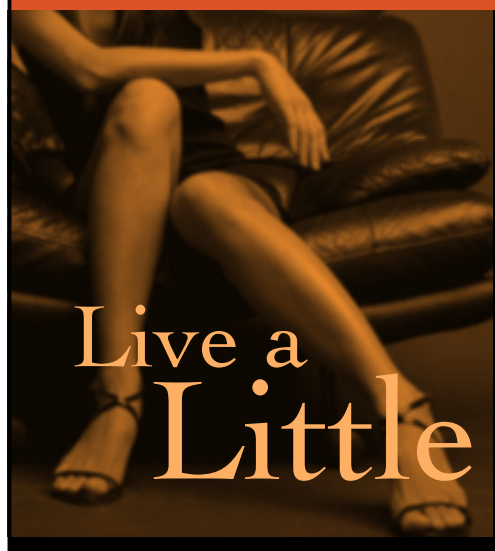

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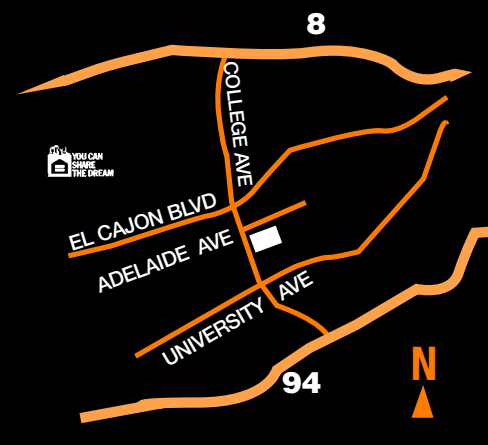

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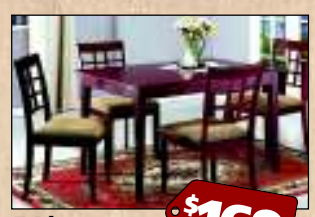

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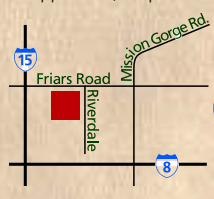

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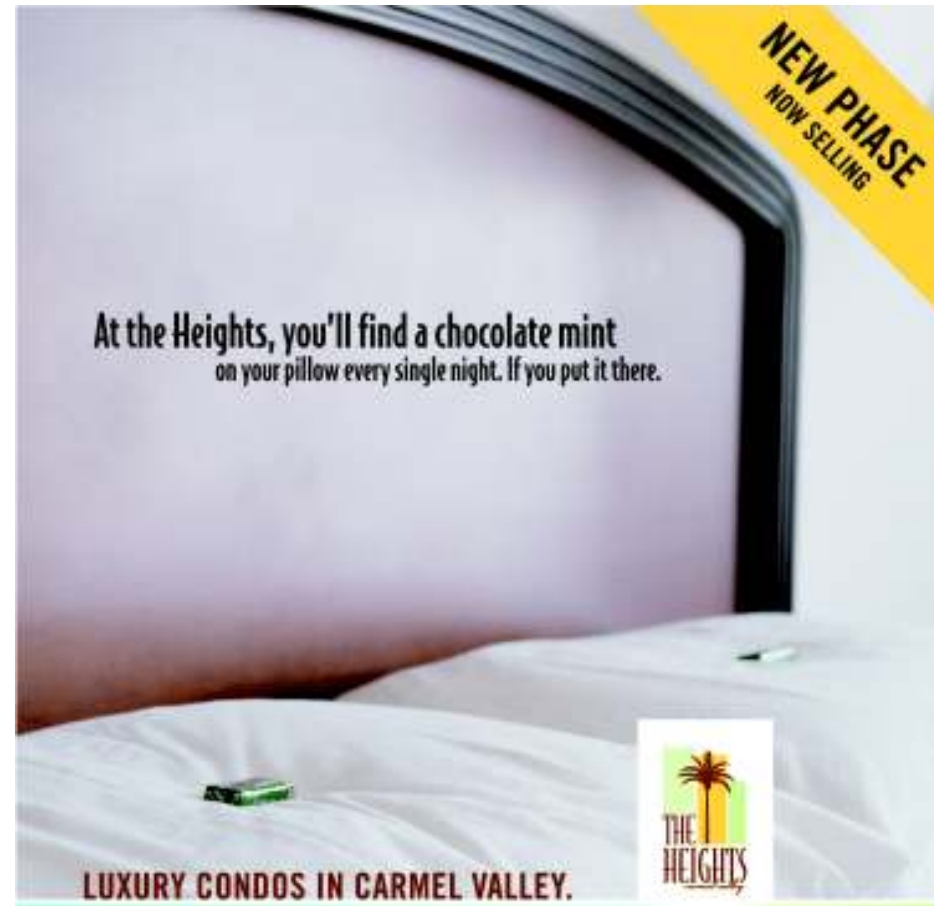

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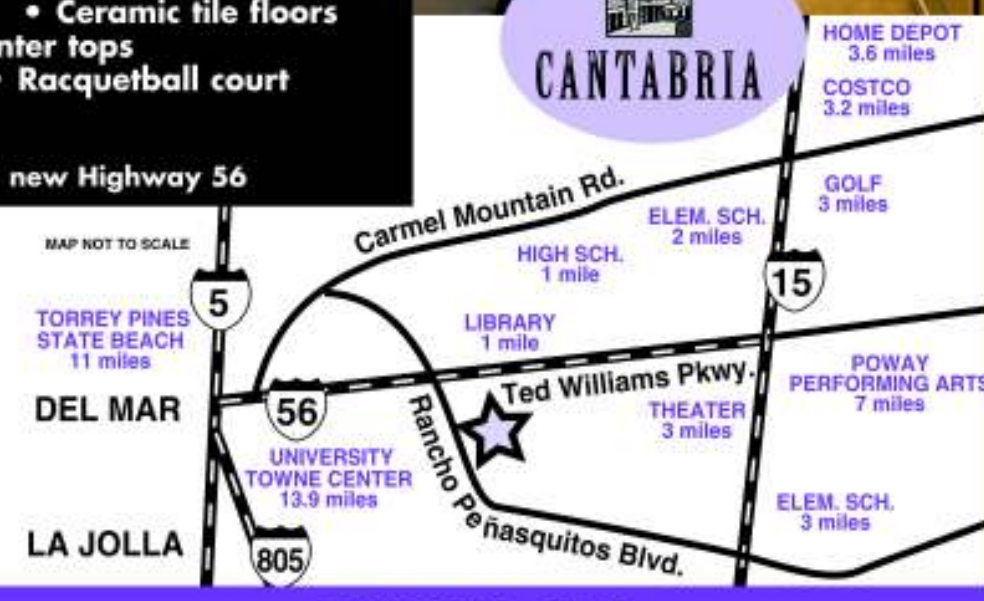

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When Alonzo Erastus Horton built the Horton House in 1870, he included a dusty, one-third-block, 228-by-108-foot plaza in front as part of the hotel area. He built an ovoid driveway around the plaza, planted hedges to define its borders, and set out watering troughs for horses. The edges of the plaza and the driveway were soon crowded with carriages, horses, people, flies, and fleas. Flowers grew in the planted sections of the plaza.

"Doc" P.P. Martin's Brass Band (organized in 1867), the Harmonia Brass Band (organized in 1874), the Silver Comet Band (organized in 1875), and the City Guard Band (organized in 1881) played concerts on the plaza on special occasions or as part of a regular series.

When residents received word that the U.S. Congress had selected the Texas and Pacific Railway to bring a transcontinental railroad into San Diego, they held a jubilee celebration on the plaza on March 10, 1871. It was an especially heady time for a town of 2300 people.

1873

Horton installed the first of many drinking fountains in 1873. On a sleepy June day of that year, a bull appeared on the plaza, where he was beset by barking dogs. In the manner of San Diego's early politicians, the bull responded by catching the dogs in his horns and tossing them into nearby establishments.

In addition to its services as a hitching post and carriage stop, the plaza was a gathering place for civic happenings, such as a centennial commemoration of the "Glorious Fourth," July 4, 1876, at which a gun made by local tinsmith William Augustus Begole fired a salute.

A picket fence and a new drinking fountain were added to the plaza in 1882. To accommodate the City Guard musicians, a new bandstand was put up in 1886. The fountain was replaced again in 1887, this time with a more imposing multi-tiered model that was equipped with a nickel-plated cup. The plaza was locked at night "to keep vandals from destroying and carrying away property."

The park committee of the Board of City Trustees deplored the dilapidated condition of the plaza in August 1887 and urged the appointment of a permanent gardener who would also act as a policeman.

Horton kept the plaza open as a service to the Horton House and to businessmen who bought property adjoining the plaza to take advantage of its prominent location. When in 1887 the city trustees started talking about putting a city hall on the site, Horton's resolution was sorely tested. (On May 12, 1889, the *San Diego Union* deemed the plaza "a capital place" for a city hall.)

The Salvation Army gave its first concert at the southeast corner of the plaza on March 31, 1888. Spectators vented their displeasure by jeering and tossing rocks.

1889

Bemoaning the plaza's "graveyard" aspect, a writer in the *San Diego Union* in March 1889 called the plaza "unquestionably the dreariest-looking park I have ever seen" and "an abortion of landscape gardening." He suggested doubling the space and surrounding it with a low wall.

As the city hall idea did not work out, in 1890 Horton advocated removing the fountain, bandstand, and hedges; elevating the plaza above the street; laying cement on the plaza surface; planting trees along the plaza's borders; and placing circular iron seats at the base of the trees.

Horton's bare-bones proposal received little attention. As an answer to the exigencies of wear and tear, the hedges and fountain were removed in 1891, and the bandstand was relocated in the center of the plaza.

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> …to provide a central, commodious, and attractive place for public meetings, public announcements, public recreation, and for any other proper public purposes; a place where all public questions might be discussed with comfort, where public open-air concerts might be given, where the people might rest, and where children might play in safety.

A proposal to plant grass and trees was opposed by people who disliked the plaza's untidy landscaping and who wanted the plaza to be used exclusively for public meetings.

The uprooting of plants and the leveling of the plaza surface facilitated the April 23, 1891, use of the plaza as an open-air theater for the estimated 5000 people who cheered President Benjamin Harrison during his visit to San Diego.

In 1892, the decrepit bandstand was removed. As the city did not have money to spend on its improvement, the plaza was left dry, dreary, and desolate. Talk of building a city hall on the site began again.

The first Cabrillo celebration on September 28, 29, and 30 of 1892 brought new life to the plaza. A pavilion made of white cloth and decorated with pepper branches, streamers, and bunting occupied a ground space of 200 by 124 feet. Planned for 5000 people, the pavilion somehow managed to accommodate at least 6000. F.F. Del Valle of Los Angeles held everyone spellbound with a rhapsodic description of Cabrillo's adventures. In the evening, the First Cavalry Band entertained an audience of nearly 10,000 on the plaza and surrounding streets. The following day, the *San Diego Union* came out in favor of a permanent pavilion on the plaza.

Unable to make up his mind, on December 6, 1892, the editor of the *San Diego Union* swung around to the idea of a landscaped plaza of palms and semitropical plants with diagonal walks across it.

In July 1893, Francis H. Mead, a world-traveled visitor, was astonished to find San Diego's plaza so devoid of plants and furnishings.

Aside from a lack of funds, another reason for leaving the plaza as wasteland was that Alonzo Horton held title to it and could take possession whenever the city decided to use it for anything but a public highway.

Proponents of paving the plaza appeared to be gaining the upper hand when Horton, who approved of the idea, offered to sell the plaza to the city for $5000 and the city's half lot on Fifth Street.

1894

In October 1894, at the age of 82, Horton finally agreed to deed the plaza to the city, provided he would be paid $100 a month, up to $10,000 for the remainder of his life. The payments continued till April 1903, when the full amount plus an additional $6000 had been paid. At that time, Horton was 89 years old.

With the deed to the plaza cleared, city officials were now in a position to resolve the grass-versus-cement dispute. Those who followed band concerts and attended political rallies offered to raise funds for a bandstand and a pavilion

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to cover the plaza. The *San Diego Union*, with no sense of irony, stated the project would be "an improvement and adornment of the plaza."

Professor Earlson delighted spectators on the afternoon of January 1, 1896, by making a balloon ascension from the plaza.

Window glass on the Sun building and the Schmitt building was broken by a concussion from the firing of a 46-gun salute on the plaza on the morning of July 4, 1896.

A tent put up for a political rally in August provided cover for a masked Admission Day ball in September.

1897

Sailors and Marines drilled on the plaza in February 1897 as part of San Diego's Midwinter Water Carnival.

In September, steps were taken to resolve the problem of plaza usage. The idea of the plaza as an assembly space for massive group events was dealt a stunning blow. The Leach Opera House (begun in 1885), the Louis Opera House (begun in 1887), the Fisher Opera House (begun in 1892), and the Garrick Theater (begun in 1897) were beginning to meet the city's need for meeting places.

The destruction by fire of the Children's Home in City (Balboa) Park on May 9, 1897, made a large sum of money available from insurance payments. This allowed work on the plaza to proceed.

Joseph Falkenham of the Board of Public Works drew up plans that called for paving the entire surface with asphalt, installing 12 gas lights and a bandstand on wheels, erecting iron posts connected by iron chains, and planting 28 Cocos Plumosa palms, which were to be decorated with electric lights.

The plan drew immediate fire from devotees of grass and shrubbery. Moses A. Luce wanted an ornamental fountain in the center of the plaza. A new stationary bandstand for the west end of the plaza with a shell-shaped enclosure was completed in May 1898, and instead of asphalt, a layer of red composite earth was put down in August.

Historian Elizabeth MacPhail gave the date Kate Sessions planted the 28 palms in the plaza as January 19, 1897; however, the more likely date is January 19, 1898, for shortly before that date, holes were blasted in the hardpan. (Kate Sessions received $75 for the palms, which came from funds raised by Major Henry Sweeney at a "Society Circus" put on by local talent in December 1895.)

A celebration of the capture of Manila by Admiral Dewey on the evening of May 2, 1899, brought citizens to the plaza for a carnival, band concert, and fireworks.

1900

In March 1900, the *San Diego Union* began a campaign to put benches in the plaza. These benches could have accommodated some, but certainly not all, of the 10,000 people who jammed the plaza on the evening of April 9 to hear William Jennings Bryan denounce imperialism and trusts.

Advocates of an ordinance forbidding the sale of liquor on Sunday described to large audiences on the





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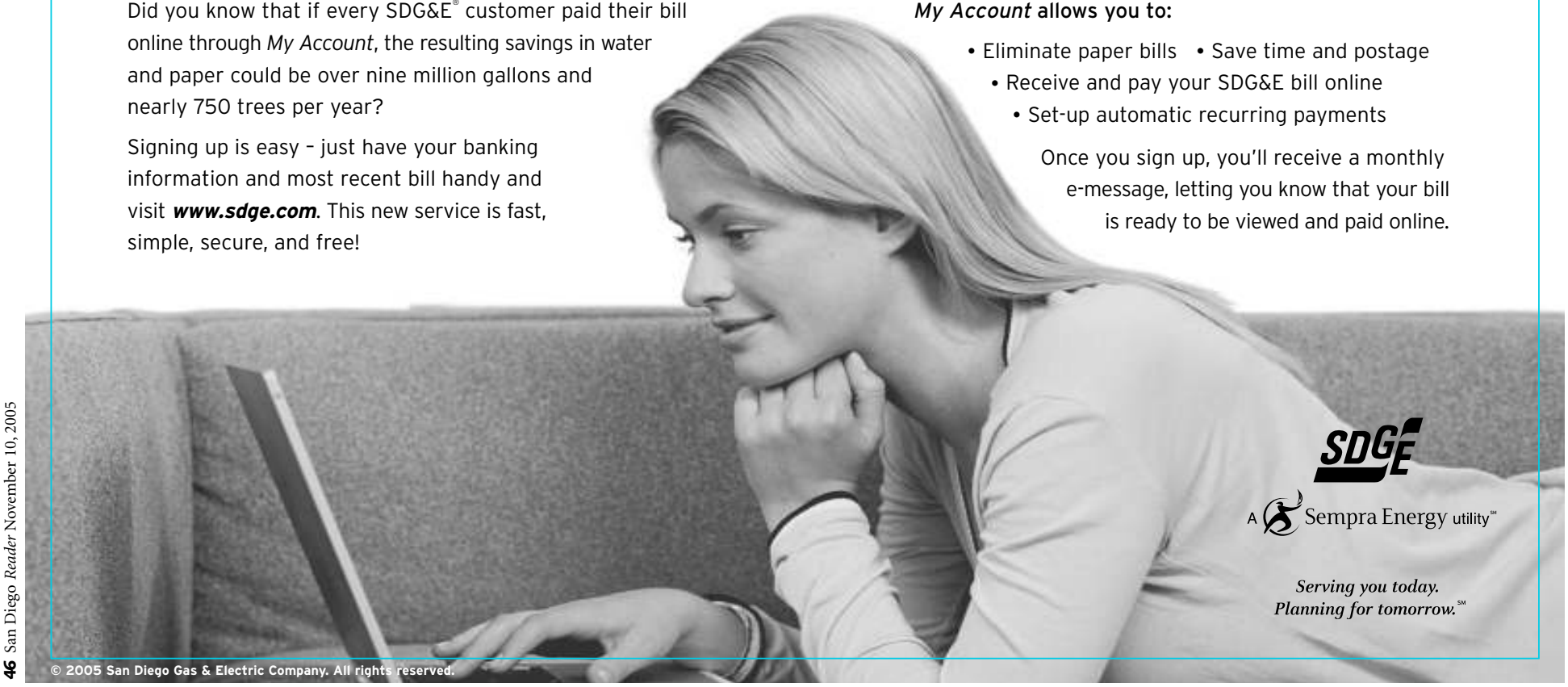

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plaza in October how the drinking of alcohol led to lewdness, lawlessness, madness, and murder.

In June 1902, the Board of Public Works invited the Protestant pastors of the city to hold Sunday afternoon evangelistic meetings on the plaza.

William W. Bowers, state senator, prominent Republican, and brother-in-law of Alonzo Horton, criticized the "miserable, unsightly clamshell" on the bandstand in September. Far from directing sound outward, the shell was actually soaking it up.

The *San Diego Union*, June 14, 1903, noted that the palms had reached a height of 15 feet and that they "gave a picture of beauty seldom rivaled in the world of trees."

After 35 years in existence, the Horton House was torn down in July 1905, and work commenced on the U.S. Grant Hotel on the site it had occupied.

The first indication that street speakers were becoming a nuisance appeared in the *San Diego Union* in August 1905. The area where disturbances were taking place was at Fifth Avenue and E Street. The site had become a popular spot for impromptu events because, unlike the plaza, orators did not need the permission of the Board of Park Commissioners. Owners of businesses in the section were incensed that people with causes were taking over the street and obstructing access to their establishments. The content of the speeches was not an issue.

1907

New buildings went up around the plaza in 1907, including a six-story *Union* building on the west side.

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out of the imbroglio of grass versus cement, the *San Diego Union*, March 1907, suggested a border of grass be planted within the line of palms, and shrubbery at the edges of the grass. The *Union* also favored putting a statue of General Ulysses S. Grant in the center of the plaza as a way of acknowledging the namesake of the hotel going up across the street.

George W. Marston, echoing the advice of architect William S. Hebbard, proposed grouping civic buildings around an enlarged plaza. City planner John Nolen endorsed this idea the following year; however, he rejected the existing plaza as too small for the purpose.

City hall promoters claimed the plaza was a relic of frontier times that had no place in a progressive city. Instead of putting the city hall at its edge, they wanted the building to extend over the entire plaza.

The *San Diego Union*, July 9, 1907, began noticing the people in the plaza rather than the plaza itself. The cacophony of babbling tongues was too much for the editor. He concluded a series of sarcastic remarks about the intelligence and morality of the speakers with the ambivalent question:

> But speech is free. One will hope and trust that it always will be. Nevertheless, would not San Diego be better off if there were less of it on the Plaza? Is the Plaza being put to its best possible use?

1908

Sensing he had been too kind, February 20, 1908, the editor put more acid into his views:

> [The plaza] should not be permitted, as at present, to be the chosen resort of vagabonds, crooks, and noisy agitators. The scenes that occur daily upon that little square, which should be a beauty spot, are a disgrace to San Diego and would not be tolerated in most cities.

Some 200 citizens signed a petition asking that the plaza benches and bandstand be removed. While the petition did not state a reason, one can surmise that genteel people were not enthusiastic about the ungenteel people who sat on the benches.

The *San Diego Sun* responded:

> Why don't de park commisheners fix up dis place an leave de benches here like they did in Los? Trees an flours an green t'ings like that would sorter hide up fellers. We don't care ter be on exibishen, but we likes to have a plase to rest 'thout goin' to a booze joint.

A *San Diego Union* editorial, March 8, 1908, hinted that harsh measures were in order "to disperse the crowds and keep the agitators on the move." (Those measures were taken in 1912, when prominent San Diegans — with the connivance of the police and city officials — acted out the role of vigilantes.)

After the benches and bandstand had been removed, fictitious commentator Nebraska told his colleague Ohio, with whom he kept up a running conversation in the *San Diego Sun*, "I have a notion to sit down on the ground here. Suppose they will take the ground away, too, if they see us making some use of it?"

The Women's Christian Temperance Union put a lemonade and fruit booth in the center of the plaza on April 16, 1908, to serve the sailors from the Great White Fleet a beverage that would not dilute their minds and morals. Faint snatches of music drifted down into the plaza from a band on the roof garden of the U.S. Grant Hotel, playing for the delectation of all standing people.

So the park commissioners got rid of the benches; in September, they banned public speaking; and in December, they hired architect Irving J. Gill to draw up plans for a genteel plaza.

Since a free-speaking element from European countries (other than Great Britain), reputed to be socialists, anarchists, and atheists, had made the plaza — like the Greek agora — a place for relaxation, entertainment, and intellectual stimulation, Gill was expected to draw up a plan that would displease these people and would please sedate, well-bred, churchgoing, white Anglo-Saxon Protestants.

Almost alone in his conviction, merchant and park commissioner George W. Marston demurred from this attempt by supercilious people to banish those who spoke broken English and used occasional profanity:

> While it is true that some of the men who congregate there may be 'plotting against the government,' as the term goes, I notice that a large number of them are pensioners; a percentage of them tourists, perhaps, who gather on the plaza for sun baths, which are to be had for the effort of going there. If we shut these people out of the plaza, where will they go?

When Gill undertook the redesign of the plaza in 1908, the prospect before him was bleak. The plaza looked like a desert surrounded by a horse corral.

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The Cocos Plumosa palms were turning yellow due to soil devoid of nutrients. The commissioners favored a plaza of grass and flowers with a fountain in its center.

Gill's job was to make the plaza respectable, find places for a fountain and a kiosk containing weather-reporting instruments, and lay out walkways. He used the walkways to divide the plaza into quadrants. The walkways converged on a circle where the fountain was to be located.

The kiosk, in the shape of a miniature Greek temple, was located at the center of the east walkway, which had been widened to allow for foot traffic and for the placement of circular seats. On the west walkway, another balancing space was set aside for a drinking fountain, which was supposed to echo the appearance of the kiosk.

The plan called for no more than 50 seats on benches and for seating on cement ledges. Because horses, hacks, and express wagons were so conspicuous outside the plaza, no benches were planned for the abutting sidewalks. (The commissioners relented in February 1910 and allowed benches along the west and south sides of the plaza but none directly across from the U.S. Grant Hotel.)

Gill retained small sections of lawn to serve as enclosures for shrubs and plants and for urns that were to be deposited in the middle of the quadrants. In the final stages of the plan, the location of the urns was shifted to bases on the sides of the red-tiled walkways. Grass remained the dominant ground cover, as the cost of bedding and replacing flowers and shrubs was found to be exorbitant. Chicken-wire fencing around each of the grass plots was supposed to discourage intruders.

After reading in the *San Diego Union* of the need for money to build a fountain, Louis J. Wilde, banker and part owner of the U.S. Grant Hotel, donated $10,000. Wilde was a bantam rooster of a man whose aggressive stance and powers of vituperation won him the allegiance of working-class people.

1909

Irving Gill's design for the fountain was accepted by the park commissioners and Louis Wilde in November 1909 after a competition that had elicited 13 designs. The principal requirement was that the fountain be equipped with an electrical apparatus that would project blended colors on spraying water.

Gill modeled his fountain after the monument of Lysicrates in Athens, circa 334 B.C., itself a tribute to gaiety and song. This was not an original idea, as the Lysicrates monument had been copied many times in other cities, though this might have been the first time the monument was destined to be a fountain.

The fountain was the center of plaza activity. It was equipped with special machinery to pump and illuminate cascades of water. The elongated lines of the fountain and the round dome that surmounted it harmonized well with the tall open arches of the U.S. Grant Hotel (now, alas, obscured by a modern addition). As the foreground of the first plaza matched the Horton House, so the 1909 plaza matched the nine-story, French-empire-style Grant hotel.

Gill's original fountain plan called for a liberal use of Mexican onyx and gold leaf. Above the fountain's pedestal, six Corinthian-style columns supported a frieze, on top of which rose a bulbous-shaped dome of amber glass cut in small sections and secured in copper frames. A large eagle with outspread wings perched on the dome. From base to eagle, the height was 25 feet.

Four streams of water were thrown toward the columns from the edge of a large circular basin, 20 feet in diameter. More water came out at the feet of the eagle and descended over the dome, frieze, and columns. Water also spurted from the mouths of lion heads on the sides of the pedestal.

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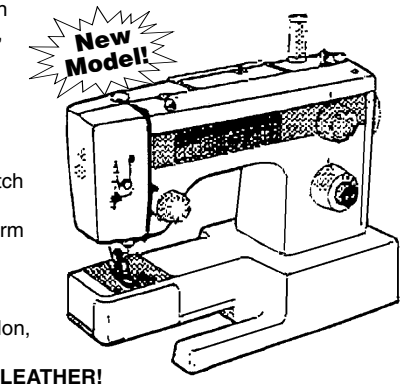

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have been more colorful than the sedate fountain we have now, which in its simplicity and purity of design comes closer to Gill's later, stripped-down architecture.

In Gill's second design, white Vermont marble was substituted for the onyx, the lion heads on the pedestal were eliminated, the shape of the central monument was changed from circular to octagonal, the number of columns was increased to eight, and sheets of water were redirected to flow between the columns and over the pedestal into the basin.

The final design abandoned the use of gold leaf and shifted the eagle from the top of the outside dome to the top of an inside dome, located within the space enclosed by the columns. Eight streams of water were thrown toward the columns from the basin, and eight sheets of water flowed over the pedestal into the basin.

Sculptor Felix Peano designed the bronze eagle and bronze panels on the pedestal representing "Father" Alonzo E. Horton, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, and Father Junipero Serra. A fourth panel, facing the U.S. Grant Hotel, reads "Presented to the City of San Diego by Louis J. Wilde 1909 A.D." On the frieze above the columns appears the notation "Broadway Fountain For The People." Since the fountain has been called the Horton Plaza Fountain, the Wilde Fountain, the Gill Fountain, and the Electric Fountain, it should be noted that its official name, as chosen by Wilde himself, is the Broadway Fountain. By choosing this name, Wilde, who was unusually prescient, named Broadway (then D Street) three years before the city council did the same thing.

As the fountain neared completion, a squabble erupted between Harry Brown, electrical inspector, and Irving Gill. Brown claimed the electrical connections underneath the fountain were unsafe, that water would run into them, and that people would be electrocuted. Such controversies had a way of becoming knockout dramas, and this was no exception. Police were called in to protect disputants and the fountain. Police Commissioner John L. Sehon and Park Commissioner Thomas O'Hallaran rushed to the fray. Officials of the Consolidated Gas and Electric Company refused to turn on power for the lights on the fountain until they were guaranteed payment.

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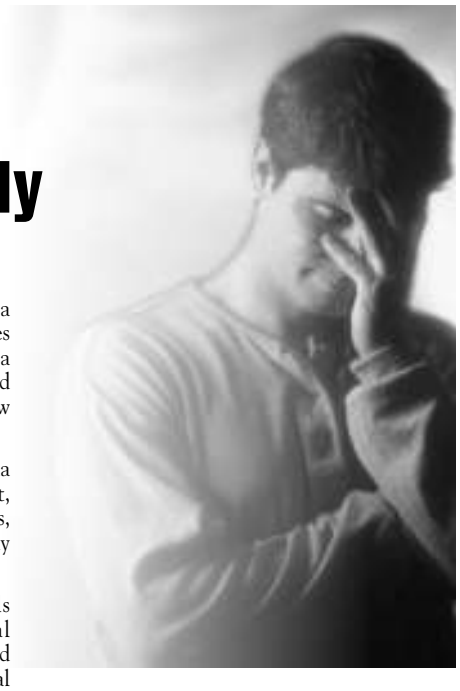

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The disputes were eventually worked out. The fountain was tested October 14, and no one was killed. Someone reassured the electric company that bills would be paid.

"Father" Alonzo E. Horton passed away in his sleep on January 1, 1909.

1910

At last, on October 15, 1910, the great day arrived. Two hours after the formal opening of the U.S. Grant Hotel, at 8:15 in the evening, Mrs. Louis J. Wilde pulled a cord dropping the canvas over the fountain. Cheers arose from thousands of people who thronged the streets from curb to curb on all sides of the plaza (but, presumably, not on the grass). Gill, who had taken more than enough raps while the fountain was under construction, was "cheered to the echo." The fountain, resplendent as a peacock with tail feathers outspread, showed off its colors as hundreds of incandescent lights flashed on and off at 30-second intervals.

For the third time since they were planted, the Cocos Plumosa palms were in full bloom.

According to Nebraska in the *San Diego Sun*, the plaza of 1910 (which is substantially the plaza of 1990) was designed for fashionable functions, to be enjoyed by window-renters in the Union block and the U.S. Grant Hotel. To this end, band concerts and political meetings were to be excluded from the grounds, and not more than 50 people were to be assembled there at one time.

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There is a saying popular among cracker-barrel philosophers that "the more things change, the more they remain the same." The tussle over the uses of the plaza is not over and never will be. Current managers of the U.S. Grant Hotel and Robinson's Department Store — abutting the plaza on the south side as an appendage of a shopping mall misnamed "Horton Plaza" — are in the forefront of a business coalition in opposition to the plaza because it provides a place of solace for the down and out. Unlike the contumelious people who in 1910

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could not stand the free expression of ideas by unemployed and ambitious people, merchants today blame their failure to make money on destitute and unwashed people, who are known to sell contraband cigarettes from Tijuana or to evacuate themselves on the plaza because there are few places in downtown San Diego where they can do so in private.

The merchants want homeless and harmless people removed so their profits can go up and so San Diego can become a city friendly to those who can pay for the friendliness. In the 19th Century, a wag suggested putting roller skates on the Indians so white people could move them wherever they wanted. When the frontier finally disappeared, the only place left for the Indians was the Pacific Ocean. So it is today with the homeless, a class that shows every indication of expanding in exponential numbers.

In 1974, Kevin Lynch and Donald Appleyard (urban planners from MIT who wrote a comprehensive study of San Diego's regional problems) predicted that in its renewal program, San Diego could banish the brash and tawdry liveliness of Horton Plaza, but the result would be an empty space.

The Centre City Association has proposed a puritanical landscape for the plaza that would remove most of its amenities, the theory being that if the plaza is uncomfortable for everyone, it will also be uncomfortable for undesirables.

1984

The City of San Diego has had enough of proposed redesigns of the plaza. The 1984 Lawrence Halprin scheme was a fiasco. After his tower, pergolas, funnels, and fountain were rejected by San Diego, Halprin took essentially the same design to Los Angeles, where it was accepted for a park at Ninth and Hope Streets. So much for Halprin's talk about how his plan conformed to the buildings around the plaza and continued the architectural heritage of Irving Gill — the very architect whose plaza design Halprin wanted to demolish.

1989

In opposition to the democratic and humanitarian ideas of William H. Whyte, Bernard J. Frieden and Lynne B. Sagalyn wrote *Downtown, Inc.* (Cambridge, 1989) to justify the privatization of public spaces. They used the new

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Managing your blood sugar levels means making a lot of decisions — some less clear than others. That's why you may want to talk with us. If you have type 2 diabetes, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical study of an investigational drug for type 2 diabetes. Study participation includes (at no cost):

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RESEARCH STUDIES

Depression Research Study

If you have been previously diagnosed and treated for depression and in recent months you are experiencing a recurrence of similar or increased symptoms, you may be eligible to participate in a clinical research study.

Those symptoms may include feeling sad or empty, feeling worthless or guilty, decreased interest in activities you once enjoyed, difficulty concentrating, weight loss, difficulty sleeping or lack of energy.

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- have Hepatitis C
- have never received treatment for Hepatitis C

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heavy menstrual bleeding

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

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

If you answered yes to these questions, you may qualify for a research study of an investigational drug for heavy menstrual bleeding.
This investigational drug is not a hormone.
You must:

- be a generally healthy woman between the ages of 18 and 49
- have regular menstrual cycles with heavy bleeding
- not have any other bleeding disorder

If you qualify you will receive study drug and study-related procedures including physical exams, electrocardiograms, eye exams and laboratory tests at no cost. You will also receive compensation for your time and travel.

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BIPOLAR DISORDER
DEPRESSION
SCHIZOPHRENIA







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

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

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Concerned About Obesity?

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

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

Participants must:

- Be overweight
- Be 30-70 years old
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Profil provides:

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Ernest Hahn-Jon Jerde shopping mall in downtown San Diego as an example of a successful private-public partnership. They admit their definition of success does not include success for low-income people. Bryant Park in New York City presented a stumbling block to the two apologists for free enterprise. There, an aroused citizenry (including members of the affluent middle class) kept the park from passing into the hands of a private concessionaire in an attempt to get rid of "undesirables."

In their usual obtuse fashion, San Diego politicians are making Horton Plaza worse instead of better. Their decision to locate the Times Arts TIX building at the southwest edge of the plaza was a mistake because this awkward, tacky, ersatz structure does not contribute to the plaza experience. It was thrust on a public space to take advantage of foot traffic and because a benefactor offered it to the city free. A precedent having been established, the city has now entered into another agreement for a concessionaire to erect a companion, permanent food building on the southeast side of the plaza next to a bus stop.

Robinson's, incidentally, was planned in total disregard of the existing plaza, which the Centre City Development Corporation hoped would disappear. The department store's main entrance is not on axis with the fountain, its stairs are not intended for seating, and its ground level provides neither transition to the plaza nor hospitality to passersby. Its walls are blank and its colors are bland. Except for a minimal postmodern play of arches and curves at roof level, it is a mechanical and lifeless building.

By encouraging greater use of the plaza, by providing portable food, book, and flower stands and places for bands and orators on the south border of the plaza, we can attract high life as well as low life into the plaza without drastically altering the formal design bequeathed to us by Louis J. Wilde and Irving Gill.

By following the example of San Francisco and putting special miniparks for the homeless and the mentally ill in prime locations downtown, we can adjust and assuage some of the savage conditions that make the plight of rejected people so dehumanizing. ■

— Richard W. Amero

RESEARCH STUDIES

ARE YOU TOO SHY?



- ❑ Do you get very **NERVOUS** around people?
- ❑ Do you **FEAR** being the center of attention?
- ❑ Do you **AVOID** going to social events and meeting new people?

UCSD

If you answered YES to any of the above, you may be eligible to participate in an experimental research study using an investigational drug compared to placebo to treat social anxiety disorder at UCSD. Medical assessment and clinical care provided. No monetary compensation.

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Has Your Child Suffered a Traumatic Event ...

... such as: the San Diego fires, a car accident, an act of violence (either personally or as a witness), or any other traumatic situation?

As a result of this traumatic event, is your child experiencing any of the following?
• Recurrent nightmares • Sleep problems • Reliving the traumatic event
• Avoidance of activities or people • Difficulty concentrating • Unrealistic fears or anxieties

If so, your child may be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and could qualify to participate in a clinical research study being conducted by the Research Division of Psychiatric Centers at San Diego.

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Are You Currently Diagnosed with

Bipolar Disorder?

Do you currently have a combination of the following symptoms?
· Unusual periods of "highs and lows" · Racing thoughts · Poor attention span
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You may qualify to try an investigational medication while participating in a research study and be reimbursed $50 for each inpatient hospitalization day and $100 for each outpatient visit.
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Qualified volunteers may receive at no charge:
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3) Have had at least 2 documented episodes of BV in past 12 months

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Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with

BIPOLAR OR MANIC DEPRESSIVE DISORDER?





ABOUT 480 MILLION ADULTS ARE DIAGNOSED WITH THIS DEBILITATING DISEASE.

Bipolar disorder affects 480 million adults — two-thirds are misdiagnosed or under-treated. Although today's treatments can be effective, researchers try to find safer and better medications. A study is under way for an investigational medication that may treat manic episodes associated with bipolar disorder. Manic symptoms include decreased sleep, irritability, racing thoughts, rapid speech and hostility. If you or someone you know has these symptoms, you may qualify to participate in this study. All study-related medical care will be provided at no cost.

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Fifteen Years Ago When Almost No One Had a Modem

SOME BBSs provide access to nationwide and international commercially run boards offering stock quotes, news, weather, sports scores; systems for ordering books, clothes, food, magazines.

Mank Larson, a San Diego writer, claims he'd be useless without a computer. "I bought this thing two years ago just for word processing.



ILLUSTRATION BY JEREMY EATON

Now it's taken over my life." Larson (who prefers not to reveal his real name) gazes out the window of his computer room. It's a sunny day, fresh from a recent cleansing rain. Wedging his coffee cup between stacks of computer books, manuals, magazines, and floppy disks, Larson returns to his passion, his XT turbo clone. With a few quick keystrokes, Larson types a command to the XT's modem, which links the computer to his household telephone lines. He sits back and waits for the system to complete its task: a dial tone, the musical beeps of a telephone number rapidly tapped out by the modem, the ring of a distant phone, a click and exploding hiss as another computer answers the XT's call. The XT's amber monitor comes alive with screens of text that welcome Larson into a local computer bulletin-board system. Once again, Larson is logged on, connected.

"I can spend 10, 12 hours a day on this thing, easy. My wife was pissed at first. Now, I guess she understands." He speaks in chopped sentences; keystrokes fill the pauses. "I've been waiting…to get on this board…all morning." Lines of text and ornate graphics flow onto the monitor. The computer emits a muffled beep.

Larson is now hooked up to one of the more than 300 public electronic bulletin boards (called BBSs, in computer jargon) currently based in San Diego County. Logging on to one of these boards is like entering a combination public library, computer store, game room, and neighborhood bar, where you're free to wander around sampling the goods — pursuing information on a special interest, copying software, chatting or playing games with the other customers. Most local BBSs can be used free of charge and consist of nothing more than a single computer, humming away in someone's spare room. The system operator — the designer, manager, maintenance man, and general ringmaster of a BBS — often picks up all the costs related to the bulletin board, presumably in return for the rewards he gains from his hobby. The impulse behind many of these boards stems from a need to communicate, not unlike the energy that animates amateur-radio and CB-radio buffs.

In addition to the games, data files, discussion groups, and other features provided through locally run BBSs, some provide access to nationwide and international commercially run boards offering stock quotes, news, weather, sports scores; systems for ordering books, clothes, food, magazines; open discussion groups on specific topics (called conferences) for ongoing debates or information gather-

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ANXIETY



Do you suffer from these symptoms?

- Worried, nervous, on edge
- Difficulty sleeping
- Tense, keyed up, restless
- Unable to concentrate, agitated

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Medical Marijuana Evaluations

A CHP bulletin on 8/22/05 now allows patients traveling on state highways to have as much as 8 ounces of marijuana with a medical marijuana recommendation from a physician.
On 6/6/05, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer issued the following statement after the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in Gonzales v. Raich: "Today's ruling does NOT overturn California law permitting the use of medical marijuana." Protect yourself under California state law with a medical doctor serving San Diego for over 20 years. Trust in a doctor who has been performing medical marijuana evaluations since the law passed!

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Diagnosed with Schizophrenia?

Have you lived in the same Board & Care for the last 5 months?

Has your medication been stable for at least five months,
but you still suffer from the following:
• Difficulty holding conversations • Neglect your own personal needs
• Avoid social activities or talking to people

If so, you might qualify to participate in an out-patient medication study.

You could receive:
• Study-related visits with a psychiatrist • Study-related medication at no cost
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Look Familiar?

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

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

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If even happy things leave you blue,



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

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

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

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

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

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Qualifications include:
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• Must have at least 20 pimples on your face

Qualified participants:
• Could get an investigational combination of two currently marketed acne products in one tube, or a single currently marketed product
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BIPOLAR?



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

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

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ing. Through the vast French Minitel network, for instance, users can browse through the Paris phone book, confess online to Catholic priests, engage in high-tech sex talk with a dominatrix.

Larson rolls back from his desk and reaches for his coffee mug. "I read someplace that Timothy Leary believes computers are more addictive than heroin. I can't argue with him."

After months of exploration, Larson now spends most of his time on a few local BBSs. He calls each daily, at least once. A classy BBS, he says, mirrors the person behind it. "Personality and a sense of purpose will be reflected in a system that's been around for a while. You feel like you're tapping into something human, not just a stupid machine."

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John Dwulet is system operator (or sysop, as they say online) of the San Diego PCBoard BBS, one of the largest general-interest games-files-messages boards in the county. Once logged on to the PCBoard, users can proceed through various electronic doors to play chess with other users, participate in conferences on dozens of topics, copy (download) useful software programs from extensive libraries, and add new programs (upload) to the PCBoard's software cache. In any given week, Dwulet receives hundreds of new files. Recent uploads include a crossword-puzzle maker, new communication programs, a database rating the nutritional value of various fast foods, file and directory managers, a program to teach musical notes, a Morse code transmitter-receiver routine for computers, an America's Cup sailing game, a math game for kids, a warning about a new commercial software release, and a color picture of a harbor scene.

Like the exhaustive nature of his BBS, a simple conversation with Dwulet quickly expands into a sprawling discourse on all things computerized. Discussing telecommunications, Dwulet speaks less of a need for communication than he does of



ILLUSTRATION BY JEREMY EATON

something more personal and particular: techno-lust. "No matter what anyone tells you," he says, "this BBS stuff is a passion."

Dwulet, now a computer consultant, used to be in the car business, working 12-hour days in the loan department. "Then some guy at the dealership brought in a computer to run some accounting software, and I thought that was the slickest thing I'd ever seen. I had to get one for myself. Later, when I realized how powerful they were and how endlessly customizable, I really got sucked in."

Dwulet began the PCBoard four years ago with one computer and a single modem. "When I set up my first BBS, it took me about six months to get the thing to answer the phone. After I got that small problem straightened out, I really got going. Back then I had a 40-megabyte hard drive, and I thought that was a vast wasteland of storage. I couldn't conceive of how anyone could fill up that much space. But I did. So I bought more. And more." He now has 725 megabytes of online storage, roughly enough space to hold the data in a closet full of phone books; five phone lines attached to six different computers running eight hard disk drives, six modems, a compact disk reader, and "lots of wire."

The entire BBS — a shrine to techno-lust itself — purrs away in Dwulet's home office. "It's dismal," he admits, with the wry acceptance common to addicts of all stripes. "You'd die if you knew how much money I have invested in this equipment."

Dwulet's self-admitted obsession, fueled by an unrelenting worship of precision, is mirrored through the meticulous on-screen presentation of his system. "I'm really into performance," he affirms. "Tell me there's something I can't do with my computer, and I'll find a way to get it done. I call it the Quest for a Better Mousetrap."

Stories of his exploits illustrate his point: As a boy, he dismantled the family lawnmower, looking for ways to make it run faster; as a

RESEARCH STUDIES



Bipolar— Manic-Depressive

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

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Mild Memory Loss?

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

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Schizophrenia Research Study

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

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Do you suffer from insomnia related to GAD?

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

Symptoms you may experience include:
Problems with sleep • Difficulty concentrating
Feeling tense or worried • Irritability
Feeling restless or on edge

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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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sysop, he labors 12 hours simply to make one of his computers run "a tad quicker." He shuts down the system on a weekday for six hours "to babysit" and check most of his 5000 files one by one; he logs a minimum of 40 hours each week for basic system maintenance. "I'm a perfectionist by nature," he explains. "I hate inaccuracy on a computer. What the hell good is a computer if it's not accurate? I won't have that."

Dwulet's monthly phone bill is never under $200. For this and other reasons, he has begun charging for extended access to the SDPCBoard BBS. Other local boards of this quality are following suit, encouraging users to subscribe for more time online and extended downloading privileges.

Dwulet is quick to point out something that eludes the average caller to his system: the amount of time expended by a dedicated sysop. "When somebody calls my system and they zip through the opening screens on their way to the file section, they don't realize how much work I put into setting things up. Each caller has a different security level, which provides access to limited or extensive areas of the board. So I have a series of security-specific screens; most users don't see the half of them. All in all, about 1000 files interact in a huge web. I've got to keep this labyrinth maintained. I'm always working on the damn thing. It's not uncommon for me to shut myself in here for half a day or more, adjusting and cleaning and solving problems. This is in addition to my real job.

"I learned after a while that setting up a computer is truly an art, not a science. I consider myself a conductor. I gather together all the best and most useful utility programs and make them work together."

During this telephone interview, Dwulet's computer keyboard clacked away in the background. While talking, he performed a number of system upkeep tasks simultaneously. In response to questions, he searched for appropriate data on his system, seamlessly incorporating online discoveries into his spoken answers.

"Right now, I have about 300 to 400 people who call my system at least once a week." Indeed, callers to SDPCBoard can view an elaborate collection of system statistics. For example, during a recent 39-day period, the system received 4152 calls, an average of 106.5 per day. These are people checking in from all over the country. "I've got guys who call every day from Florida, Iowa, New York, Virginia. I don't know why, but many of these guys are lawyers.

"What surprises me the most is the cross-section of people who have modems these days. It used to be a cultist thing. Like, there was a time when having a computer and a printer was considered a luxury. Not so today. You wouldn't think of having a computer without a printer. It's getting to be like that with modems. The users on my board never cease to amaze me. They're not kids with modems, that's for sure. I've got…wait a minute…let me check my user list…editorial consultants, Pac Bell service techs, Navy officers, students, programmers, a chief of police in Nebraska, air-traffic controllers, aircraft inspectors, electrical engineers, lots of retired folks, building contractors, psychologists, quite a few doctors. About the only thing they have in common is a fairly high level of education and three hours a day to dedicate to their modem."

In San Diego right now, there are a lot of personal computers, and more and more professionals seem to have a modem, by necessity, particularly lawyers. "These days, individuals are able to get hold of huge amounts of data. There's a lot of power for sale out there. My system is pretty big, but there's one in the Midwest, the RBBS of Chicago, that's huge, probably the largest in the nation, with over 10,000 registered users — the legal section of that system is supposed to rival the Library of Congress.

"The biggest thing to happen to data is the CD-ROM. Basically, you're talking about the same technology that's in your compact disc player. On one CD-ROM disc, you can store an unbelievable amount of data. For example, they just came out with all the California appellate and civil [court] cases from 1970 to 1989 on one disk. Sure, it costs $3200, but the data and technology are there. The prices are bound to go down, eventually. New disks are coming out all the time: the complete King James version of the Bible, the *Oxford English Dictionary*, a collection of all the information the CIA has on several hundred countries. I don't know if I'll offer stuff like that on SDPCBoard."

Dwulet is a subscriber to Interlink, a nationwide service that maintains libraries of discussion conferences on specific topics. From the full list of Interlink conferences, PCBoard users can participate in more than 100, covering such topics as writing, programming languages, aviation, recovery from addiction, philosophy, veterans'

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affairs, real estate, parenting, sports, modem news, pets, health, and cycling. Each night, Dwulet's computers exchange data packets through the Interlink system, adding all the day's comments from users around the country to his files.

There are at least five large national relay systems like Interlink in operation, and local sysops can subscribe to one or more. These so-called "echo networks" are not commercial enterprises so much as they are anarchic collections of like-minded sysops dedicated to communication and the exchange of information.

Despite his references to techno-lust, Dwulet claims that all the time he spends computing pays him back. "I've got some great users," he says. "About 99 percent of the people online are exceedingly helpful. In addition to this massive and quick exchange of information, you get to meet people who will go far out of their way to help. Leave a message about a computer problem you're having, and see if you don't get a dozen replies by the next day. In a way, by offering help, these people are bragging. But it's admirable bragging. They fought a battle and won; now they're showing you how to get through.

"One of the beauties of running a BBS," he says, "is the users. I couldn't keep this thing alive without them. I've got a core group of key users who are exceedingly helpful. If I didn't have them pointing out problems, this venture would be very difficult. The job of sysop can be a lonely business, and you wouldn't believe how thankful some sysop can be when he gets constructive feedback."

Dwulet's discussion now veers off to consider the learning curve that confronts a new computer user, describing its steepness — something that results in new computers occasionally ending up stashed in hall closets. "Yet once the curve levels out and a person gains basic skills, they want to learn more. And more. It seems endless what you can do with and to a computer. One of the reasons is the open architecture. A computer is almost infinitely expandable. Buy a stock machine, then add a modem, some more memory, a better monitor, a faster hard drive, an even faster hard drive. There's always some way to improve it, to make it accomplish more. Combine this with a little techno-lust, and you'll have a partial explanation for the rising divorce rate.

"But this thrill of victory is also part of the techno-lust. People get turned on since they can learn so fast and because they can tap into so much information. Call my system and leave a message for someone in Europe, and get an answer the following day. If you can get a modem, you can get anything else you want."

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Unlike San Diego PCBoard, some BBSs in town limit their scope to specific disciplines or ranges of activity. The Adventure Board offers users a chance to exchange travel tales. Various religious BBSs exist, such as the Christ Line. The PC*LawCom BBS is an imposing setup offering an extensive range of legal files and information.

Among these local specialty boards is Steve Tom's MediaLine BBS. Tom is a former investigative reporter who once worked for NBC in Chicago. These days, when not tending to MediaLine chores, he works as "a voice-over and on-camera talent," as he explains it. The slick, no-nonsense BBS system clearly mirrors the disarming way Tom presents himself in person. His immaculate style of dress is accompanied by a sharp tongue; greetings and salutations are peppered with mild insults. Anyone calling his board would be advised not to mess around. Tom won't settle for mediocrity and takes no prisoners. In fact, callers who exhibit undue ignorance or unacceptable behavior will be dispatched quickly to: Hell.

"I have zero tolerance for stupid questions or general ignorance. When you first log onto my board, you're required to answer a simple questionnaire. One of the questions asks for your line of work. Some turkey typed in 'self-employed.' As what? This is a media-oriented board, so I'm looking for people in the industry to participate. Needless to say, Mr.

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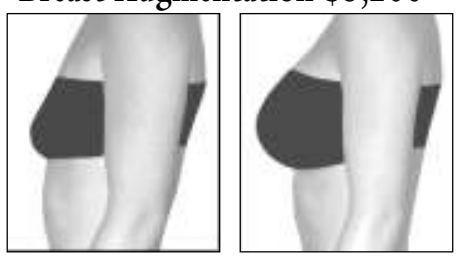

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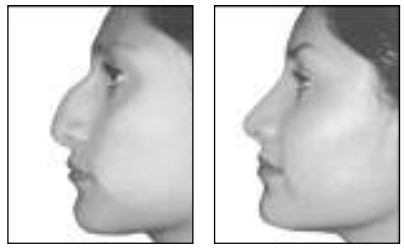

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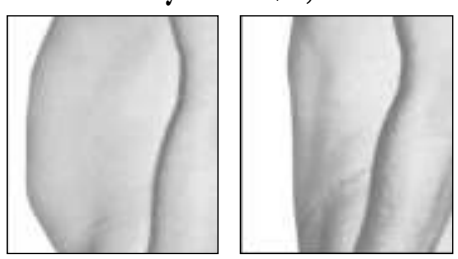

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MediaLine began in 1987, and Tom admits he "jumped in as a rank amateur." Since then, he has built his BBS carefully. "I go over every single upload and check it out thoroughly. Then I provide the most detailed file descriptions in town — in the country, for that matter. Each month I spend from $400 to $600 on phone charges. I'm willing to pay that much, because you can't depend on your users for all your uploads. To keep this board vital, I've got to search out new media-specific files all around the country. I've got my usual sources — other media-oriented boards — [but] there're always new nooks and crannies to probe, looking for fresh stuff. That takes time and money. I'm also trying, continually, to push the message bases on my board. I'm here to provide good, usable software, but I also want my users to communicate."

Although MediaLine offers some of the more common BBS files (word processing, taxes and business management, communications), the specialized nature of the board is reflected in such topics as cinematography, broadcast engineering, and theatrical production. And Tom maintains about 25 nationally echoed conferences, including discussions on agents, audio, video, radio, film, actors, models, writing, and station management. There is even a text file explaining the laws governing soap opera plots.

Tom explains: "When I got my first modem two years ago, I checked out the boards around town and discovered they were mostly gaming boards and general-interest setups — essentially clones of each other. My plan was to establish a BBS that would cater to my particular business; I wasn't interested so much in the hobby angle. Two other San Diego media-oriented boards have come and gone since then, and there have been times when

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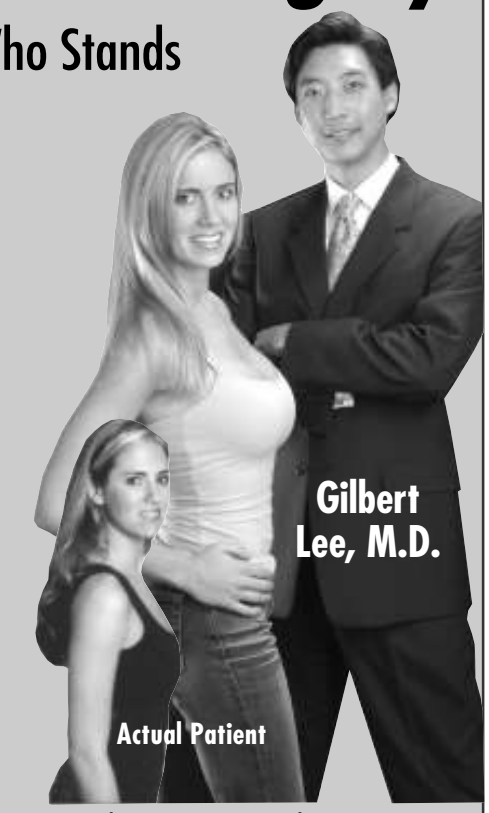

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"When I talk with other sysops in town, we agree that telecommunications is on the leading edge. This is where we're headed in the future. It's got to be. However, in order for more people to take advantage of this technology, they've got to prepare for it. One paradox I see from my vantage point is the fact that a lot of media types are non-spellers and non-punctuators. In fact, some of the worst offenders are TV anchor types. If this technology does anything, it'll force people to become more literate."

One of Tom's regrets is the fact that, at the moment, MediaLine is not sustained by its users. "Part of the blame is mine," he admits, "since I've been somewhat lax in promoting. I'd love to beef up my user base, and the only way to do that is locally. I've got about 110 users, total. Only 30 percent of them are in the media business, and only half of that 30 percent are locals. The rest of my users are either visiting sysops, recipients of free subscriptions, or lookee-loos.

"My ideal user is a professional in some aspect of the entertainment industry. This person would take advantage of the message base to exchange ideas on technique, to share strategies on how to market one's talents, and to network around the country. On my system I echo a job conference, and through that message base I got the word out to some people who ended up with pretty good jobs. The BBS is a perfect medium for transmitting that sort of information. Telecommunication is empowerment. It's already happening. I just hope that at some point it begins to pay for itself."

One important reason sustains MediaLine's existence: "Media friends of mine continue predicting that San Diego is going to break wide open one of these days soon," Tom says. "Then it'll really start happening here. Already, Orange County is the national

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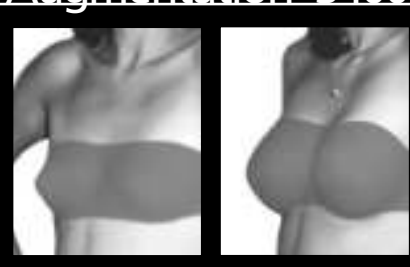

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One of the most unusual boards in San Diego, and one of the most successful in emphasizing and sustaining computer-aided communication, is the Rasta Think Tank. No idealistic ganja heads here, though. The conferences are topical, informative. Occasionally, fur flies and mud is slung — but intelligence tends to flourish in the midst of it all. The sysop, Scott "Skosch" Penrose, has made a concerted effort to promote discussions of file transfers. (It's a sort of unwritten BBS etiquette that users will occasionally contribute new software or some other feature to a BBS's files, not just look through the system, download what's interesting, and log off.) "I have a fairly extensive questionnaire for first-time callers," Penrose explains. "In a way, the questionnaire serves as a deterrent, weeding out those folks who want nothing more than to rape your system's files. For the $50 to $75 I'm paying each month to keep this BBS alive, I'm not going to provide a file distribution service."

Penrose is a thoughtful man, cordial and responsive in person. His system inhabits a spare room in his North Park home, but the computers do not hold prominence. Three screens sit atop a homemade desk, surrounded in pleasant disarray by books, papers, and floppy disks. He speaks about his BBS with modesty, as one would a precocious child.

Penrose is forthright with his politics and preferences, qualities revealed in his system. Rasta Think Tank conferences include active dialogues on astrology, "magick," pagan philosophy, and ecology. These are complemented by forums on writing, history, parenting, violence, drugs, astronomy, teaching, and peace. Some

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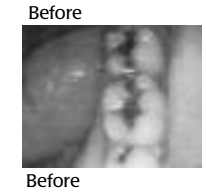
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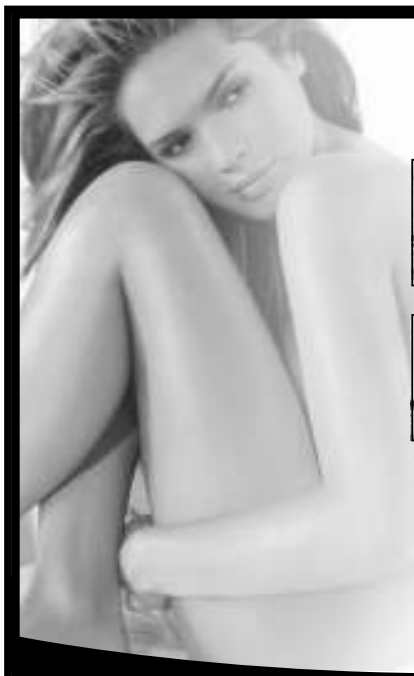

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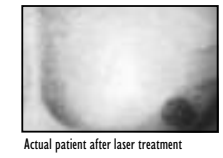
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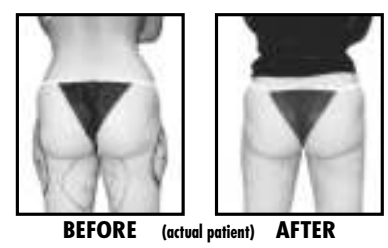
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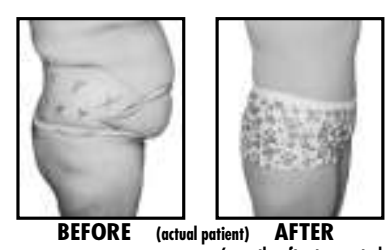
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of the most intense conversation occurs in the Culture Conference: an informed debate ensues over the viability of communism and socialism in Eastern Europe; definitions of ethics and morality are argued; Machiavelli and Tom Wolfe are invoked in the same message. Outside the Rasta Think Tank, where else could text files as diverse as these be offered for downloading: "An Explanation of the Hypothesis of Formative Causation and Its Relationship to Metaphysics" or "Info on the New Adult Echo Network, Throb-Net"?

Inaugurated on a borrowed modem, the Rasta Think Tank has been around for just under four years. "I got started in March of 1986, when I was still a member of ISKCON, the Hare Krishna organization. I was one of the few rebellious-type persons in the group, and I wanted to set up a facility for internal communication. I saw my BBS as a way for group members to deal with the oppressive hierarchy of ISKCON. Shortly thereafter I got kicked out, so the BBS went public.

"Over the years, I've developed this philosophy about the board. Sure, I do a lot of work, and I am responsible for the way it looks and feels; but other than that, I have nothing to do with it. What you see on the screen is primarily the result of the users. Those users who participate are rewarded, with higher access levels and more time online. That's always been my policy.

"In the early days, I learned the hard lesson that a BBS is nothing without its users. There were times when the entire Rasta Think Tank community was simply my wife Barbara and I chatting across the room at home from two separate computer terminals." Penrose doesn't put much stock, however, in the futurists and fanatics who envision telecommunications as a magnificent liberating enterprise. "Frankly," he admits, "I don't see anything visionary about it. The best analogy I've seen for BBSing is this: It's not that much different from ducking into a bar after work where you talk politics or religion or sports or whatever over a few beers. You stop in, talk for a while, then go home. All BBSs do is allow you to engage in that shared activity from a distance, from the privacy of your own home, that's all. It's quick and it's a great way to transfer files, but if you really want to get a letter to someone in a hurry, use a fax."

"Actually, my board hasn't changed dramatically since the beginning. Some of my users have been around for years, and they're pretty steady. In fact, I don't know how many times I've seen the same discussion thread appear and reappear. These things seem to come in seven-month cycles. The Rasta Think Tank is the only left-leaning BBS in town whatsoever. A while back there was one called CCCP Today, sponsored — I think — by the Communist Party of America. It didn't last long, though; they probably set it up to test the waters and then moved on.

"There was a time not too long ago when a fair number of Libertarians were using my board heavily, right before the 1988 elections. One of these guys was running for high office, and he was using the board to exercise his opinions. Some of his philosophies went along the lines of 'Let people die in the streets so we don't have to pay taxes,' which I certainly don't agree with. As popular as he was on the board at that time, it certainly wasn't what I would have wanted. So, I argued a lot, but for the most part I let things take their course. Because if I step in too often and say 'Stop this' and 'Don't do that,' my valuable users will go elsewhere. It's better to keep those users, to keep the board active. As long as nothing illegal is going on, I won't shut anything down. After the Libertarians lost the election, they stopped calling. One of them set up

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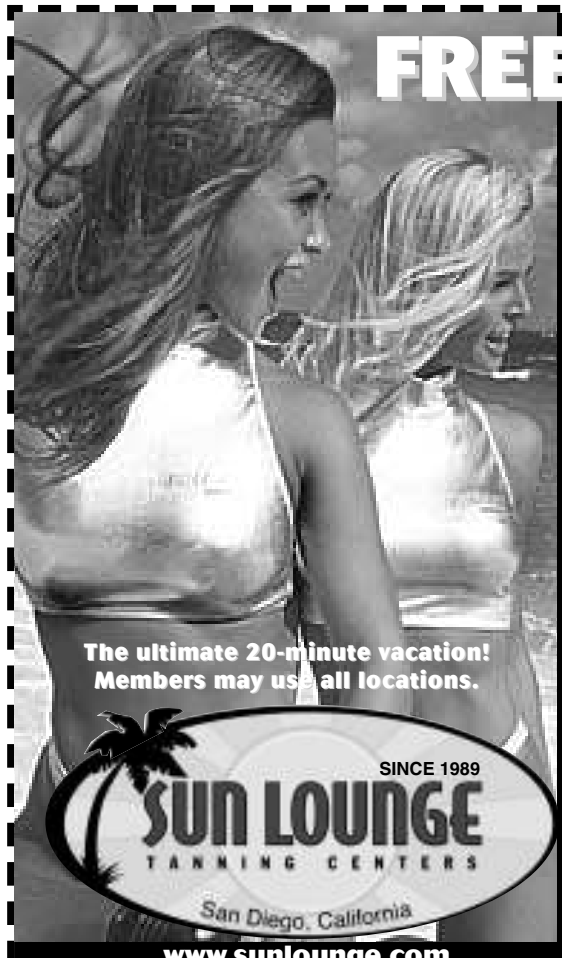
a system of his own that's still active.

"Unfortunately, other callers are attracted to my board because they think it's some sort of pothead BBS. They start asking about buying dope, and I straighten them out right away. One caller logged on as 'Ganja in the Mountains' and got carried away, so I cut him off. He logged right back on as 'Ganja in the Hills' and continued his nonsense. So I called the police on him. In four years I've only had that one instance of telephone harassment — one of the prices you pay if you make your system public. Actually, it's public but it's not. The system is still private. Anyone can call your house, for example, to sell you something or otherwise bother you — but that doesn't mean you have to talk to them. Running a BBS is something like having a lobby in your home. You let people into the lobby, but you don't have to open any of your doors."

For a while, Penrose belonged to RelayNet, one of the big national echo services similar to Interlink. "Once upon a time," Penrose recalls, "RelayNet was free. This enabled my users to communicate with other users around the world, and it didn't cost me much more than a few minutes of my time each night. As RelayNet grew, I became extremely disenchanted with some of their policies, so I got rid of them. That's when I decided to start my own echo network, RastaNet. At first I didn't think it would fly, but after a while it really took off. Right now RastaNet has 14 national [phone numbers] distributed fairly well geographically — three on the East Coast, one in Vancouver, a couple in San Diego, a few up North, and two in the Midwest. Within a day or so, messages that originate on my system will appear on all the others. It's pretty fast and a nice way to communicate, but it's not as fast as a phone call. There's no cost to the user, though, and you can talk with more than one person."

As powerful as the present technology might be, Penrose feels, there are still some grave political problems the visionaries fail to address or acknowledge. "First of all," he says, "for any real changes to occur, everyone's got to have a computer and a modem. The hardware might be coming down in price, but it's not affordable for everyone. Essentially, those who are benefiting now and who stand to benefit the most in the future are those who sit on the political right, the ones who already have money and power. In my BBS questionnaire, I ask callers to volunteer their political orientation. I'd say about 85 percent tag themselves Republican, conservative, or Libertarian. Very few call themselves socialist or leftist, and about 10 percent say Democrat or liberal. Sure, this reflects the nature of San Diego, to a certain extent. But it still reveals the type of people currently running computers and modems.

"In the midst of this deluge of data in our Information Age, there are two big topics in communication theory right now: should the infor-



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"In one sense, technology provides us a fantastic way to lurk up and exchange information. The politics of brokering that information is another story altogether. As access to information becomes easier, it also becomes more difficult to acquire that information — unless you have the right connections or enough money. Those in power don't want people knowing too much; that's the nature of our free society. Witness the conservative trend in government, whereby fewer and fewer services are being provided. Couple that with the fad that most of the major print and television media are controlled by about 40 corporations, and you've got problems. As with anything in life, with this information thing there's a definite opening and closing at the same time."

Penrose is just like other sysops when it comes to thoughts of shutting down his system altogether. "Not too long ago," he says, "I ran into a guy in Ocean Beach who was a member of the American Greens party. And you thought they were only in Germany. Anyway, he had a modem but didn't know how to use it. So I spent half a day setting things up and teaching him how to call my BBS. But he never did, which was discouraging. Also, there are some information systems in the San Francisco Bay area — PeaceNet and EcoNet — that are attractive. As low as their subscription and online fees are, I still can't afford them. In the midst of it all, though, the Rasta Think Tank is still alive. For the moment, and in spite of all the work I put in, I feel a responsibility to keep my board online since it fills out the political spectrum. Isn't that what democracy is all about?"

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But with democracy comes capitalism and the right to turn a profit. Over a fresh cup of coffee, Mank Larson laments the fact that he has read, online, that the FCC has been rumbling lately, threatening to increase phone rates for modem users. "They tried this two years ago. A flood of letters from BBSers all across the country hit Washington, and the FCC quieted down. Here, let me show you."

With a few quick keystrokes, Larson locates a recently downloaded copy of the master list of files from San Diego PCBoard. His computer searches for the letters "FCC" and stops on a text file called FCC-TAX-ZIP. The file description screams: "FCC is at it again!!! They want to charge all modem users a SURCHARGE for the privilege of using a modem! FIGHT THIS NONSENSE!!!" Larson continues the hunt. Another text file, MOBILIZE.ZIP: "FCC plans to chg $6.00/hr for modem use." Larson performs the same search on his master list of PC*Law-Com BBS files and discovers two more: "Text File of FCC Ruling on BBS Case" and "A Full Collection of FCC Rulings." His list of Rasta Think Tank files yields five entries devoted to the FCC and rate increases, including a handful of protest form letters. "You want these? Let me make a call or two. Then I'll print them out. No problem. Boy, if I had to pay six bucks an hour to do this, I don't think I could afford it. Then what would I do?" ■

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When I was discharged after 30 months in the infantry in World War II — I had been drafted out of the merchant marine, I suspect illegally, by a rural Minnesota draft board that desperately wanted to meet its quota without drafting big farmers' sons who were "important in the war effort" — I soon both did and did not want to talk about the war.

I was making the rounds of my dispersed relatives. My two great-aunts, maiden schoolteachers (that was expected both ways in those days), asked me, during the lavish Sunday breakfast they insisted on in their old gabled house in south Minneapolis, what I had learned in the army that would be useful to me when I went back to college and then on to a career.

Immediately recalling the best part of the army, my time away from it, and my drinking and woman-chasing, I laughed. They looked hurt. So, trying to sound earnest, I explained to the old girls that the skills of a combat infantry scout were not exactly transferable to civilian life. Except maybe to work with a criminal syndicate. "But," Aunt Vera glowingly replied, "you learned to command all sorts of men, and that will be useful to you in many walks of life." With difficulty suppressing more laughter, I replied that I hadn't commanded much of anything because, except for one brief period between courts-martials for insubordination, I was always a private, which is how I was also honorably discharged. Of course, to be at the bottom of authority is also a kind of career — mine.

Then, to salvage a little sense of being the proper veteran, I told a shortened and sanitized war story. It was about how we had gotten a shiny replacement platoon lieutenant one night before we went back on line along the Rhine. He had made a fancy speech to the remainder of the platoon about good "command discipline," and had illustrated it by haughtily ordering everybody to get back into proper uniform. This wild kid

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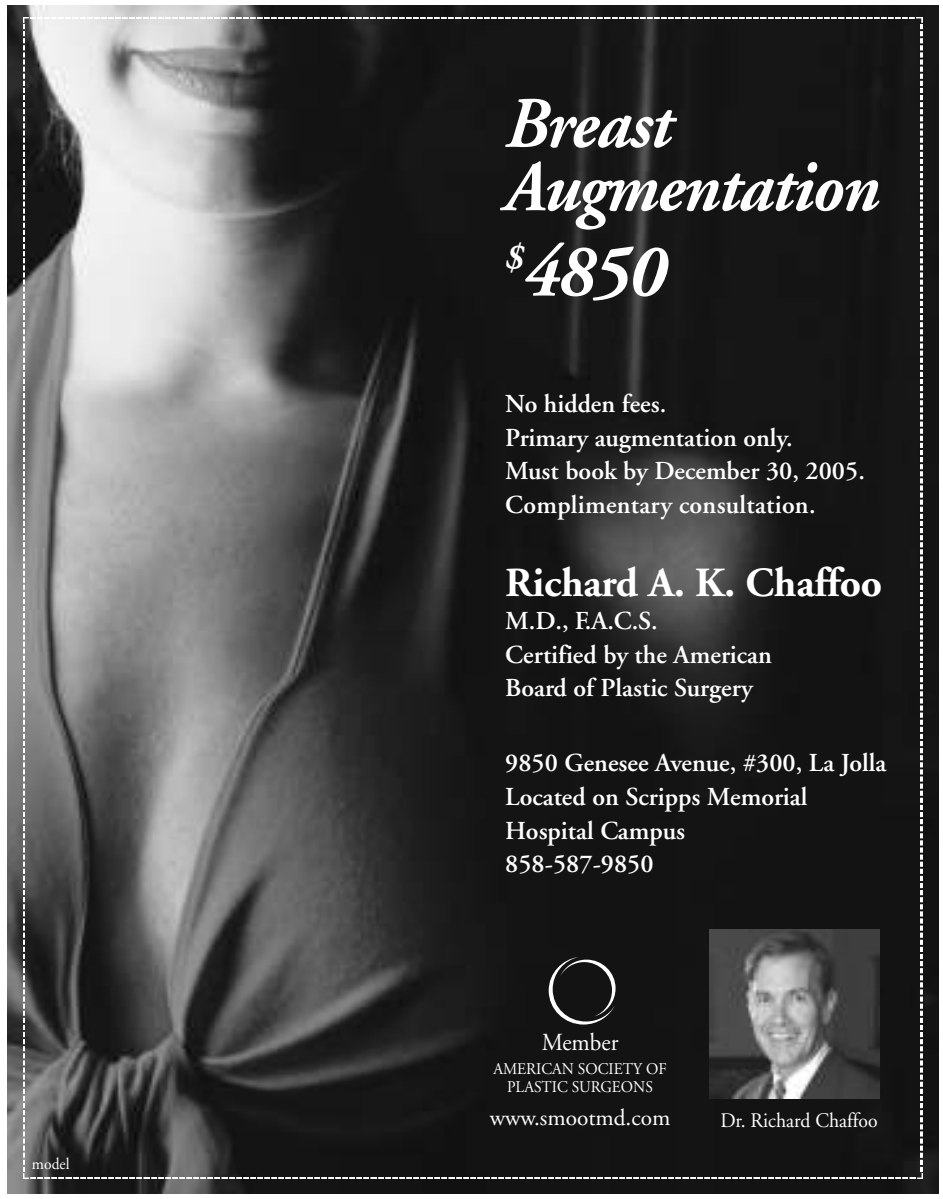

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from West Virginia laughed and laughed. The lieutenant got very angry, and said that when we got back in reserve again he would teach that soldier what discipline meant. I intervened with a brief anecdote showing the silliness of proper uniforms in combat, and that just made the new officer more angry and threatening. But he didn't get much of a chance to try out good command discipline on the wrong sorts of men, because two days later he got shot. In the back. I don't know who did it. He'd been riding everybody.

My aunties didn't much like that war story. Aunt Florence, the smaller and always mediating sister, changed the subject. We talked about the weather, and about their getting new things for the old house now that the war was over. Before I left, Aunt Vera said that she hoped I would have a talk with their brother Howard, who had been a sergeant in the last war, and had always said how useful the experience had been for



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him. I promised, and kissed each on a dry cheek.

I got together with stoutly never-married Uncle Howard in a hotel bar. He seemed quite effusive, but soon said, "No need to tell me about the army, I was a sergeant in the last war." After the third blended whiskey — he insisted on buying — he told me his war story. He had played first cornet in the Madelia High School band before he enlisted, because of patriotism. After a couple of weeks of basic training, he got permission to see the training commander. Wise-guy soldiers always said you should never volunteer for anything, but he offered to expertly help out the camp bugler in his spare time. That was how he got to be regimental bugler, and not only made sergeant in no time at all but, with the help of the sergeant-major, who liked his bugling, got to stay on in Fort Snelling, near home. Uncle Howard also told me that some of the contacts he had made in the army were useful to him when he started up in sales, and now that he was a sales manager he always gave preference in hiring to veterans, especially if they had been sergeants. And that wherever I settled, I should join the American Legion post. It could be very useful, contacts again, and some good times, too. He nudged me. I just wished, as I bid him a tipsy goodbye — I was leaving Minneapolis to visit aunts and uncles on the other side of the family — that he hadn't told me his war stories.

In the small town near Mankato, where I had graduated from high school, I stayed with my Uncle Hank and Aunt Rosie — he was a farm-building contractor, and big on fishing and hunting. But, since I was busy trying to have a good time, I didn't tell war stories. Except once. I had taken off my uniform and hung it in the closet because I wanted to wear the civilian clothes I had left there, though they didn't fit very well. I must have grown a bit in the army, which, as some of my relatives pointed out, showed how healthy the war was for me.

The second night I came downstairs dressed up to go out with a girl I had known in high school. Aunt Rosie said that my pants were too short and my sports jacket rather tight. Uncle Hank said, pointing to my uniform, which someone had taken out of the closet and hung on a curtain rod, "Why don't you wear that? Rosie pressed it for you, and it fits better than your old clothes. They say it's allowed for returned veterans." I shook my head and moved towards the door.

My uncle continued as if I hadn't. "You haven't told us how you got all those medals and things," pointing to the insignia and ribbons I had twice been ordered to put on my jacket before the army would issue me my discharge. So I summarized, as if I were doing an inventory: "That blue-and-silver thing is a Combat Infantry Badge, which you get if you've been in infantry action — unless, of course, you're an officer; then you just have to be on

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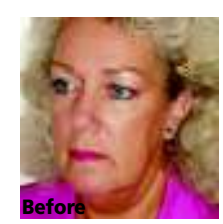
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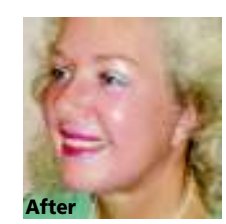
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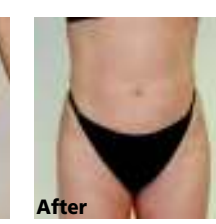
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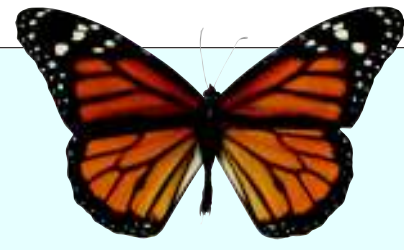

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the books. The fruit salad is mostly campaign ribbons, with the stars standing for official battles, which doesn't mean a damn thing since a lot of battles were unofficial. However, that red-and-white one stands for a Good Conduct Medal, which is a kind of joke by the corporal who did my records, his idea of a reward for my beating one of my courts-martials."

"But," my uncle said, "your sister wrote that you were a kind of hero, who got a gold medal for capturing a German company." With a gesture of irritation, I pointed to another ribbon and said that it stood for a Bronze Star, not a gold medal, but it was awarded for something else, something inconsequential, when at the end of the war they were writing up just about everybody left around. That's the way things go in the American army, all heroes.

As for my capturing part of an SS company, that was pure accident. It was a cold dawn in southern Germany, late in the war, which mostly explains it. I was point scout again. I suppose the C.O. was trying to get rid of me once more, because usually we gave that short-term job to new replacements whom no one cared much about, especially if they looked Jewish or otherwise un-American. The Captain hadn't liked me from the first time he saw me in formation. Said I had the wrong kind of smile.

That morning in Germany I was desperately thirsty for water. My canteen was empty, and I had been drinking looted schnapps for a couple of days. So I told the second scout to hold the platoon on the road while I checked out a farmyard for a well. One of those old European farms built as a sort of square behind a stone arch, the yard was irregularly piled with straw, and as I trotted through some of it, it jumped up. A big guy in a black uniform. SS — you know, elite outfit. I was shocked. There weren't supposed to be any Germans until we got near the road junction. Intelligence wrong again. I didn't even raise the rifle I was carrying under my arm. After looking at me for a few seconds — I suppose I looked pretty rough: dirty, unshaven, red-eyed from days on the line, wildly out of uniform, a looted Luger stuck in my belt — the German, who didn't look all that neat either, put his hands on his head and started shouting, in German, French, English, that he surrendered. Other piles of straw woke up, and one after another black uniformed guys staggered up and put hands on head and repeated, "I surrender. I surrender." As it turned out, I luckily had stepped on the arm of the company sergeant. The dumbly disciplined German SS troops, a lot of whom seemed to be young kids, probably new recruits and obviously scared, obeyed him. But not quite all. On the embankment by the barn there was a guard — apparently he'd been sleeping and the shouting woke him — who started firing a machine gun, high, in long bursts. My buddy-scout on the road, not even looking, shouted, "They got Widmer!" My platoon went into firing position in the ditch along the road, and I knew I was in trouble because they were in the habit of wildly blasting everything — windows, cows, cars, signs, postmen, and firemen, whatever. I took off, fast, for the protection of the little stone farmhouse, shoulder-hit the door, only to bump hard into what looked to be a neat, black-uniformed Captain, who must have been sleeping inside while his men were bivouacked in straw in the yard. Now I got brave, and hid behind the doorway. Jamming my looted pistol in his side — I had dropped my rifle — I ordered him, unthinkingly in English, but he seemed to understand, to tell everybody to stop firing and surrender since they were surrounded. He did, and they did, though a few ran off into the woods, rightly figuring they weren't surrounded. "Schnell, you bastards!"

I wasn't about to try to stop them. After shooting some pigs, and a couple of Germans with their hands on their heads, my guys came into the yard. They lined up the remaining Germans and took away their sidearms, and those fancy ceremonial daggers some SS wore, and watches and rings. My platoon sergeant, a regular army Southerner who was in charge since the last lieutenant had been wounded, started giving orders to shoot all the prisoners. He said we needed everybody for the firefight we were likely to have down the road, and, after all, these guys were Waffen SS, who deserved to be shot for the way they had killed some of our guys. I said to him, swinging around my retrieved rifle, "You can't shoot them. They surrendered. Prisoners of war. Besides, they're mine. I captured them, really." He looked at me like the German sergeant had, then laughingly agreed, and for reward I was to march them back to the PW depot at regimental headquarters, which must have been about four miles. Or he would order them shot.

All right, but I said that since there was about half a company of prisoners, I needed a squad and an automatic weapon. He laughed again and said that all I could have was that stupid buddy of mine who was also no good, anyway. Then the sergeant ordered the rest of the reinforced platoon back out on the road. Pushing the English-speaking SS captain with my left hand, and with my goof-off buddy far in the rear, I started out on the hairy trip with the prisoners.

"But," I said to Uncle Hank and Aunt Rosie, "that's another story, and this young lady is waiting for me." Said my he-man-hunter uncle as I left: "You weren't very brave, and you left your platoon short of two men, and you were lucky you had such a forgiving sergeant."

It was quite some time before I told that story again, long after I had thrown out my decorated army private's jacket, and

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by then I no longer told it quite so candidly. I understood Hemingway's point, and pretty much gave up explaining the war and the enemy to relatives. A couple years later, I tried again, with a different sort of audience. They had reinstated the draft — Cold War stuff, 1948. The law was that young veterans, too, had to re-register, though they couldn't be drafted yet. I talked to the draft board a couple of times, explaining that before I signed anything they would have to promise that I could, this time, be listed as a 4-E — a Conscientious Objector. They considered my record, and said that a decorated combat veteran couldn't be a Conscientious Objector. "Why not? Look," I said, "I've got something to be conscientious about, let me tell you—""Nonsense," they said, "don't tell us any stories; we've got your official record. Besides," they added, "veterans aren't being drafted yet." I said that they would be, and I wouldn't sign up. They ordered me to. I told them what I used to tell sergeants who gave stupid orders.

Two FBI men came to arrest me in my studio apartment near the University of Minnesota. They did it late on a Friday afternoon, so that I would have to spend three nights in the county jail before bail could be made. That, one of them explained, was to teach me a lesson for talking too much. But I talked in jail, too. After I got beaten up some in the tank, I complained, and the deputies dumped me in the hole, solitary. So I just talked to myself. That was a sort of war story, too.

I tried explaining that at the court hearing, but they weren't listening.

A young woman who worked in the federal courts — I had slept with her and told her some of my war stories — put up the bail money since she was right there. Her mentor-judge was angry with her when he found out about the bail, so she wouldn't talk to me anymore or listen to more war stories.

Others wouldn't either. My godfather, whom I was named after, because my folks were ambitious for me, was senior partner in a large law firm in Minneapolis. He explained to me how foolish I was being, and that a felony conviction would ruin my life. I started to tell him a war story. He said it was irrelevant. Then he assigned a shiny young attorney, who reminded me of a lieutenant in the army, to work out the arrangements for my case. Eventually the young officer informed me that I was to appear before a Selective Service official, identify myself and answer questions, but I wouldn't have to sign anything. I asked if I would be registered as 4-E, Conscientious Objector. The attorney, who hadn't really been in the war, said they would work on that later. First, I said. He said that my godfather, the senior partner, had ordered that I appear. And that I was being a fanatic. I told him what I sometimes told lieutenants in the war, for which I once got a court-martial.



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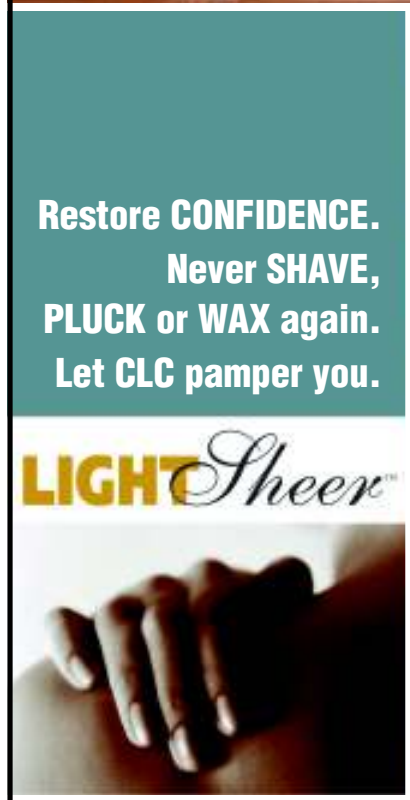



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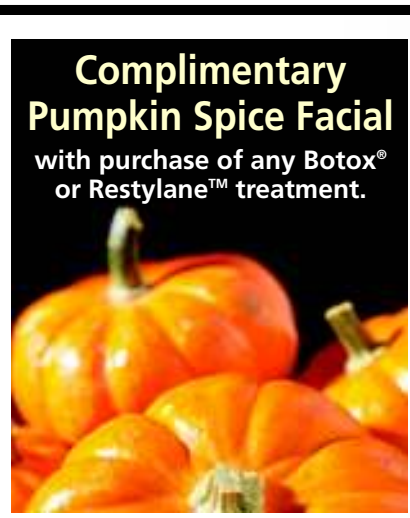
Federal Judge Matthew Joyce, a distinguished-looking and soft-voiced gentleman who wasn't from the Midwest, didn't like that, nor the way I smiled, nor that I wanted to plead innocent and argue the case before a jury, and tell them my war stories. Eventually it was somehow arranged that I was to plead *nolo contendre*, because the fact that I had not signed the Selective Service form was not in dispute, and I was to submit a written statement of explanation to the judge. The probation officer, who did the pre-sentence investigation, and listened to my war stories, said that I should also include in my statement not just the war but other things, such as the story of my Swiss grandfather who in the 19th Century had refused conscription and fled to the United States. I asked if I should also tell the judge the story of my English grandfather, who had been cashiered from the British army in India, but then talked his way into the Rough Riders and was at San Juan Hill. The probation officer said sure, except for the part about India. He added that it was too bad that I would have a felony conviction on my record but that I certainly wouldn't get any jail time. In my final appearance before the gentlemanly judge, he said that he had found my statement, with my stories about the army, and shooting prisoners and civilians, quite moving. Wrong things had been done. But that was war. And it was war again. How did I think I would be treated, if I misbehaved as I had, in Russia? He allowed me to make a brief statement to the



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court. I explained that I wasn't a Communist and would never live in Russia. Then I started to repeat some of my arguments against the new draft and war, shorthanding some of the stories I had forgotten to put in my statement to the court, my main point being that I didn't know if I was an absolute pacifist or not but I was sure from my experiences with the war and the army that mostly the wrong people got it in the neck. However, the judge cut me short. Since I was convicted of willful and felonious violation of the Selective Service Act, which was a very serious thing in these times, he sentenced me to eight months in the federal prison at Sandstone.

I suppose Judge Joyce thought he was being generous. After all, the U.S. Attorney — people said that he was very ambitious politically — asked that I be given three years. He said he also wanted to charge me for seditious conspiracy to overthrow the United States government because, by my statements quoted in the newspapers as a war hero who defied the draft, I had encouraged others to defy the law, and he could prove how dangerous I was to national security. He hadn't heard my war stories.

Prison time was pretty much like army time. Some of the longtime dudes, who more than half ran the joint, treated me pretty well, better than they treated the non-veteran draft resisters. Most convicts are very patriotic; some of the con men even thought I had a scam going, and maybe I was going to sue the government for misimprisoning a war hero. The deputy warden and the chief screw, who had me thrown in the

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hole a few times, had told them I was some kind of fake since I didn't have to be there. They hadn't heard my war stories. And they felt vindicated when the young guy who had become my best con-buddy — a very bright psychopath doing time for safecracking — broke out and stole the warden's personal car. But that's another story.

I had told some of my prison war stories to a social worker, and they were passed on until they got to maverick U.S. Senator William Langer. He stopped off to see me in prison on the way home to Dakota. After listening to some of my stories, he told the acting warden that I should not be punished for talking too much because I was sincere and shouldn't be there. Maybe it was because of him, or because the judge thought about my stories and wrote a letter, that a funny thing happened: I was given special double time off my sentence for good behavior and let out early. That was like getting a Good Conduct Medal from the army again. Truth to tell, some officials can be generous, in a way.

But later I really was trying for official "good behavior." During the second Eisenhower administration, when I was teaching at the University of Washington, and then at Reed College, I applied for a presidential pardon because a senior professor, who had listened to my war stories and told them to Oregon Senator Richard Neuberger, had encouraged me to, since it would make it easier for me to get a tenured position. Then I had to tell them over again to two FBI agents, one of whom seemed quite sympathetic — they were investigating me for the pardon. But somebody else must have told them other stories because I got turned down for the pardon. The letter from the U.S. Pardon Attorney said that I was denied because I was an "immoral and dangerous person." Senator Neuberger wrote me that pardons were purely discretionary with the executive branch of the government, and he was sorry that he couldn't do much about it, but he would try again in the future. However, he soon died of cancer. Staying a felon has only been a minor inconvenience with official documents and jobs. What with the war on crime, and wars on drugs and other things, there are so many of us war felons these days that it is no big deal. Besides, being a felon gives a certain piquancy to my voting in elections, because it is illegal, which I guess is why I do it.

Actually, I felt flattered, being officially "immoral and dangerous," but prudently decided that I would not tell any more war or prison stories for a while, because I now had a family to support. That meant that I would also perjure myself on job applications and other forms about being a felon, and I would not mention my courts-martials or things like that. After all, I had just decided to sign the California Loyalty Oath, which said that I did not want to overthrow the U.S. government in order to get another teaching job. That was probably a lie. Besides, as new wars went by, my stories seemed rather like old clothes that I had outgrown again, too short and tight. Still, war stories were around, like those of a friend of mine who was in Korea and had braver tales than mine. But he was an officer in a supply outfit. He became a quite successful lawyer, and now doesn't remember war stories, including mine, very well.

During the Vietnam War, I had some stories of my own. I rather fortuitously got an extra teaching job. I was interested in such deals since I had two children and a sick wife. This one was giving classes in remedial English, for college credit, aboard U.S. Navy aircraft carriers. It didn't pay much, but it provided a lot of free travel — Subic Bay, Manila, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and by someone's scheduling error, Saigon and Danang. We PACE teachers weren't supposed to go in combat zones, just set up classes on the *Coral Sea* and the *Constellation* while they were at sea. It was an interesting change, including my being designated acting officer in charge of education, with the prerogatives of a Lieutenant Commander. I had some funny new war stories to tell.

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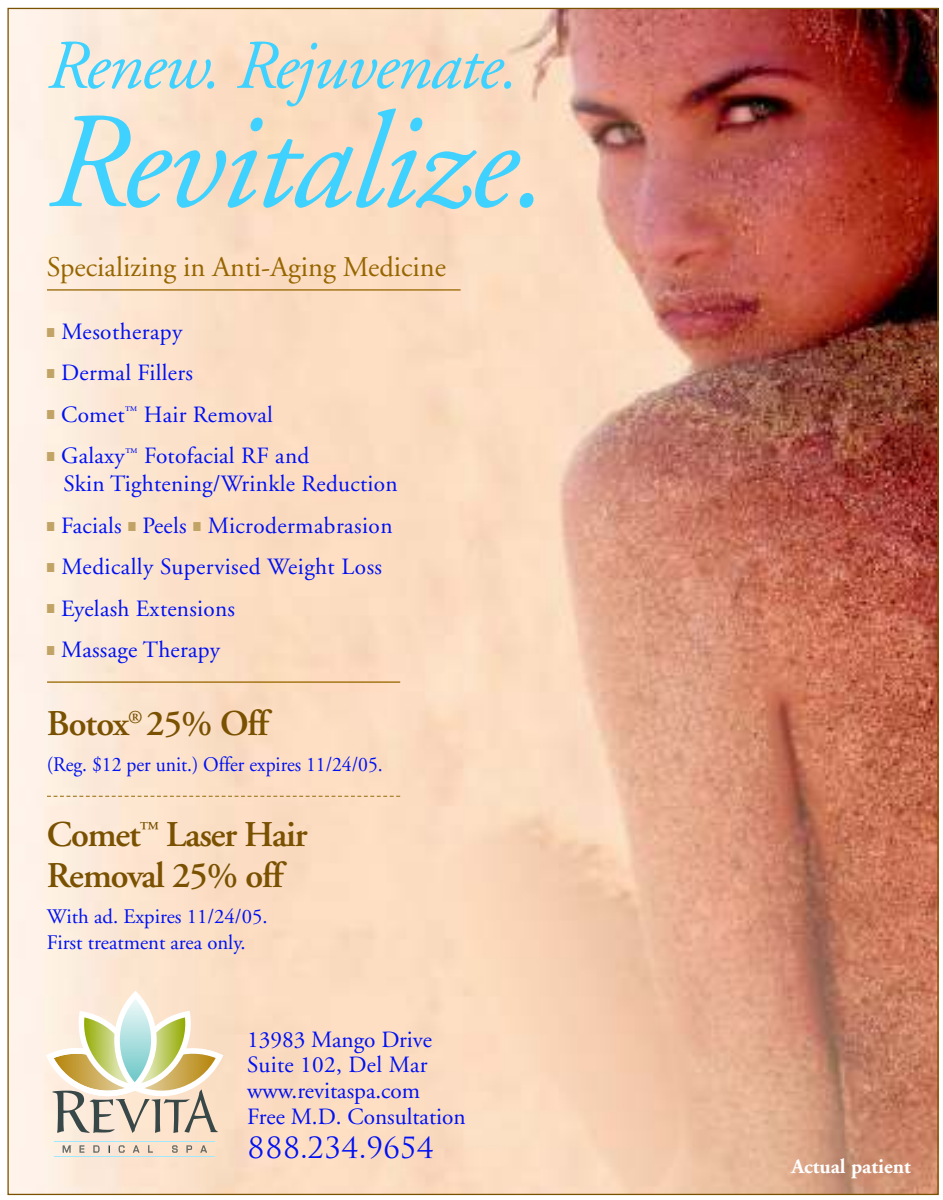

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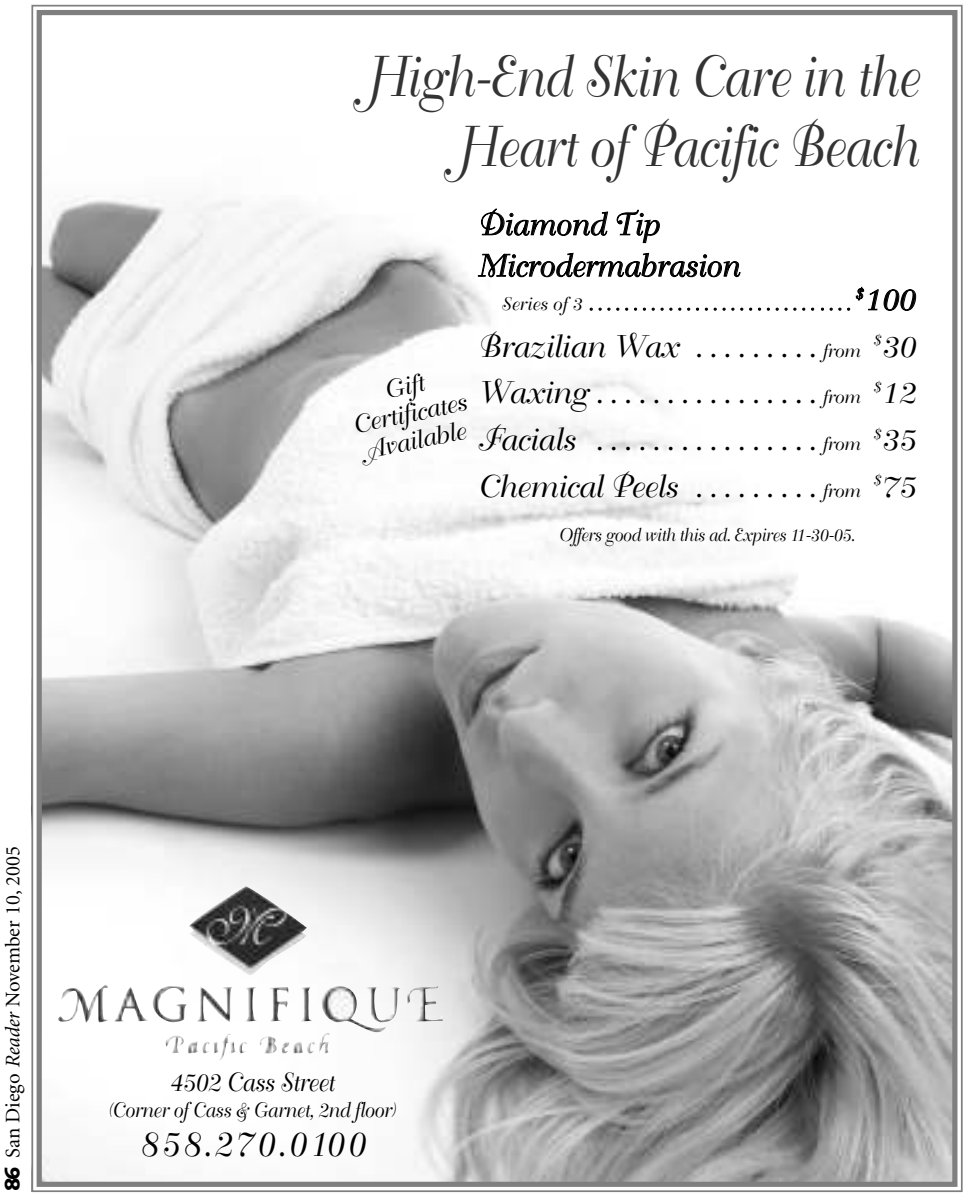

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"logistical interdicting," which meant bombing. I even wrote some of them up. Two of my reports appeared in the *Village Voice*. Maybe some navy official read the stories. Or perhaps the District Navy Command also got the information that I was co-chairing the San Diego County Peace Committee, an umbrella group that coordinated protest actions against the war. Or maybe it was that I helped some junior officers write up their stories as petitions to resign their commissions in the navy. After all, I was supposed to be a practical English teacher. One touching story was by an ensign who had majored in college in oceanography; he didn't much care either way about the war but hated the navy for dumping tons of toxic waste over the fantail. I think my write-up of his story helped him out of the navy, though I don't suppose it helped the ocean much. That was a new kind of war story.

Anyway, I lost my extra teaching job, and so did my fellow teachers, when the navy cancelled the program.

I suppose my colleague's American-Vietnam war story was a bit like one of Hemingway's — about this guy who told too many war stories. It can be a troublesome habit.

I always was a patsy for telling war stories. But, after all, it's a very old vocation. Even later, when I taught a big-lecture general education course, Modern American Fiction — snacking in the humanities for majors in real estate, nursing, recreation, and the like — I gave some emphasis to war stories. *A Farewell to Arms*, *Catch-22*, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *Private Despatches*, *Armies of the Night*, *Dog Soldiers*, *The Monkey-Wrench Gang*, that sort of thing, though I alternated them a bit so as not to get bored and be boring. And sometimes I would even tell one or two of my World War II or Vietnam aircraft-carrier anecdotes. Just to illustrate the points in the fiction, of course. We teachers in higher shopping-mall education did get a bit desperate for ways to score our subjects to tired students.

However, I had to be careful again in those days, for a different reason: I was now an old man with a fringe of white beard, and there is something unseemly about my telling a young man's war stories. So says my lady friend, a successful philanthropy administrator known for her fine taste, and who suggests that I am being perversely macho in still talking about my war experiences. She also says that my stories are grim and depressing, especially what followed from my telling them. But, I counter, my experiences are upbeat, in their way: I was only lightly wounded, only moderately punished, only briefly imprisoned, only erratically harassed, only slightly ostracized. As a felonious tale-teller, I have gotten by pretty well.

Yet I grant that being a teller of war stories has its negative sides. Colleagues warned me that I had gotten typecast as an ancient storyteller. It's generally agreed that teachers who tell a lot of stories aren't pedagogically sound, and are showing off.

True, students don't always get the point of the stories. One young woman came up after class and said, "Professor, it was very informative, but I didn't realize that you were old enough to have been in that weird First World War." To which I replied, even I am not quite that old, though the Hemingway story is, but it was all really the same war. She looked puzzled, but thanked me.

A very young man, an ROTC cadet-officer, went to complain to the departmental chairperson that I'd slandered the armed services with my war stories and gave him a poor grade. But another, a management major, said a classmate of his had told him a story like mine. That was one about American entrepreneurial spirit and how an army supply sergeant swapped German army stuff, including SS souvenirs and Lugers he had gotten from me, for navy T-shirts, which he then traded for GI tools, which he sold on the civilian black-market for money, which he lent his gambling fellow soldiers at a very nice premium. The management student explained to me that my story did tell us something about how busi-

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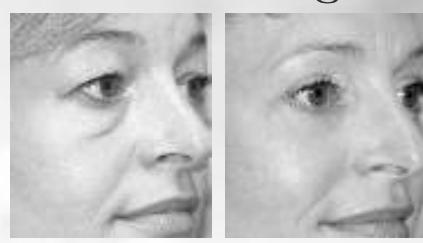

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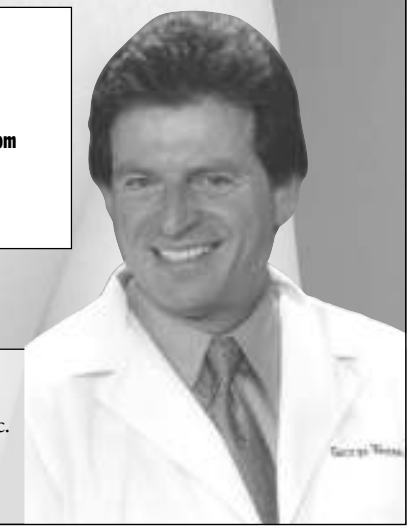

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ness used to be before people were educated. War stories can do that.

Sometimes I suspected that the older students took more interest in my war accounts. A no-longer-young woman said she was very moved by one of my stories — that was one about a firefight in a small town, along a blown bridge on the autobahn, which we won by outgunning the other guys by about five to one. We liberated the town, but there wasn't much left. I felt a bit awkward telling such a trite old war story.

So when the woman asked, with a kind of sympathetic breathlessness, had I ever been wounded?, I violated my usual policy and told a more intimate story. The wounding most vivid in my memory was the time I had liberated a good bottle of cognac and was protectively carrying it stuffed in my field jacket while safely hitching a ride behind the turret of a Sherman tank. Something smashed it — I really don't know what — and I lost all the cognac, and some blood, and got this scar on my hand. A sad thing, fighting a war sober. I don't know how they did it in the American-Iraqi war. It's awfully dry in such places as the Islamic desert, and so maybe that is part of why they were inclined to get such wars over in a hurry.

The earnest older woman looked unhappy with that story of my suffering. So I told her another, which I thought fitted in with the fiction we had read by Ursula K. Le Guin about the technocratic future. One time, same war, when we were advancing under covering artillery file, a U.S. 105mm short round landed close to me, knocking me out. That's how I got the scar on my chin and my false teeth in front. That crookedness is Veterans Administration work. It's what's called "friendly fire" these days. As war becomes more and more distantly high-tech, there must be more and more friendly victims. It somehow seems especially unfair and mechanical, though I suppose it isn't really since even stones can go wrong. Now it's just more and bigger stones. Same result, regardless of where the stuff is corning from. And I was pretty lucky, living to tell the story, though that is one people often don't like to hear.

But enough stories. A young deconstructionist colleague once mockingly said: "I'll bet when you first taught, you were too earnest about your subject to tell personal anecdotes; then you decided to sugar the historical pill with a personal story now and then; now you just tell stories, and can't remember what literary theory they provide subtext for."

I have to grant that Hemingway was also right about retelling war stories. After a while they don't come out quite the same. Maybe I'm even sometimes lying just a bit in the interests of truth. Like explaining the scars and the sadly lost cognac: I usually forget that the situation wasn't so desperate since I also had a canteen of Moselle — something I wouldn't drink these days.



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Now I am very old and retired, fading away, and it's hard to find listeners for my war stories. But I did recently at my son's wedding reception. I suppose too much champagne made me glitteringly foolish.

I suspect that now the way I tell some of my war stories now they are more humorous than they seemed when they happened a long time ago. Though I did find my wars sort of funny. And I suppose I was a bit, too, in being so innocent and dumb about to whom I told them. And telling them again and again when I should have known better — but isn't that what often happens with tale-tellers? Especially when there is a sense of loss: not just of life, and innocence, but of the very order of things, even of stories.

Storytellers just go on and on, especially about shiny, mean things like wars. But I do feel the need to entertain people these days, and I like to think war stories are usually in season, though some of my listeners may think I am just old and odd, except when one of our wars is on the evening news. Central America, Arabia, wherever. Same old friendly and unfriendly things still happen. Quite often there is a war going around to make this old anarchist sound pertinent. Then my listeners laugh, though sometimes in uncomfortable chortles. But, however unacademic, slanderous, self-mocking, topical, historical, provoking, or whatever, I will probably go on telling them a bit longer. Maybe it's just an ancient veteran's stubbornness. After all, I've spent a good part of my life as the man who told war stories. ■

— Kingsley Widmer

Kingsley Widmer, whose couple of hundred publications include essays, stories, polemics, poems, and ten books of literary/cultural criticism, was reminded of old war stories by obtaining parts of his government files under the Freedom of Information Act.

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into someone's personal and marital relationship. Since I have been in a committed relationship for over one year, I was astounded at the journalist's allegations that anyone would call me a lover. This dentist that Mr. Board discusses is a well-respected man in the community, one of moral upbringing and someone who is rather shy. A comment like this would never escape this man's lips. Despite the personal background of this upstanding gentleman, he is also my employer's husband. Yes, you read correctly — the wife in the article is my employer, and I am her personal assistant, frequently attending events with her on behalf of her business. I have never presented myself to anyone in another capacity. This is why I chose to take the time to write to you to clear this embarrassing and hurtful allegation. In no way, shape, or form does our relationship hint of sexual misconduct.

Mr. Board is not even an acquaintance. One would think that by sitting next to him at an event like this after such a controversial introduction, someone who is gutsy enough to print such things would inquire more as to my "provocative" nature. Since in this article he seems to tell the readers just about everything that happened (of course, through his perception) up until the color of his clothes, I would think that he would be so very interested in what would make a 23-year-old pine over her employer's husband, a man much older than she nevertheless.

Please restore my good name and point out to Mr. Board that I am not sure how much he may have had to drink at this wine tasting, however, being the events of being introduced to him (1) never even happened and (2) I was never introduced as a woman someone was sleeping with. I am distressed to hear that journalists like Mr. Board feel the need to make up stories or accounts of events with all of the news that happens in this world each minute. I feel that as a victim of slanderous reporting I may suggest that you remove Mr. Board from an assignment with such freedom and make him remember the beginning journalism techniques that are apparently missing today.

I hope you can understand that as a person of my moral upbringing, I cannot stand by and watch someone call me a cheater. Although he never once said my name, those who know me are aware of my social appointments and can easily remember who the two women were with the dentist.

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More Like A Trip To Toys R Us

It's absolutely mystifying: the media's obsession with every innovation in the transportation field ("Challenge X," October 20). Curiously, none deal with the underlying problems: congestion and gridlock. Currently the focus is on hybrid-engine automobiles, where claims are that this will be the solution to gasoline prices, although virtually none improve mileage above 40 miles to the gallon. A trivial improvement. Their attention is more like a trip to Toys R Us than any mature, worthwhile improvement.

The solution to congestion and gridlock must recognize the one million population increase forecast for this community in the next couple of decades. Currently, every form of transportation uses the same streets. Whether it is the automobile, trucks, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, skateboarders, or pedestrians, all use the same paths. With a million more people, this will be intolerable. The only solution is to separate the commuters from the surface streets, since that is the bulk of the traffic. Move them onto an elevated system, which removes them from the interference of pedestrians, traffic lights, and other impediments.

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Neither the media nor government wants to consider such innovations. For politicians, the focus is on the money available for their cronies rather than on transportation improvements. Thus funds for such innovations must come from farsighted individuals in the private sector, who are rare indeed.

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Read Scott Barnett's article on James Mills ("Bird's-Eye Lowdown," "City Lights," October 20). Excellent story.

The "working port" is being discussed more and more during the election campaign. It's about time!

Mr. Mills birthed the Metropolitan Transit System into being, which ties into the port. I was disappointed there wasn't more on the opening of the railroad through the Carrizo Gorge, which is part of the original agreement hammered out by Mr. Mills. The Southern Pacific did not want to include this portion in the purchase by the MTS and hoped to keep it out of operation. Mr. Mills insisted this be included, and it was.

After being out of service for 20 years, this line reopened one year ago, and, of course, we hear very little about its contribution to the port and the transportation infrastructure. Representative Filner secured $10 million in transportation funds to support the reopening.

Now the word is, both the port and the MTS are not supportive of this vital link, as they see it not as an asset but a liability.

Would love to see Scott Barnett pursue this story and find out what is happening, as this will become more of a political issue when the new mayor begins to question the future of our port operation and the value of the Tenth Avenue terminal.

Rob Pleis
via e-mail

Poway Has Rep For Roots

Character Rocks at Street Fair



Hornswaggled

"In Poway, it was either sports or bands, and I don't do sports," says Sean Barrett, guitar player for the Perils of Being. "Poway is just a small town, a city in the country. There wasn't much to do except music."

Many San Diegans are aware that Poway was the starting point for successful bands like blink-182, Unwritten Law, and Louis XIV. Does this make Poway, as the city claims, a "launching pad for world-famous rock bands"?

"I don't know if it's a launching pad," says Brian Wahlstrom of Hornswaggled. "It might be an area where bands start, but bands start all over San Diego." Both Hornswaggled and the Perils of Being will be performing at Poway's first "Character Rocks" street fair on Sunday, November 13.

LOCAL EVENTS

"It's, like, when [the band] the Used came out of Utah, there were no bands coming out of Utah," Barrett says. "But they came out and made it big in two years, and all of a sudden it was like, 'It must be because they came from Utah.'" Most bands in Poway begin playing at house parties. "Occasionally [bands] will rent out the community center." The Perils of Being will be hosting a show at the Poway Community Center in January to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"I think people just have more time [in Poway]," says Wahlstrom. "It's easier if you're in the 'burbs.' You can build a fan base through friends, which grows into people you don't know. In downtown [people] are not as loyal. It's hard to get a start-up of fans. The most core fans we have even today are people we've known since we were little kids."

Barrett classifies his band as "ambient rock," and Wahlstrom refers to his as "heavy rock, even metal." After Seattle's boom of grunge music in the '90s, one might wonder if bands cultivated in Poway have their own specific sound. "It's got a punk edge," says John Riley, president of Trigger Direct, a direct marketing agency helping to organize the Poway street fair. "I think there are different flavors of punk and alternative, but it's definitely that kind of heavier hard rock. Some of it is more melodic than others. Some is poppy — blink [182] is certainly poppy. I think it's just easy for a teenager to pick up a guitar and learn from it and learn from their friends [in Poway]."

When Riley took a closer look at the music scene in Poway, he was surprised. "At first glance, it's sort of a 'wow.' I had no idea. You scratch your head and you wonder why. Poway is a very suburban town. It kind of has this reputation of having a great school district and reasonably solid families. Generally speaking, you've got good kids. We're not next to the beach — these kids don't have a whole lot to do, and they gravitate towards music. Because there have been bands like blink [182] that have come out of Poway and been so successful, they tend to be an inspiration for a lot of teenagers."

"I hope that music doesn't have to do anything with financial upbringing and stuff," says Wahlstrom. "A lot of our music in the beginning was this 'f-you' attitude about society, and it was very political. At some point, though, we realized we didn't have it so bad."

"Parents of a lot of these kids are very supportive," says Riley. "They're good-quality moms and dads that really support their kids' artistic effort. There are a lot of dads that play music in my neighborhood in Poway." Riley has two young children and plays cover songs with his band. "[These dads] play at neighborhood parties, block parties, and dive bars. They've created a culture that makes it possible for their kids to be musicians."

Though he doesn't think there is anything unique about Poway, Wahlstrom recognizes one aspect of small-town living that can help to launch a band. "It's a hometown for a lot of people who stay here for many, many years, and for the band to have that — a core fan base to start off with — really helps to get things going. Back in the Soma days [the club on Morena Boulevard] these kids would play a house party and then say, 'We got a gig at Soma,' and then hundreds of kids would go down to check them out at Soma."

Poway has hosted street fairs in the past, but, according to Riley, "It has traditionally been a vendor event with arts and crafts, a stage with little kids that do ballet, a hypnotist, a local cover band — a community event that attracted ten or fifteen thousand people." The Poway Unified School District is attempting to teach "good ethics, honesty, integrity, and fairness" with the "Character Counts" initiative. The promotion of this initiative, along with the town's pride for its hometown bands, prompted the name "Character Rocks" for this year's more musical affair.

— Barbarella

Character Rocks Street Fair
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BAJA

The Annual Hispanic Guitar Festival runs November 10–19, at Tijuana Cultural Center. Martín Madrigal and Roberto Limón (México) and Costas Cotsiolis (Greece) perform on Thursday, November 10. Julio Revueltas (México) takes stage on Friday, November 11; Chamín Correa performs Saturday, November 12. Los Romeros (Spain) plan concert on Sunday, November 13, 6 p.m.

Aleksandr Siboulski (the Ukraine) performs Monday, November 14, followed by Marcelo de la Puebla from Chile on Tuesday, November 15. Eduardo Fernández of Uruguay plans concert on Wednesday, November 16. Argentine guitarist Victor Pellegrini performs Thursday, November 17.

Brazilian Marco Pereira takes stage on Friday, November 18. Miguel Angel Cortés is showcased on Saturday, November 19.

Except where noted, concerts begin at 8 p.m. Find CECUT at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street in the Zona Río. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

A Tribute to Juan Rulfo continues through Wednesday, November 30, with lectures, painting exhibit, more, at Casa de la Cultura (Avenida París #5, in Colonia Altamira). 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

Northeast Literature Festival runs Thursday through Saturday, November 10–12, at Tijuana Cultural Center (Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). Lectures, photography exhibit, more. Free. 011-52-664-687-9636. (TIJUANA)

The Mexican Book Fair at Tijuana Cultural Center takes place Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free. Find center at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río). 011-52-664-687-9636. Free. (TIJUANA)

Mexicali-La Rumorosa Cycle Ride, Saturday, November 12, 6 a.m. Routes, details: 011-52-686-554-2929. (MEXICALI)

Mxicali Motocross Round #14 competition, Saturday, November 12, 8 a.m., on dirt track at Pista Oscar "Bucho" Lujan (km 13.5 on Carretera al Aeropuerto). $2 for spectators. 011-52-661-612-2525. (MEXICALI)

Kinky presents rock concert, Saturday, November 12, 11 p.m., at El Foro, Jai Alai Palace (on Avenida Revolución). 619-734-2333. (TIJUANA)

Race on the Beach, Sunday, November 13, 8 a.m., at Rosarito Beach Hotel. 011-52-661-612-5302. (ROSARITO BEACH)

Plaza Calafia Celebrates 30th Anniversary with bullfights, Sunday, November 13, noon. 011-52-686-557-1417. (MEXICALI)

Tijuana Cultural Center, the center (CECUT) offers guided tours in Spanish and English of exhibit on history of Baja peninsula, Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cultural and artistic exhibits. Entrance fee is approximately $2 (two-for-one entrance on Tuesdays).

Screening in the CECUT Omnimax: *Fuerzas de la Naturaleza, Tiburones, Oasis Marino.*

The center is located at Paseo de los Héroes and Mina Street, Zona Río. Showtimes and information: 011-52-664-687-9600 x50. (TIJUANA)

OUT & ABOUT

HALLEY'S COMET
John Amos performs Saturday, November 13, Poway Center for the Performing Arts.

(SEE IN PERSON)



OUTDOORS

Santa Ana Winds in San Diego County often reach their greatest intensity during November, particularly at the mountain passes, where dry air from a high-pressure area over the interior deserts swoops coastward toward a low-pressure area offshore. The subsiding air warms rapidly while it descends, resulting in 80°–90° temperatures close to the coast. While passing over the mountains, though, the dry air can be surprisingly cool — 60° or less in the daytime.

Acorn Dropping reaches a crescendo early this month in the Cuyamaca, Laguna, and Palomar Mountains. Wiry scrub oaks, massive canyon live oaks, and the golden-leaved black oaks all contribute to the growing collection of acorns littering the ground. Acorn woodpeckers are busy stuffing acorns into the small holes they drill into the bark of pine trees. Beneath the trees, the browns of bracken fern and the reds of poison oak are among the last expressions of autumn color we'll see in the mountains this year.

Cactus Wrens, White-Tailed Kites, California and blue-gray gnatcatchers, and golden eagles are all possible sightings during birding outing to Lake Hodges led by Audubon Society, Saturday, November 12, 8 a.m. Meet in parking spaces just past Joslyn Senior Center (18402 West Bernardo Drive). 619-280-7710. Considerable hiking of a moderately strenuous nature. Bring a scope. Free. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

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Asian Pacific Historic District Tours offered on second Saturday of each month, including November 12. Tours start at 11 a.m. at Chinese Historical Museum (404 Third Avenue). $2. Required reservations: 619-338-9888. (DOWNTOWN)

Waterfowl Are Plentiful at Lake Murray — explore with Canyoneers on Saturday, November 12, 1 p.m. Easy path to chaparral and coastal sage scrub. Free. Directions: 619-255-0203. (LA MESA)

Moonlight Serenade, naturalist Larry Allen-Tonar leads fairly easy three-mile evening walk in Daley Ranch on Saturday, November 12. Adventure starts at 4:30 p.m. in main parking lot on La Honda Drive. Requested reservations: 760-839-4680. Free. Bring a flashlight. (ESCONDIDO)

Explore Old Escondido West during walking tour led by Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee, Saturday, November 12, 11 a.m., starting at southeast corner of Broadway and Grand Avenue. 760-743-8207. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Tend California Native Plants, remove invasive interlopers, pick up litter with Friends of Famosa Slough around treatment ponds at urban wetland, Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at corner of West Point Loma Boulevard and Famosa Boulevard with work clothes; bring work gloves and tools if you have them. 619-224-4591. Free. (POINT LOMA)

Learn About Ecology, Plants, animals, history, geology during hikes on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday, November 12, 13, 16, in Mission Trails Regional Park (One Father Junípero Serra Trail). Walks: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Palm Walk, Offshoot Tours offers its monthly hour-long guided stroll exploring structure, growth habits, landscape value of palm trees, Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m., at visitors' center. Free. 619-235-1121. (BALBOA PARK)

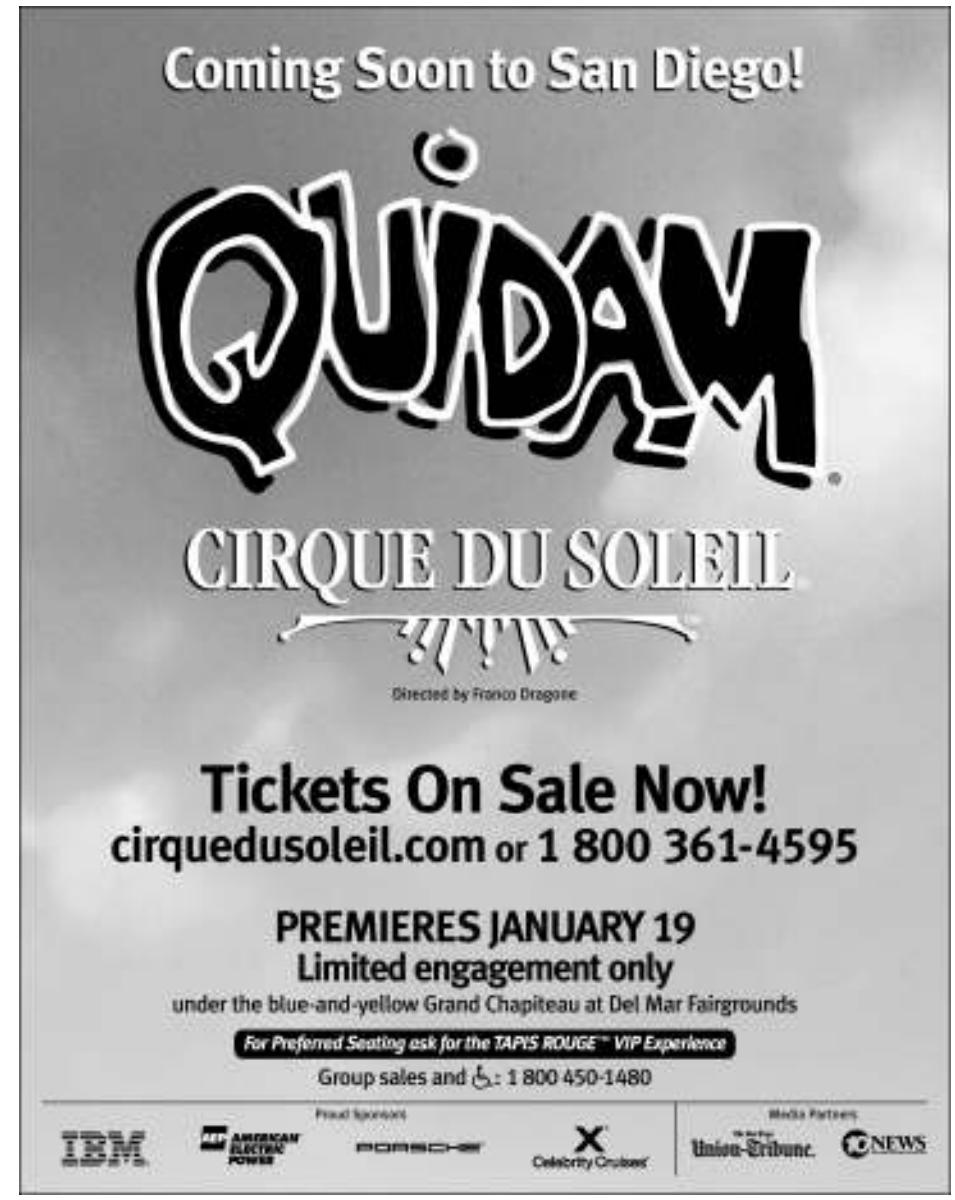
Second Saturday Nature Walks at the Reserve, San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy hosts walk featuring migratory birds and native plants, Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m. Free. Directions: 760-436-3944. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center is open on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon, for viewing and learning about San Dieguito Lagoon, wetland wildlife, future restoration projects. Free. Find center on San Andres Drive (off Via de la Valle). Free. 858-674-2275 x14. (DEL MAR)

An Expert Birder from San Diego Field Ornithologists leads bird walk on easy trail winding along Tecolote Creek in Tecolote Canyon on Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m., at Tecolote Nature Center (5180 Tecolote Road). Free. Bring binoculars and drinking water. 858-581-9944. (CLAIREMONT)

Wildlife Assist needs volunteers to help rescue wildlife in trouble. Recruiting session/orientation: Saturday, November 12, 2 p.m., at Escondido Library (239 South Kalmia Street). 619-921-6044. Free. (ESCONDIDO)

Seaside Beach/South Cardiff State Beach Cleanup hosted by San Diego BayKeeper on Saturday,









November 12, starting in parking lot at 9 a.m. Free. 619-758-7743. (CARDIFF)

Take an Urban Hike Through East Village led by Patty Fares of Urban Safaris for Flexcar, Saturday, November 12. Walk starts at 3 p.m. at Café Noir (447 Ninth Avenue). $10. Space availability, reservations: 619-262-3539. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Kite Club hosts kite flying second Saturday of each month, including November 12, 10 a.m., at Tecolote Shores North Park (on Mission Bay Drive, north of Fiesta Island entrance). Free. 619-277-0319. (MISSION BAY)

Discover and Identify Track and Sign from many animals when tracking team at Mission Trails Regional Park leads guided nature walk, Sunday, November 13, 8:30 a.m., starting at entrance kiosk at One Father Junípero Serra Trail. Free. 619-668-3281. (SAN CARLOS)

Explore Hidden Corners of Cardiff-by-the-Sea with Walkabout adventurers, Sunday, November 13. See back roads, canyon trails, views, cactus display. Two-hour, moderate-plus-paced walk starts at 8:30 a.m. at park and ride at Birmingham exit off I-5. Free. 619-231-7463. (CARDIFF)

The Full Moon rises impressively from the east horizon during late afternoon on Tuesday, November 15. Around 20 minutes before sunset, watch as the moon's pale yellowish disk materializes at a point just over the east-northeastern horizon. Some 14 hours later the full moon sets in the west-northwest near the time of sunrise. On the evening of Monday, November 14, one day before the date of full moon, note the bright reddish "star" lying next to the moon. That's Mars. Some folk names for the November full moon (only some of which apply to San Diego) include "snow moon," "fog moon," "mad moon," and "moon of storms."

Very Low Tides next week, dropping to minus one foot, coincide with the full moon and also with optimum times of day for tidepooling: Tuesday, November 15, at 2:59 p.m., and Wednesday, November 16, at 3:40 p.m. On those same days, very high tides will also occur: Tuesday at 8:02 a.m. (+6.8 feet), and Wednesday at 8:33 a.m. (+6.7 feet).

ROAM-O-RAMA

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From the top of Mount Lukens, the high point in elevation within the city limit of Los Angeles, you can peer over a vast and spacious urban plain — coastal haze and smog permitting. During the next five months temperatures should be mercifully cool for the strenuous climb to the top. Late fall and winter brings clearer, cleaner, and drier air — which will benefit your lungs as well as the long views you'll get on top.

From the foothill community of Sunland, off Interstate 210, take either Oro Vista Avenue or Mt. Gleason Avenue north to Big Tujunga Canyon Road. Turn right and drive east into the canyon. Some seven miles up the canyon, look for the well-marked turnoff for Vogel Flat. Turn right, drive to the bottom of the hill,



Chaparral slopes below Mt. Lukens

and park at Vogel Flat Picnic Area, open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A short way east is Stonyvale Picnic Area, open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. — useful if you arrive early or will be returning late. A National Forest Adventure Pass is needed for parking.

On foot, head west down a narrow, paved road (private, but with public easement) through the cabin community of Stonyvale. When the pavement ends after 0.7 mile, continue on dirt for another one-quarter mile or so. Choose a place to ford Big Tujunga creek, step or wade across, and find the Stone Canyon Trail on the far bank. From afar you can spot this trail going straight up the sloping terrace just left (east) of Stone Canyon's wide, boulder-filled mouth. Once you're on that terrace, settle into a pace that will allow you to persevere over the next three miles and 3200 feet of vertical ascent.

From the vantage point of the first switchback, you can look down on the thousands of storm-tossed granitic boulders filling Stone Canyon from wall to wall. Although Stone Canyon's boulders are frozen in place, you can almost sense their movement over geologic time. Even today floods continue to reshape this canyon and many other steep canyons in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Ahead, there are many twists and turns along precipitous slopes covered by chaparral. The dizzying view from the midpoint of the trail encompasses a long, obviously linear stretch of Big Tujunga Canyon. This segment of the canyon is traced by the San Gabriel Fault and its offshoot, the Sierra Madre Fault.

You'll eventually come to a steep, bulldozed track leading to the peak itself, which is occupied by several antenna structures. The view, north and east across the various ridges and peaks of the San Gabriels, and south and west across the endlessly spreading city, can be fabulous — but only on a clear day.

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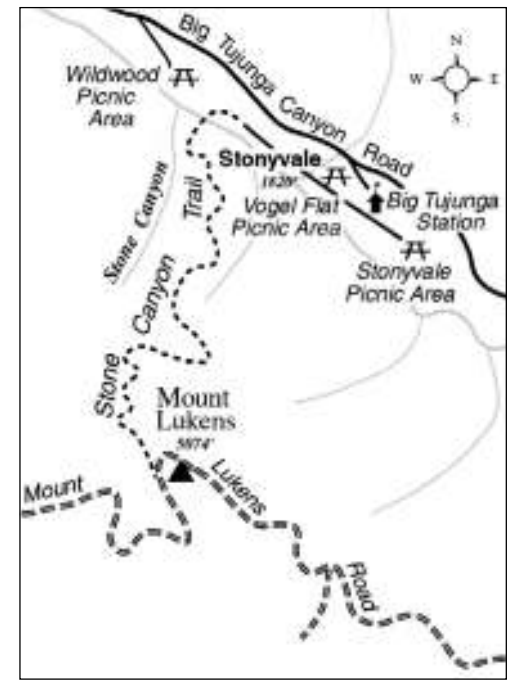

DANCE

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)

Schottische featured at beginner-friendly dance on Friday, November 11, 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)

Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners perform for Cajun/zydeco dance hosted by Bon Temps Social Club on Saturday, November 12, at War Memorial Building (3325 Zoo Drive, at Park Boulevard). Lessons at 6:20; dancing from 7 to 10:30 p.m. $12. 858-496-6655. (BALBOA PARK)

String Theory makes music, Martha Wild calls for contradance on Saturday, November 12, 8 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church (3030 Thorn Street), following pre-dance music jam at 6 p.m. Beginner's workshop at 7:30 p.m. $7. Wear soft-soled shoes. Optional potluck at 6:30 p.m.; bring food/beverage to share. 619-283-8550. (NORTH PARK)

Express "Graceful Feminine Strength" through exotic movements of bellydance during classes held every Saturday at Chai and Chat (5919 Balboa Avenue), 11 a.m. to noon. Fee: $12 per class, or $60 for six weeks. 858-884-7707. (CLAIREMONT)

Sarasvati Modern Tribal performs fusion-style bellydance, Saturday, November 12, 9 and 10 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). Free. 619-265-7287. (COLLEGE AREA)

Latin and Ballroom Dance Party, Saturday, November 12, at Pattie Wells Dancetime Center (1255 West Morena Boulevard). 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)

English Country Dancing takes place every Sunday, 6 to 9 p.m., at Jean Hart Academy of Dance (Oak Knoll Plaza, 12227 Poway Road). Instruction by Judee Pronovost on November 13. Beginner's instruction at 6 p.m. $6 per class; $20 per month. 858-486-9160. (POWAY)

"Csárdás, the Tango of the East" — dance and music by Budapest Ensemble from Hungary, Monday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., at East County Performing Arts Center (210 East Main Street). Tickets: $20, $30, $40. 619-440-2277. (EL CAJON)

Hustle Dance to "best in hustle dance music" from '70s and '80s on Wednesday, November 16, 7 to 11 p.m., in Mission Room above Valley Tavern at Mission Valley Resort Hotel (875 Hotel Circle South). $7. 619-596-9777. (MISSION VALLEY)

Nightclub, Swing, Ballroom Dance Party, Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.,

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

FILM

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. Series concludes with *Rabbit in the Moon,* Thursday, November 17. Screenings begin at 7 p.m. at Museum of Photographic Arts. $10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Leading the Way to Peace" — this documentary tracing women's personal stories of peacemaking, courage, and hope screens Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Film features peacemakers from Sierra Leone, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Guatemala. Discussion follows. Free. 619-260-7569. (LINDA VISTA)

The Musical and Romantic Comedy *Sueño* — starring John Leguizamo, Elizabeth Pena, Ana Claudia Talacon — screens for San Diego Latino Film Festival, November 11–17, at UltraStar Mission Valley Cinemas at Hazard Center (7510 Hazard Center Drive). In English. $8.50 general. Showtimes, information: 619-230-1938. (MISSION VALLEY)

"Chariots of Fire" screens for Second Saturday Cinema series, November 12, 7 p.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Discussion follows. Free. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

Challenging the Way We Shop, See Robert Greenwald's exposé *Wal-Mart: The High Cost of a Low Price,* when it's shown Saturday, November 12, 3 p.m., at Coronado Library (578 Orange Avenue) or Sunday, November 13, 1 p.m., at Lion's Club hall (310 Market Street). Free. 619-405-7466. (CORONADO, DOWNTOWN)

Film also screens Monday, November 14, 6 p.m., at Ocean Beach Recreation Center (4764 Santa Monica Avenue). Free. 619-801-0770. (OCEAN BEACH)

"Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action," documentary screens for Sunday Matinee on November 13, 2 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). "Nearly all Indian nations sit on land threatened by environmental hazards"; film follows efforts of four Native American activists fighting "these new Indian Wars." Free. 619-236-5800. (DOWNTOWN)

Two Films Focused on Eroding American Liberties — *Beyond the Patriot Act* and *Unconstitutional* — may be seen during Film Forum on Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Public Library (820 E Street). ACLU attorney Candace Carroll leads discussion. 619-236-5800. Free. (DOWNTOWN)

Native American Film Series continues with *Dance Me Outside,* a Canadian drama based on book by W.P. Kinsella, Monday, November 14, 6 p.m., in Arts 240 at CSU San Marcos (333 South Twin Oaks Valley Road). Free. 760-750-4366. (SAN MARCOS)

The Feature Documentary *Drakmar: A Vassal's Journey* has advance screening, Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Film is portrait of a 14-year-old Hoover High School freshman, a devout member of "the Kingdom of Terre Nueve, a San Diego-based medieval reenactment and role-playing group." Filmmakers Lowell Frank and Destin Daniel Cretton will be on hand to answer questions, as will the young star. Free. 619-607-9311. (SDSU)

"What's Cooking?" screens for ongoing Carlsbad Library film series in Schulman Auditorium (1775 Dove Lane), Wednesday, November 16, 6 p.m. Free. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

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Inspired by a True Story, *Osama* examines lives of Afghan people under rule of Taliban and following the end of that period. See *Osama* on Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m., at UCSD's Price Center. Free. 858-822-5299. (LA JOLLA)

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

LECTURES

Tour "Domains of Wonder: Selected Masterworks" when Asian art curator Sonya 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)

"Your Personal Tsunami" rolls in when Michael Lutin, a.k.a. the "clown prince of astrology," speaks for San Diego Astrological Society on Friday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). $12. 760-310-4152. (HILLCREST)

"Edward Binney 3rd and His Collection" examined when Asian art curator Catherine Glynn Benkaim focuses on Binney "as a person and as a collector of Indian art" for Docent Guest lecture at

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San Diego Museum of Art on Friday, November 11, 10 a.m. $10. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"Global Equity and the Future of Public Health" explored by Dr. Paul Farmer, who has established a successful health system in one of the poorest parts of Haiti. Talk starts at 3 p.m. on Friday, November 11, at Salk Institute for Biological Studies (10010 North Torrey Pines Road). Free. 858-453-4100. (LA JOLLA)

"Girls Life" Magazine Columnist Carol Weston speaks for "Healthy Girls, Healthy Lives Symposium" hosted by Girl Scouts and Kaiser Permanente, Saturday, November 12, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hall of Champions. Weston shares insights about today's girls; Divya Kakaiya focuses on health issues; Joy Keller, Holly Eden Morrow, Sandy Buczynski lead workshops. $25 includes workshops, lunch, continental breakfast. Registration: 800-643-4798. (BALBOA PARK)

Weston will sign *All the Stuff Your Sister Never Told You, For Girls Only,* read letters from girls, talk about how ideas can become books, offer advice about writing and growing up, on Friday, November 11, 3 p.m., at Borders Books and Music (1072 Camino del Rio North). Free. 619-295-2201. (MISSION VALLEY)

California State Parks Historian Alex Bevil presents overview of historic buildings and structures in North County area within his bailiwick for Second Saturday lecture series on November 12, 11 a.m., at San Diego Archaeological Center (16666 San Pasqual Valley Road). $5. 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

Pastel Painting on Board demonstrated by Shandel Gamer for Clairemont Art Guild, Saturday, November 12, 12:30 p.m., at South Clairemont Recreation Center (3605 Clairemont Drive). Free. 858-278-5596. (CLAIREMONT)

What Does It Take to Be Successful on both sides of the Atlantic? Find out when author/illustrator Patti Schnetzler addresses Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Saturday, November 12, 2 p.m., in room 106A of Hahn School of Nursing building at University of San Diego (at Linda Vista Road and Marion Way). $9. 858-485-8151. (LINDA VISTA)

"Crime, Punishment, and God," panel discussion examining "what is a crime, and who decides" is Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m., at Saint Paul's Cathedral (2728 Sixth Avenue). Do solutions exist beyond incarceration? Panelists include Reverend Mac Collins, public defender Juliana Humphrey, superior court judge Roger K. Krauel. 619-298-7261. (MIDTOWN)

"Designing Landscapes With Native Plants" pondered by Greg Rubin of California's Own Native Landscape Design, Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m., in Cuyamaca College's Water Conservation Garden (12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West). $8. Reservations: 619-660-0614. (EL CAJON)

"Sharks: The Misunderstood Fish," learn about shark anatomy, classification, fossil history, and conservation during class, Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. $22. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Ethiopia: Old and New Arts in a Legendary Land" presented by Peri Klemm, Sunday, November 13, 3:30 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. Klemm has been conducting research in Ethiopia since 1996. Free. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Editors' Role in Publishing" examined when local book editor Laurie Gibson speaks Sunday, November 13, 3 p.m., at Coronado Library (640 Orange Avenue). Learn about types of editors involved in publication process, how each leaves "fingerprints" on a manuscript. Free. 858-539-0508. (CORONADO)

Beyond Schiavo, End of Life Choices gathers to hear Dr. Lawrence J. Schneidermann, UCSD professor of family and preventative medicine, present "The Ethics of End of Life Carer: Have We Learned Anything from the Schiavo Case?" Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-233-4418. (HILLCREST)

Gourd Art with Lavender Embellishment taught by Nadine Spier on Sunday, November 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Lavender Fields (12460 Keys Creek Road). $60 fee includes materials. Registration: 760-944-9369. (VALLEY CENTER)

"A Panorama of Norwegian History" offered by SDSU professor emeritus Oddvar K. Hoidal, Sunday, November 13, 4 p.m., at Mingei International Museum. $10. Reservations: 619-239-0003 x116. (BALBOA PARK)

"Prospects for Peace in the Middle East: The Influences of Iraq, Iran, Syria, Water, and the Palestinian Authority" explored when Israeli lecturer/columnist Walter Zinger speaks on Sunday,



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"Designing With California Natives" is subject when landscape designer, contractor, native plant specialist speaks for San Diego Horticultural Society, Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at Surfside Race Place at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Talk followed by plant forum. Free. 760-730-3268. (DEL MAR)

"Family Traditions in Ecuador" chronicled by recent visitor Jennifer Shinall for 12 O'Clock Scholar series at San Diego Museum of Man on Monday, November 14. $6. 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

"Marine Genomes: Windows Into Ocean Life" opened when Terry Gaasterland speaks for "Perspectives on Ocean Science" lecture series, Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Gaasterland is Scripps professor of computational genomics. $8. Reservations: 858-534-5771. (LA JOLLA)

"Forensic Entomology: Bugs in the Legal System," focusing on application of insect data to the field of criminal justice, presented Monday, November 14, 7 p.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. $8. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

"Plant Diversity in San Diego County" presented by San Diego County Planner Tom Oberbauer, Tuesday, November 15, for California Native Plant Society. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in Casa del Prado room 104. Free. 619-685-7321. (BALBOA PARK)

"Art, Affirmation, and Community-Building" presented by muralist, printmaker, activist Juana Alicia on Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m., in University Center Forum at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-4588. (LINDA VISTA)

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"Bug's Life," Terry McGlynn and USD undergraduate researchers discuss their research of ant behavior at La Selva Biological Station in Costa Rica, Tuesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m., at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. Required reservations: 619-260-4815. (LINDA VISTA)

"How to Listen to Jazz" illuminated by pianist Mike Wofford during lecture/demonstration on Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at San Diego Museum of Art. $17. 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn Ski and Snowboard Maintenance from REI ski technician on Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at REI San Diego (5556 Copley Drive). Free. 858-279-4400. (KEARNY MESA)

"The Missing Corpse That Baffled N.Y. Police" is topic when author Wayne Fanebust speaks for San Diego Independent Scholars on Wednesday, November 16. Multimillionaire Alexander T. Stewart's body disappeared from a New York crypt during the "Gilded Age," baffling police. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 111A of Chancellor's Complex at UCSD. 760-942-8181, 619-224-5664. Free. (LA JOLLA)

"The Spurgeon Story and the Role of Indentured Servants in Establishing Our Nation" — Wanda Ballard speaks for British Isles Genealogical Research Association on Wednesday, November 16, 12:30 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-465-0266. (HILLCREST)

The Birds of Ecuador showcased when Roy Poucher speaks for Buena Vista Audubon Society on Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m., at Buena Vista Nature Center (2202 South Coast Highway). 760-439-2473. Free. (OCEANSIDE)

Wafu Kai School Flower Arrangements demonstrated and taught by Kyoko Womer when Ikebana International meets, Wednesday, November 16, 10 a.m., in room 101 of Casa del Prado. 760-728-5586. Free. (BALBOA PARK)

"Why Men Earn More — And What Women Can Do About It" explored Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m., at Living Room Coffeehouse (1417 University Avenue). Free. 619-295-7911. (HILLCREST)

"Propagation: Multiplication Made Easy" illuminated when Jim Bishop shares experiences and tips with Mission Hills Garden Club, Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m., at Mission Hills United Church of Christ (4070 Jackdaw Street). $10. 619-295-2702. (MISSION HILLS)

"The Value of Professional Editing" highlighted when four editors speak for SD/Professional Editors Network, Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m., in Claremont Community Room (4731 Claremont Drive). Free. 858-451-3266. (ENCINITAS)

"Green Airports: Balancing Growth and a Healthy Environment" is topic for next airport forum hosted by San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, Wednesday, November 16, 7 to 9 a.m., at Birch Aquarium-Museum (2300 Expedition Way). Panel discussion led by Bruce Reznik of San Diego Baykeeper. $45. 619-400-2882. (LA JOLLA)

Geography Department Open House, Wednesday, November 16, in Nasatir Hall 380, at San Diego State University. Faculty presentations on wide variety of topics, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. 619-594-5476. (SDSU)

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"Women in Politics" panel discussion with Dede Alpert, Senator Christine Kehoe, and others, Wednesday, November 16, 9:45 a.m., in City College Saville Theatre (at 15th and C Streets). Free. 619-388-3676. (DOWNTOWN)

"Los Evangelistas de Rembrandt," Centro de Humanideades de Baja California professor Monseratt Sanchez presents "Art in the Afternoon" lecture at Timken Museum of Art, Thursday, November 17, 12:30 p.m. Free. In Spanish. 619-239-5548. (BALBOA PARK)

"Copies and Fakes," Chinese art connoisseur Lo Ch'ing, a professor emeritus of National Taiwan Normal University, speaks for Meet the Masters programs at San Diego Museum of Art on Thursday, November 17. Lectures begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. $12. Reservations: 619-696-1966. (BALBOA PARK)

OUT & ABOUT

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"Anatomy of the Muscle Car: Ancestor and Offspring," presented by Jim Wangers — known as "Godfather of the GTO" — for Third Thursday series at San Diego Automotive Museum on November 17, 6 p.m. $5. Reservations: 619-231-2886 x44. (BALBOA PARK)

"Successful Science, Failed Communication: The Challenge of Conservation" discussed by Peter Kareiva on Thursday, November 17, 4 p.m., in Don Powell Theatre at San Diego State University. Kareiva is lead scientist Nature Conservancy, Pacific Western Conservation Region. Free. Box office: 619-594-0580. (SDSU)

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

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SDSU Jazz Ensemble #1 is joined by jazz trumpeter Brad Steinwehe in concert, Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m., in Smith Recital Hall at San Diego State University. $12. 619-594-1696. (SDSU)

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)

Fourth Wall Youth Productions presents *The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth,* described as "a comedy in two, maybe even three acts," November 11–20, at Carlsbad Village Theatre (2822 State Street). Curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays. $10. 760-415-3877. (CARLSBAD)

10th Annual Gospel Jam by local musicians performing contemporary gospel music, Friday, November 11, 6 p.m., in University Center Forum at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Free. 619-260-2395. (LINDA VISTA)

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" presented by Broadway Bound Youth Theatre, November 11–13, at Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. Musical begins at 8 p.m. Friday–Sunday, with 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. $15. 619-544-1000. (DOWNTOWN)

Behind-the-Scenes History of Nancy Drew revealed by Melanie Rehak in *Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and the Women Who Created Her,* which she'll sign and discuss Friday, November 11, 12:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue). Free. 858-454-0347. (LA JOLLA)

"Just Horsin' Around — An Evening of Laughter and Fun" presented by San Dieguito Academy Speech and Debate Team and San Diego County Toastmasters, Friday, November 11, 7 p.m., at San Dieguito Academy Theater (800 Santa Fe Drive). Donation: $10. 760-944-9732. (ENCINITAS)

"The Magic of Art, Light, and Color" by Jo-El Heathcote — with light sculptures, lasers, color projectors, shadow art, kinetic art light — and "illuminated fashion exhibition" by Janet Hansen, set for Friday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Galerie d'Art International (320 South Cedros Avenue, suite 500). "Please wear white and dance in the light." Reservations, fees: 858-793-0316. (SOLANA BEACH)

David Krakauer and Klezmer Madness team up with DJ Socalled for "new wave of klezmer" concert, Saturday, November 12, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. $34. 858-534-TIXS. (LA JOLLA)

OUT & ABOUT

RAWLS SINGS SINATRA...
Rawls Sings Rawls, in Copley Symphony Hall, November 11 and 12; California Center for the Arts, Escondido, Sunday, November 13.

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Grammy Award–Winning Trumpeter Arturo Sandoval plays Afro-Cuban tunes, bebop tunes, ballads, Saturday, November 12, 8 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: $30–$45. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

"Music of the Gypsy Road," duo guitarists George Svoboda and Fred Benedetti joined by friends in concert, Saturday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Universalist Church (4190 Front Street). Donation: $12. 619-298-4580 x2. (HILLCREST)

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

"The Orientalist: Solving the Mystery of a Strange and Dangerous Life" discussed and signed by author Tom Reiss, Saturday, November 12, 7 p.m., at D.G. Wills Books (7461 Girard Avenue). Book chronicles Lev Nussimbaum's "passion for the Arab world as political extremism swept Europe." Free. 858-456-1800. (LA JOLLA)

"Pub Synergy: An Audio Visual Synthesis" offered Saturday, November 12, 7 p.m., in Porters Pub at UCSD. Music by UCSD DJs, work by 12 UCSD visual artists, guest Al Howard and the K23 Orchestra. Free. 858-534-0940. (LA JOLLA)

Author Daniel Reveles signs *Tequila, Lemon, and Salt,* Saturday, November 12, noon, at Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore (330 North Magnolia). Free. 619-441-0480. (EL CAJON)

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker plan concert hosted by San Diego Folk Heritage, Saturday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., at San Dieguito United Methodist Church (170 Calle Magdalena). $12. 858-566-4040. (ENCINITAS)

Author Drusilla Campbell signs *Blood Orange,* Saturday, November 12, 3 p.m., at Barnes and Noble, Grossmont Center mall (5500 Grossmont Center Drive). 619-667-2870. Free. (LA MESA)

Punster and wordsmith Richard Lederer of KPBS's *A Way with Words* program signs his new book, *Comma Sense: A Fun-damental Guide to Punctuation,* Sunday, November 13, 2:30 p.m., at Scripps Miramar Ranch Library (10301 Scripps Lake Drive). Free. 619-538-8158. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Where to Hike, Bike, and Camp revealed when co-author Tom Leech discusses hiking and signs *Outdoors San Diego,* Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m., at Books in Nooks (4336 Highway 78 at Wynola Road). Free. 760-765-2852. (JULIAN)

Local Author Joel Vorensky signs, discusses *I Dare to Heal With Spiritual Love,* Sunday, November 13, 1 p.m., at Open Door Books (4761 Cass Street). Free. 858-270-8642. (PACIFIC BEACH)

"Rawls Sings Sinatra...Rawls Sings Rawls" presented by Lou Rawls with San Diego Symphony, Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m., at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard). Tickets: $40, $50, $60. 800-988-4253. (ESCONDIDO)

Slam, Watch, or Heckle Judges during San Diego Poetry Slam, Monday, November 14, at Voz Alta (1544 Broadway). Signups 8 p.m., slamming 8:30 p.m. $5 fee for competitors, $2 donation for spectators. 619-230-1869. (EAST VILLAGE)

Author Sally Gary signs *Best Deals and Steals in San Diego: The Ultimate Consumer Guidebook to San Diego,* Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., at Tierrasanta Library (4985 La Cuenta Drive). Free. 858-573-1384. (TIERRASANTA)

Open-Mike Poetry hosted by Larry Dossey on Monday, November 14, at Twiggs Tea and Coffee (4590 Park Boulevard). Sign-ups at 7:45 p.m., open readings 8:15 p.m. Free. Bring a poem for publication consideration. 619-296-0616. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Self-Described *Wide-Eyed Wanderers* Amanda and Rich Ligato quit corporate jobs and traveled the world in their 1978 Volkswagen bus. Ligatos sign books, discuss their trek on Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Joyce Beers Community Center (1230 Vermont Street). Free. 619-409-8962. (HILLCREST)

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"Talk to the Hand: The Utter Bloody Rudeness of the World Today, or, Six Good Reasons to Stay Home and Bolt the Door" signed, discussed by Lynne Truss (author of *Eats, Shoots, and Leaves*), Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., at Warwick's Bookstore (7812 Girard Avenue; 858-454-0347). Free. (LA JOLLA)

UCSD Gospel Choir performs various styles of gospel music, other forms of sacred music of 20th-Century African-American experience in concert on Tuesday, November 15, 8 p.m., in UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. $8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

"Boston's French Secrets: Guided Walks That Reveal Boston's French Heritage" signed, discussed by Encinitas author Rhea Hollis Atwood on Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m., at Solana Beach Library (157 Stevens Avenue). Free. 858-755-1404. (SOLANA BEACH)

Short Stories Examining Legacies of Vietnam War are interlinked in Aimee Phan's first book *We Should Never Meet,* which she'll discuss and read from on Wednesday, November 16, 3 p.m., in room 107 of Social Sciences building at UCSD. Book was inspired by events of Operation Babylift in 1975. Free. 858-534-3276. (LA JOLLA)

The United States Air Force Stellar Brass Quintet (with percussion) performs popular band and orchestral classics, early jazz standards, solo works, more, Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Poetry and Art Showcase, featuring Larry Jaffe, modern dance by Xdrop, Giovanna Chesler's film *BeautcouS,* open mike, Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m., at San Diego Art Institute, Museum of the Living Artist (1439 El Prado). Music by Israel Maldonado and Shannon Bates. $5 donation. 619-977-2494. (BALBOA PARK)

Sex Researcher and bisexuality expert Fritz Klein, M.D., reads from and signs his first novel, *Life, Sex, and the Pursuit of Happiness,* Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m., at Obelisk Bookstore (1029 University Avenue). Free. 619-297-4171. (HILLCREST)

"Passion, Fire, and Grace," guitarist Chris Burton Jacome explores "the world of Flamenco" for Concert Hour series on Thursday, November 17, 12:30 p.m., in Palomar College Performance Lab (room D-10 at 1140 West Mission Road). Free. 760-744-1150 x2316. (SAN MARCOS)

Neil Simon's Comic Fable *Fools* is presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, November 10–12 (and 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)

Dan Zanes and Friends in concert on Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., at UCSD's Mandeville Auditorium. Zanes — former Del Fuegos singer and songwriter — plays "exuberant handmade music" for kids and audiences of all kinds. Tickets: $10 for those under 15, $20 general. 858-534-8497. (LA JOLLA)

Stand-Up Comedian Lewis Black and guest perform Saturday, November 19, 8 p.m., at Spreckels Theater (121 Broadway). Tickets: $34.75, $39.75, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

Henry Rollins Spoken-Word Tour brings political satire to 4th & B, Friday, November 25, 8 p.m. Tickets: $18.50 in advance, $20 at door, for those 21 and older. Find club at 345 B Street. Reservations: 619-231-4343. (DOWNTOWN)

SPORTS

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)

Pro-Am Surf Series competition, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, at Seaside Reef. 760-607-1225. (CARDIFF)

San Diego Gulls host Fresno Falcons on Saturday, November 12; and Bakersfield Condors on Thursday, November 17. Hockey starts at 7 p.m., at iPayOne Center. Tickets: $12 to $25, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (SPORTS ARENA)

Non-Watered-Down Eastern Styles Martial Arts demonstration, Saturday, November 12, 11:30 a.m., and Tuesday, November 15, 8:15 p.m., at Oom Yung Doe Traditional Martial Arts (114 Aberdeen Drive). Weapons "will be flying around…simple but effective self-defense techniques" taught. Free admission; $15 for personal lesson with master. 760-632-5008. (CARDIFF)

Fallbrook Hills Bicycle Ride hosted by Bicycle Touring Society, Sunday, November 13. Seventy-five-mile ride starts at 8:45 a.m. in upper parking lot at Moonlight Beach (at foot of Encinitas Boulevard). Free. 619-561-3846. (ENCINITAS)

The Silver Strand Half Marathon and 5k run is Sunday, November 13, 7 a.m. Half-marathon runs from Sunset Park in Coronado to Imperial Beach



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Tour de San Carlos offered by Knickerbikers bicyclists on Sunday, November 13. Twenty-five miler for "tourists" starts at 9 a.m. in parking lot at Vons (at Lake Murray and Baltimore). Free. 619-466-0359. (SAN CARLOS)

Mountain Biking Intro Tour offered by Hike Bike Kayak San Diego, Sunday, November 13, 1 p.m., in Peñasquitos Canyon. $45 fee includes "very patient instructors," mountain bikes, route tips, handling skills. Reservations: 858-551-9510. (PENASQUITOS CANYON)

Shelter Island 5K Run/Walk, Sunday, November 13, 7:30 a.m., near Holiday Inn (4875 North Harbor Drive). 619-298-7400. Day-of-event registration at 6 a.m. (SHELTER ISLAND)

SPECIAL

A Group of Gaden Shartse Tibetan Monks from Southern India are in North County through Sunday, November 20, planning a variety of "sacred Earth and healing arts" events. The monks trek to U.S. annually to raise money for their monastic college.

Among the events: sand mandala on Thursday and Friday, November 10 and 11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Seaside Church of Religious Science (1613 Lake Drive). Blessing and distribution of mandala sand starts at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 13. Donation.

Also at Seaside Church, stage performance of ancient symbolic dances with monks dressed in traditional Tibetan costumes, traditional Tibetan chanting, instrumentation on Saturday, November 12, 7 p.m. Tickets: $15 in advance, $20 at door. 760-753-5786.

Monks create a second sand mandala at E Street Café, 128 West E Street. Opening ceremony on Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m.; mandala making on Thursday and Friday, November 17 and 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mandala is swept up during dissolution ceremony on Sunday, November 20, 11 a.m. Donations appreciated. 760-230-2038. (ENCINITAS)

SnowJam Ski and Snowboard Expo runs November 11–13 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Skiing and snowboarding equipment and clothing, product demonstrations, resort representatives. Hours: 4 to 10 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. $14 general, free for those 12 and under. 951-587-6266. (DEL MAR)

Tattoo and Body Art Expo, November 11–13 at Del Mar Fairgrounds. Hours: 1 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. $19. 626-961-6522. (DEL MAR)

Veterans' Day Parade, Friday, November 11, 11 a.m. Free. Route: 619-239-2300. (DOWNTOWN)

"Inner Space/Outer Space" San Diego State University's College of Sciences annual open house and space exhibition is Saturday, November 12, 4 to 8 p.m. Peer through electron microscopes, see stars through telescopes on roof of building, see planetarium show, "show me" geology exhibit for kids, more. Free. 619-594-4523. (SDSU)

Fall Pottery Sale hosted by San Diego Potters' Guild, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Spanish Village Art Center. Sale boasts "thousands of handmade ceramics" by area potters, pot-throwing demonstrations. 619-239-0507. (BALBOA PARK)

Pup and Circumstance, Canine Companions for Independence host autumn graduation ceremony, Saturday, November 12, 3 p.m., at Mission San Luis Rey (4050 Mission Avenue). People with disabilities graduate with their new dogs. Free for spectators. 760-901-4300. (OCEANSIDE)

Fall Festival at Leo Carrillo Ranch is Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., promises chili cookoff, live music, jalapeño-eating contest, trick roping, line dancing, park tours, mechanical bull, arts and crafts, more. Admission is free; some activities require $5 charge. Find ranch at 6200 Flying LC Lane. 760-602-7512. (CARLSBAD)

Glass and Ceramics Sale by local artists, along with live demonstrations by a glass artist, Saturday, November 12, 8 a.m. to noon, directly behind Pannikin (120 North Court). Admission is free. 858-414-0088. (ENCINITAS)

Sixth Annual Julian Open Studios Tours, Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13. Participants tour studios where 19 artists create their work. Studios are located in vicinity of Julian; artists on hand to discuss their work and exhibit current projects. Maps (which serve as tickets) are $5. Locations: 760-765-9944, 760-765-1857. (JULIAN)

San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival, featuring over 100 wineries from around world, food from 50 San Diego restaurants, gourmet food companies — Saturday, November 12, noon to 4 p.m., in Embarcadero Park North. $85 per person. 619-342-7337. (DOWNTOWN)

Play Duplicate Bridge every day of week except Thursday and Sunday, 12:15 to 3:15 p.m., at Redwood Bridge Club (3111 Sixth Avenue). $2 per play. 619-296-4274. (BALBOA PARK)

The Annual Sailing of the *Star of India* takes place on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13. View the ship from vantage points along Point Loma, Shelter Island, Harbor Island, and spots along the San Diego coast. Ship leaves berth at 9 a.m., returns approximately 4 p.m. 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

"Light Eternal," an exhibit of new paintings by David Mooney exploring "how we experience God through the image, symbol, and parable of light," opens with reception on Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m., at Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church (6556 Park Ridge Boulevard). 619-281-3647. Free. (SAN CARLOS)

The 150th Anniversary of First Lighting of Old Point Loma Lighthouse is commemorated with celebration on Sunday, November 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Cabrillo National Monument. Staff and volunteers in 19th-Century clothing, tours of old lighthouse, 19th-Century children's games, 1800s music, more. 619-557-5450. (POINT LOMA)

Millionaires Market Game — this "interactive investment game" takes place Sunday, November 13, 1 p.m., at San Diego Convention Center (111 West Harbor Drive). $35 at door. Registration at 12:15 p.m. 310-947-1335. (DOWNTOWN)

"Character Rocks" is theme for Poway Fall Family Festival, on Midland Road at Poway Road, Sunday, November 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor booths, food court, kids' zone, live entertainment. Admission: free. 858-748-0016. (POWAY)

Shimmy While You Shop, bellydance swap meet with live drumming, Sunday, November 13, 1 to 4 p.m., at Egyptian Tea Room (4644 College Avenue). 619-265-7287. Free admission. (SDSU)

Meet a Black-Crowned Night Heron, screech owl, kestrel, or opossum on San Diego Wildlife Day, Sunday, November 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Park Boulevard and Presidents Way. Project Wildlife volunteers answer questions and talk about local wildlife, natural places. Free. 858-866-0555. (BALBOA PARK)

Free Yoga Day! Yoga Studio Carlsbad hosts "grand re-opening" festivities, Sunday, November 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with food, education, introductory yoga classes. Find studio at 3138 Roosevelt Street; 760-434-3469. (CARLSBAD)

The Backgammon Club of San Diego holds weekly tournaments every Tuesday, 6 p.m., at Coast Cafe (in Embassy Suites Hotel, 4550 La Jolla Village Drive). $20 entry, $10 reentry. 858-342-5533. (LA JOLLA)

Taste of the Triangle, Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m., at Marriott La Jolla. Over 20 restaurants offer samples of gourmet cuisine and dessert. Tickets — $40 in advance, $50 at door — benefit University City public schools. Reservations: 858-677-0989. (LA JOLLA)

Poetry | TWO POEMS FROM JAMES AGEE



James Agee

KNOXVILLE: SUMMER 1915

It has become the time of evening when people sit on their porches, rocking gently and talking gently and watching the street and the standing up into their sphere of possession of the trees, of birds' hung havens, hangars. People go by; things go by. A horse, drawing a buggy, breaking his hollow iron music on the asphalt; a loud auto; a quiet auto; people in pairs, not in a hurry, scuffling, switching their weight of aestival body, talking casually, the taste hovering over them of vanilla, strawberry, pasteboard and starched milk, the image upon them of lovers and horsemen, squared with clowns in hueless amber.

A streetcar raising its iron moan; stopping, belling and starting; stertorous; rousing and raising again its iron increasing moan and swimming its gold windows and straw seats on past and past and past, the bleak spark crackling and cursing above it like a small malignant spirit set to dog its tracks; the iron whine rises on rising speed; still risen, faints; halts; the faint stinging bell; rises again, still fainter, fainting, lifting, lifts, faints foregone: forgotten. Now is the night one blue dew.

Now is the night one blue dew, my father has drained, he has coiled the hose.

Low on the length of lawns, a frailing of fire who breathes...

Parents on porches: rock and rock. From damp strings morning glories hang their ancient faces.

The dry and exalted noise of the locusts from all the air at once enchants my eardrums.

On the rough wet grass of the back yard my father and mother have spread quilts. We all lie there, my mother, my father, my uncle, my aunt, and I too am lying there....They are not talking much, and the talk is quiet, of nothing in particular, of nothing at all. The stars are wide and alive, they seem each like a smile of great sweetness, and they seem very near. All my people are larger bodies than mine,...with voices gentle and meaningless like the voice of sleeping birds. One is an artist, he is living at home. One is a musician, she is living at home. One is my mother who is good to me. One is my father who is good to me. By some chance, here they are, all on this earth; and who shall ever tell the sorrow of being on this earth, lying, on quilts, on the grass, in a summer evening, among the sounds of the night. May God bless my people, my uncle, my aunt, my mother, my good father, oh, remember them kindly in their time of trouble; and in the hour of their taking away.

After a little I am taken in and put to bed. Sleep, soft smiling, draws me unto her: and those receive me, who quietly treat me, as one familiar and well-beloved in that home: but will not, oh, will not, not now, not ever; but will not ever tell me who I am.

– James Agee, from prologue to A Death in the Family

Both these pieces were set for voice by Samuel Barber and have been recorded by a variety of singers.

SURE ON THIS SHINING NIGHT

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.
The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
wand'ring far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

– James Agee from "Description of Elysium," in Agee's Permit Me Voyage, *a collection of Agee's poems published in 1934 as the 31st volume in the Yale Series of Younger Poets.*



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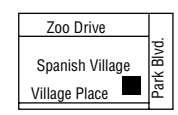

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Adventure Scholars Student Gallery Auction, Thursday, November 17, 7 to 10 p.m., at Art Center Building (740 13th Street, studio 315). Benefit honors ten local art students, includes showing of their artwork. $35 per person, $60 for two. 619-325-0949. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

FOR KIDS

"Fun With Fables and Modern Myths" presented by comic ventriloquist Lynn Trimble, at Marie Hitchcock Puppet Theater through Sunday, November 13. Weaver's Tales spin tale of *Rumplestiltskin,* November 16–20.

Performances Wednesday–Friday, 10 and 11:30 a.m.; 11 a.m., 1, and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Find the theater near Aerospace Museum. Admission: $3 for children, $4 seniors, $5 general. 619-544-9203. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Last Days of the Wolf," an original musical by Graham Russo, is presented by San Diego Children's Theatre November 11–13 at Mission Hills United Christ Church (4070 Jackdaw Street). Piece intertwines *Peter and the Wolf, The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood,* and *Three Little Pigs.* Show starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. $7. 619-920-2838. (MISSION HILLS)

Musicals for Children...By Children, singers, dancers, and actors aged 8–18 perform in Christian Youth Theater productions. *Snoopy!* is presented at California Center for the Arts, Escondido (340 North Escondido Boulevard), November 11–20. Tickets: $12 for adults, $10 for kids 3–19. Reservations: 619-588-0206 or 800-696-1929. (ESCONDIDO)

"Music Plays with Dance" during San Diego Symphony Family Festival, Saturday, November 12, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Selections from *Sleeping Beauty, Alice in Wonderland,* "Can-Can," dancing by California Ballet, Eveoke Dance Theatre. Tickets: $7–22, $30 for family of six. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Junior Naturalist Training for kids seven to ten years old is Saturday, November 12, at Rancho Bernardo Community Park (18448 West Bernardo Drive). Interactive games, sensory awareness exercises, discovery hike. Sessions begin at 10 a.m., noon. Bring lunch. Free. Reservations: 858-674-2275 x14. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

The Frizz and Creepy, Crawly Friends offered on Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m., at San Diego Natural History Museum. Unravel mysteries of arachnids.

"Terrific Tarantulas" take spotlight at 1 p.m. on 12th. Fee for either class: $15. Reservations: 619-255-0203. (BALBOA PARK)

Learn About Beach Critters at Tourmaline Beach when San Diego Natural History Museum hosts Tidepooling for Kids on Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m. Fee: $24 per child/adult pair, $13 per additional child. Registration: 619-255-0203. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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

All Aboard! The Chula Vista Live Steam Club provides train rides, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, at Rohr Park (4548 Sweetwater Road). Donation: 50 cents. Children under 48" must be accompa-



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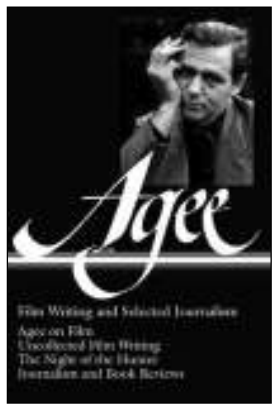
James Agee: Film Writing and Selected Journalism, Volume One; James Agee: Let Us Now Praise Famous Men, A Death in the Family, Shorter Fiction, Volume Two



Edited by Michael Sragow
Library of America, 2005; $75; 748 pages; 818 pages

FROM THE DUST JACKET:
VOLUME ONE: A passionate literary innovator, eloquent in language and uncompromising in his social observation and his pursuit of emotional truth, James Agee (1909–1955) excelled as novelist, critic, journalist, and screenwriter. In his brief, often turbulent life, he left enduring evidence of his unwavering intensity, observant eye, and sometimes savage wit.

This volume collects his fiction along with his extraordinary experiment in what might be called prophetic journalism, *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* (1941), a collaboration with photographer Walker Evans that began as an assignment from *Fortune* magazine to report on the lives of Alabama sharecroppers, and that expanded into a vast and unique mix of reporting, poetic meditation, and anguished self-revelation that Agee described as "an effort in human actuality." A 64-page photo insert reproduces Evans's now iconic photographs from the expanded 1960 edition.

A Death in the Family, the Pulitzer Prize–winning novel that he worked on for over a decade and that was published posthumously in 1957, re-creates Agee's childhood in Knoxville, Tennessee, and the upheaval his family experienced after his father's death in a car accident when Agee was six years old.

This volume also includes *The Morning Watch* (1951), an autobiographical novella that reflects Agee's deep involvement with religious questions, and three short stories including the remarkable allegory "A Mother's Tale."

VOLUME TWO: James Agee brought to bear all his moral energy, slashing wit, and boundless curiosity in the criticism and journalism that established him as one of the commanding literary voices of America at mid-century. In 1944 W.H. Auden called Agee's film reviews for *The Nation* "the most remarkable regular event in American journalism today." Those columns, along with much of the movie criticism that Agee wrote for *Time* through most of the 1940s, were collected posthumously in *Agee on Film: Reviews and Comments*, undoubtedly the most influential writings on film by an American.

Whether reviewing a Judy Garland musical or a wartime documentary, assessing the impact of Italian neorealism or railing against the compromises in a Hollywood adaptation of Hemingway, Agee always wrote of movies as a pervasive, profoundly significant part of modern life, a new art whose classics (Chaplin, Dovzhenko, Vigo) he revered and whose betrayal in the interests of commerce or propaganda he often deplored. If his frequent disappointments could be registered in acid tones, his enthusiasms were expressed with passionate eloquence. This Library of America volume supplements the classic pieces from *Agee on Film* with previously uncollected writings on Ingrid Bergman, the Marx Brothers, Alfred Hitchcock's *Lifeboat*, Vittorio De Sica's *Shoeshine*, and a wealth of other cinematic subjects.

Agee's own work as a screenwriter is represented by his script for Charles Laughton's unique and haunting masterpiece of Southern gothic, *The Night of the Hunter*, adapted from the novel by Davis Grubb. This collection also includes examples of Agee's masterfully probing reporting for *Fortune* – on subjects as diverse as the Tennessee Valley Authority, commercial orchids, and cockfighting – and a sampling of his literary reviews, among them appreciations of William Faulkner, Virginia Woolf, S.J. Perelman, and William Carlos Williams.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY:
Washington Post: These two volumes of the Library of America cap Agee's long progress upward. They contain virtually everything that an ordinary reader might want to read, excepting the marvelous self-portrait of the young artist contained in the *Letters to Father Flye* (posthumously published in 1962). On the other hand, editor Michael Sragow compensates for this omission by adding a hundred pages of hitherto uncollected movie reviews, as well as a choice selection of book pieces.

Library Journal: Volume 2 is a sumptuous gathering of film reviews originally published in *The Nation* and *Time*, as well as some that have not appeared in previous collections. The range of these pieces is impressive, covering movies as varied as *Lifeboat, The Song of Bernadette*, and *The Enchanted Cottage* and focusing on every film personality imaginable; all of them bear the imprint of Agee's distinctive analytical and literary style. Additional works include the renowned essay on silent film comedy that appeared in *Life*, as well as literary reviews, reportage on subjects from orchids to cockfighting, and a screenplay for Charles Laughton's *The Night of the Hunter*. The accompanying notes and chronology are quite helpful.

ABOUT THE EDITOR:
Michael Sragow, editor, is the film critic for the Baltimore *Sun* and author of a forthcoming biography of Victor Fleming. His reviews and essays have appeared in numerous magazines and news-

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nied by an adult. 619-421-5227. (BONITA)

"Kid City" Celebrates First Birthday with party on Thursday, November 17, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. Kid-oriented activities and entertainment at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., cake-cutting at noon, more. Included in regular admission. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" is presented by theater school students at North Coast Repertory Theatre, November 17–20, at NCRT (987-D Lomas Santa Fe). Classic tale of love, faith, heroism, courage, and giving is based on C.S. Lewis book. Curtain rises at 7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, with 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets: $12 general, $9 for children. 858-481-1055. (SOLANA BEACH)

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

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

Campo Railroad Museum, showcasing more than 115 years of American railroad heritage and development through static and operating exhibits, the museum includes cabooses, steam and diesel locomotives, track motorcars, "Jim Crow" segregated passenger cars.

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Chinese Historical Society and Museum, over 50 cloisonné pieces dating from late Qing Dynasty to early Republic of China featured in "Cloisonné: Perfect Fusion," continuing through Wednesday, November 16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

House of Pacific Relations, International Cottages are open every Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. to present the history and traditions of 30 ethnic groups. Select cottages open on fourth Tuesday of the month,

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE EDITOR:

Editor Michael Sragow was on his cell phone, seated on an Amtrak Metroliner that was taking him from New York to his home in Baltimore, and I was at home in California, when we talked. Born in 1952 in a hospital in Queens and reared in a small town in Southern Long Island, Sragow left high school a year early to go to New York University's film school. After a year at NYU Professor Sragow transferred to Harvard and studied history and literature. The professor did his thesis in history and literature on John Huston; it was the first undergraduate thesis on a film figure allowed.

In 1992 *The Harvard Advocate* did an Agee commemorative issue and Professor Sragow wrote his first piece about Agee for that publication. Agee, also a Harvard student, was president of *The Harvard Advocate*.

Agee died in 1955, 45 years old. "He died on almost the same date of the year as did his father, which was freaky. [His father died in an auto accident on May 16, 1916; Agee died also on May 16.] It was the big event of his early life, his father's death, and then he, Agee, has a heart attack in a New York taxicab and dies. But he was still very prominent in people's minds when I was in school. I first read him in high school."

The professor explained that while he still lived at home, his mother, who had been a Navy nurse in World War II, went back to school. On her way to class, she dropped young Sragow in the college library. Sragow, by then a film fan, discovered in that library *Agee on Film* (published in 1958 and 1960 in two volumes by McDowell & Obolensky – the second volume contained five of Agee's film scripts).

"The first volume was *Film Criticism,* and I immediately took that off the shelf and began reading, and it was just thrilling. I hadn't seen many of those movies yet, but he was able to evoke them vividly. They were completely exciting.

"I found Agee's writing much closer to the sensation of actually seeing movies than other writing, and also he was such a great writer. Even if he's not writing about movies, he writes about themes and stories in his other journals and in his fiction.

"Anyway, I just grabbed onto that volume. One of my brothers gave me a copy for my next birthday and I never let go. When I was in film school, he was still a huge topic of conversation, and when I went into Harvard, where I studied history and literature, he was even more so. The 1960 reissue of *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* became a huge success, much more of course than the original, which was first published in 1941 and sold 600 copies. He became very important for students of sociology and history. You can't underestimate his influence on journalism.

"He covers the waterfront – intellectually and emotionally. There were three editors of that Agee *Advocate* issue; one of them Peter Galassi, who went onto become an authority on still photography."

"It seemed to me when I read *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men: Three Tenant Families* for the first time that it was Agee more than Truman Capote who 'fathered' what we now call the 'New Journalism.'"

"Oh, absolutely. There is a much more direct influence of Agee on journalists – he put himself into the middle of the story. But did it in a way that was much more profound than most of the new journalists who followed did."

"Agee's approach to his subjects is so tenderly intimate. He often seems on his very knees before the subject, whether that subject is a person, an object, or an idea."

"Right. He was such a morally aware person. The whole idea of how his presence is affecting the lives of these people whom he's trying to capture in utter loving detail, becomes a huge part of *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*. That book becomes about his self-discovery and his own discovery of the limits of journalism and of that kind of writing.

"At the same time, Agee's writing never ceases to be about the lives of the people about whom he is writing, which is something that other writers who put themselves into the story often don't get. They think they merely are engaging with the reader in a more direct way, whereas with Agee it was a psychological and theological, architectural dig through all the layers of experience. So it was just a whole other – it was just amazing."

"It was a form of worship."

"That's true. And of course that can be one of the drawbacks of his writing and that can be what clots it up sometimes. There's something pure about it. Even when you put it down, you want to pick it up again, but you do have to put it down now and then.

"My wife is from mountain country in Kentucky, and although she loves Agee's writing, she always felt that that worshipful part of *Let Us Know Praise Famous Men* in some ways was off-putting to people, who would be too matter-of-fact to make as much of their lives as does Agee. There is the sense that he turns a recognizable rural milieu into something too elevated. But he wrestles with that. That becomes part of what the book is about.

"The deeper you get into that book the more exciting it is because all these issues are being played out. It's brilliant. *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* is a book that shows you whether you love Agee or merely think he's a great writer."

We talked then about the two volumes that Professor Sragow has edited. "In both volumes I tried to give a sense of the whole sway of Agee's career. He did all this writing that people might not know about now. That's one reason I wanted to put some of the shorter journalism in, because he could do these compressed, brief, news briefs that still have their poignancy and all their eloquence – war-time pieces about the death of FDR and the splitting of the atom."

"Who were the film critics before Agee?"

"A lot of gifted people wrote about film. Vachel Lindsay, famously, who is a poet. Otis Ferguson was a first rate critic; he'd also been a jazz critic. Alistair Cook actually was a good film critic."

"When you were young, did you ever go look at a film and then go home and read what Agee had to say about it?"

"More often, I would read Agee and then hunt out the film; older films weren't as available as they are now."

Professor Sragow started to write about film before he went

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Children around the World videos are shown in Hall of Nations, fourth Tuesday of every month. 619-538-4069. (BALBOA PARK)

J.A. Cooley Museum, an eclectic collection of items — including displays on phonographs, clocks, electric trains, and 20 other types of collections — is featured at the museum. The current featured attraction is an "Industrial Product Collection," with examples of the historical progression of auto technology from 1886-1915, with "some classics and a concept car."

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

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

Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum, housed in a historic building, the museum features five permanent galleries with artifacts, uniforms, vehicles, weapons, and photographs depicting Marine Corps history. The museum is located in Building 26 at MCRD, just inside Gate 4, off Pacific Highway. 619-524-6038. (MIDWAY)

Parsonage Museum of Lemon Grove, "Domestic Life in Lemon Grove: 1900–1950" features dozens of vintage photographs along with handmade quilts, kitchen tools, the original 1894 school bell, a rope Jenny Lind bed, a doctor's "house call" implements, much more, from Lemon Grove homes and ranches. Through Monday, July 31. Find the museum at 3185 Olive Street; 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, "Einstein and the Miraculous Year" commemorates 1905, known in the world of physics as the *annus miribilis* (the miracle year). During that year, Einstein wrote five revolutionary scientific papers. Exhibition features images, text, hands-on exhibits exploring some of Einstein's revolutionary ideas. Through December.

Ongoing exhibitions include "The Swing of Things: The Science of Motion and Perception" (closing Sunday, June 4, 2006), "San Diego Science Showcase," "Kid City" (designed for preschoolers), "The Best of Symmetry and Signals," "TrySCIence!" and "Skyscapes." "Comet Impact" is theme for motion-simulator ride. "Night on Dream Mountain" is the current planetarium show. Films are shown daily in the IMAX theater. 619-238-1233. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Archaeological Center, "Moments in Time: An Exhibition of San Diego History" examines significant events in American history as lived by San Diegans and recorded by artifacts they left behind. Continues through January 2006. The museum is dedicated to "curation of archaeological projects and sharing them with the public." Find center at 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road; 760-291-0370. (ESCONDIDO)

San Diego Automotive Museum, more than 80 automobiles and motorcycles from horseless carriages to future prototypes are included in the museum's permanent collection. Find the museum near the Starlight Bowl; 619-231-2886. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Hall of Champions, ongoing exhibits include "Bird Watching — Tony Hawk in Flight," "Surfing in San Diego," exhibits of baseball card art, fencing, local rugby history. The museum —dedicated to promoting, recognizing, and preserving athletic achievement — is located at 2131 Pan American Plaza. 619-234-2544. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Historical Society Museum, "Developing San Diego: Making History Every Day" features a "now and then"-style view of San Diego. Exhibit "illustrates the changes to our built and natural environments over a long period of time." Thirty contemporary photographs by Chris Travers are accompanied by historical images from Booth Historical Photograph Archives and text by Will

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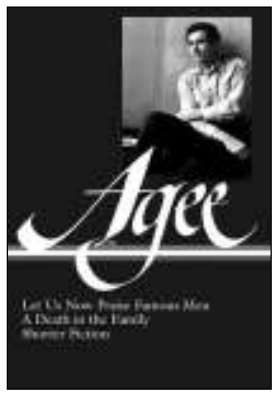

into film school. "There was a small film magazine published out of the Bleeker Street Cinema, which is no longer there, but in the basement of the Bleeker Street Cinema there was a small magazine called *Film Society Review*. I had just seen *The Wild Bunch* [1969] and thought it was the greatest movie ever made. Which I still do. I wrote this long piece defending it, and that was what got me started in film. So there we are."

From 1933 to 1948, Agee, off and on, worked for Time-Life, both for *Fortune* and *Time* magazines [where, at the latter, he shared office space with Whittaker Chambers]. I asked, "Do you think that the Luce outfit knew what they had in Agee?"

"They did. Luce himself had been interested in Agee as one of his most naturally gifted writers and, of course, his way of showing that was to try to enroll him in a business school. That's true. When he was at *Fortune*. And of course *Time* then had a whole slew of good writers during the Depression."

"I always thought it was so weird, his hanging out with Whittaker Chambers."

"Apparently he liked characters, and Whittaker Chambers certainly was that. We laugh now at the middlebrow aspect of *Time*, or, people used to laugh at what used to be called 'middlebrow,' for trying to bring culture to the masses. But there was a truly higher aspiration than what they have now.

"So they did know what they had. It was unfortunate that he spent so much of his energy there. The unfortunate part of all that he wrote at *Time* is that when *Time-Life* books were still around, they surely should have published an illustrated history of '40s movies and used Agee's reviews as the spine of it.

"It's interesting to go through that stuff. I thought it was important to show how Agee knew about all parts of movies. He knew as much about acting as anybody. Also he was a real World War II home-front writer. Much of what he wrote was about the documentaries that were coming out then. He lavished great attention on them. He was always talking about the importance of capturing the real experience of battle and of the cost of battle. It made you realize that the 24-hour news that we get of contemporary warfare almost devalues its impact. Whereas, if you were in the dark theater [during World War II and soon after] seeing films of battles and the European or the Pacific fronts, it was much more momentous. Agee's writing on those films is a great record of what that was like."

"Why was Agee such a womanizer?"

"I'm not his biographer, and I just don't know. I hope there's a good biography of Agee to come out."

"The first biography – *James Agee: A Life* by Laurence Bergreen – wasn't much."

"It's tough to do first biographies of anybody, but Bergreen did such obvious and bad things – two of the short stories included in Volume I, which Agee wrote for *The Advocate,* are cited as if they were diary entries. They're not even labeled as short stories in the index.

"I was reading through it and I saw these passages from these short stories. They were just used as if Agee was saying what happened to him on his summer vacation one year from Harvard. It breaks every rule of biography, or literature for that matter.

"But as to the womanizing, obviously women found Agee very attractive. He was extraordinarily eloquent, he had a great presence. You look at the photos of him and he was obviously a terrifically rugged kind of guy. Now, what he found in each of these relationships with the women...I would like to read more about that from someone who was less automatically appalled by his behavior.

"In his own bohemian way he worked at these relationships. He took various steps to try to save each of his three marriages. The final marriage was the lasting one, even if – apparently – he was still womanizing in the midst of it. It seems as if they had some understanding of each other that transcended that. He was out of a bohemian time and lived in places like New York in Greenwich Village, where people were making these statements by living their life that way. It's hard to take it out of context and get very moralistic about it. Everything troubled him morally."

Three years after Agee's father's death in 1916, Agee was enrolled in St. Andrew's School, a boarding school for boys established by the Episcopal Church's Order of the Holy Cross near Sewanee, Tennessee. Agee grew close to Father Flye and his wife. The two corresponded for the remainder of Agee's life. These letters were published in 1961. I asked the professor why he decided not to include the letters in his two volumes.

"Every work that we published we wanted to publish complete, and at that point it was a question of space. Had we had a third volume, that certainly would have been one of the things we would have looked at. I love the letters to Father Flye.

"I felt it was important to get out all of his major fiction. Including the *Morning Watch*, which after all was the only major work of fiction he saw to the end. And then the short stories, which are two of the best things he ever wrote, and *The Mother's Tale*, which is an amazing parable. And obviously influenced by World War II and the Holocaust and yet not in any stupid simple way. Once you did that, it became, 'Well, there are his other great contributions.' His other great contributions are the film criticism – his manner of writing film criticism influenced all of the best criticism, that, for instance, of Pauline Kael. He had too a relatively unsung influence on the journalists who followed him and the New Journalism.

"It's funny, one interesting thing about the background to the collection is that it started when I had lunch with Max Rudin, the publisher of the Library of America. He and I went to the same high school. He was the charter member of the cinema club that I'd founded with a great English teacher who was a huge fan of James Agee's. I had lunch with Max and he said, 'You should do Agee for Library of America, and I could edit it for you.'

"We're ripe for the appreciation of Agee. The individual was important to him. Even when he was writing about the mass culture, the individual soul was treasured."

– Judith Moore

> "Why was Agee such a womanizer?"

Chandler. Continues through May 2006.

"Romp! Children Discover Balboa Park" focuses on why Balboa Park exists, examines the 1915-16 and 1935-36 Expositions, and includes exhibits, attractions, and "marvels that were found in the monumental buildings created to showcase the West." Historic film footage allows visitors to tour the Ford Building as it existed in 1935 and see displays and machinery that were there.

The museum is located in the Casa de Balboa building; 619-232-6203. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Maritime Museum, the museum features permanent exhibits documenting the history of San Diego's waterfront and the building of the West Coast by sea, the old San Diego-Coronado ferryboats, the tuna fishing industry, and the military. The museum fleet consists of the 1863 bark *Star of India,* the 1898 San Francisco ferryboat *Berkeley,* and the 1904 Scottish steam yacht *Medea.* The H.M.S. *Surprise,* used in film *Master and Commander,* is permanently on exhibit; see artifacts, costumes, props used in making of the flick. Also open for touring: a B-39 Soviet attack submarine, among the largest conventionally powered submarines ever built. This Project 641/Foxtrot class diesel-electric submarine was designed to track U.S. and NATO warships throughout the Earth's oceans. There are also nautical exhibits, ship carpenters, model building, ships in bottles, woodcarvers, and a complete research library.

"The Spirit of Sailing," an exhibit of photographs capturing "the romance of tall ship sailing" by Michael Kahn, closes Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

The museum is located at 1306 North Harbor Drive, along the Embarcadero at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Ash Street; 619-234-9153. (DOWNTOWN)

San Diego Museum of Man, in celebration of its 90th anniversary, "Passage to Panama: Past to Present" and "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama" continue through April 2006. "Being Kuna" centers on importance of form and beauty for Kuna in everyday life, narratives, ritual and healing, and visual arts. Display includes *molas,* colorful and richly decorated appliqué fabrics. "Passage" documents culture of Embera, Wounaan, and Ngöbe with ethnographic materials, cultural items, photographs.

"Frozen in Time: Life in the Pleistocene Age" explores how humans survived the extreme cold, how their cultural and social behavior was affected by climate, and how artistic expression became part of their daily lives. Exhibit includes casts of rare Ice Age animal fossils, cast replica of complete Neanderthal skeleton, Ice Age artifacts and ceremonial objects. Through January 2006.

Permanent anthropology exhibit "Footsteps through Time: Four Million Years of Human Evolution" features "more than a hundred touchable replicas of early humans, primates, and futuristic cyborgs (part human, part machine)." 619-239-2001. (BALBOA PARK)

San Diego Tug Boat Museum, a 100-foot retired Korean War-era tug boat built in 1951 is open for tours at museum. Boat is docked along Harbor Drive, between Grape Street and Broadway. 619-200-7417. (DOWNTOWN)

San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park commemorates the clash (on December 6, 1846) during the Mexican War between the U.S. Dragoons, bolstered by sailors and volunteers from San Diego, and California militia. Narrated slide-show screens throughout the day, telling the story of the war in Mexico and California. Self-guided tour recounts the events of the battle and profiles the leaders of the forces and also describes the lives of the Indians indigenous to the valley. The museum is found at 15808 San Pasqual Valley Road. 760-737-2201. (ESCONDIDO)

Valley Center History Museum, the museum features an educational exhibition centered around a California grizzly bear, described as "the only one on view in San Diego." Also on view: model of an 1862 settler's cabin, collection of Indian baskets, and aerospace display. Find the museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. 760-749-2993. (VALLEY CENTER)

Villa Montezuma, built in 1887 for internationally celebrated author and musician Jesse Shepard, serves as both a historical house museum and cultural center. Find the museum at 1925 K Street (at 20th Street). Call 619-239-2211 for more information. (SHERMAN HEIGHTS)

William Heath Davis House Museum, said to be the oldest surviving structure in the new town area of downtown San Diego, the house is a well-preserved example of a pre-framed lumber "salt box" family home shipped from the East Coast to California by boat around Cape Horn in 1850. Find the museum at 410 Island Avenue (at Fourth Avenue); 619-233-4692. (GASLAMP QUARTER)

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Emmerich Kálmán's 1924 operetta *Countess Maritza* is next production for Lyric Opera San Diego, with singing by American soprano Andrea Huber, tenor Chad Johnson, and many others.

Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 11, Thursday, November 17, and Saturday, November 19; 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays, November 13 and 20, at Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre (2895 University Avenue). Tickets: $26–$40. 619-239-8836. (NORTH PARK)

Favorite Arias and Duets by Puccini, Rossini, Verdi, and company promised when singers of SDSU Opera Theatre perform for "Music at Lee" series, Friday, November 11, 7 p.m., at H. Lee House Cultural Center (3205 Olive Street). $8. 619-460-4353. (LEMON GROVE)

"Rawls Sings Sinatra...Rawls Sings Rawls" presented by Lou Rawls for Winter Pops series with San Diego Symphony on Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, 8 p.m., Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Tickets: $20–$65. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Faculty Piano Recital by Scott Walton, Friday, November 11, 8 p.m., in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). $10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

Fall Concert by Point Loma Nazarene University Chamber Music Ensembles, Friday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

An Evening of Cello, Guitar, vocals promised by teens Marissa Henry and Julia Shu on Friday, November 11, 7 p.m., at Somewhere Else Coffeehouse and Bookstore (330 North Magnolia). Free. 619-441-0480. (EL CAJON)

Haydn's "Cello Concerto No. 1 in C Major" and "Symphony No. 15" by Shostakovich may be heard when cellist Alban Gerhardt and Los Angeles Philharmonic perform for La Jolla Music Society, Saturday, November 12, 8 p.m., at Civic Theatre (202 C Street). Tickets: $20–$105. Reservations: 858-459-3728. (DOWNTOWN)

"Music Plays With Dance" during San Diego Symphony Family Festival, Saturday, November 12, 2 p.m., in Copley Symphony Hall (750 B Street). Selections from *Sleeping Beauty, Alice in Wonderland,* "Can-Can," dancing by California Ballet, Eveoke Dance Theatre. Tickets: $7–22, $30 for family of six. Reservations: 619-235-0804. (DOWNTOWN)

Quintets for Piano and Winds by Mozart and Beethoven performed by San Diego Chamber Music Society for Winter Concert Series on Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m., in Schulman Auditorium at Carlsbad City Library (1775 Dove Lane). Donation: $5. 760-602-2026. (LA COSTA)

From Bach to Howells, Franck and Vierne, organist Steven Gray plays completed 48-rank Schantz organ in concert on Sunday, November 13, 7 p.m., at Clairemont Lutheran Church (4271 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard). 858-273-7423. Offering. (CLAIREMONT)

Classical and Broadway Music may be heard when Bryan Verhoye and Sara Suhonen perform Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m., at James Edgar and Jean Jessop Hervey Library (Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street). 619-531-1539. (POINT LOMA)

"An Evening of Praise" promised when organist Tom Leonard and Resolved Male Quartet perform with pianist Sharon Esqueda, Sunday, November 13, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church (320 Date Street). 619-232-7513. Offering. (DOWNTOWN)

Works by J.S. Bach, Duruflé, Bruhns, Sweelinck, Alain, Vierne, others promised when organist David Phillips throws it down on Sunday, November 13, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Offering. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Piano Trios by Dvořák, Beethoven, and Shostakovich played during chamber music concert by Alyze Dreiling (violin), Angela Yeung (cello), Myron Fink (piano). Concert begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, in French Parlor of Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). $10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

All Manner of a Cappella Music — ranging from Gregorian chant to modern music — promised when King of Kings Chamber Choir performs Sunday, November 13, 4 p.m., at North Coast United Methodist Church (1501 Kelly Street). Donation. Turkey dinner follows ($6.50 general). 760-439-4099. (OCEANSIDE)

"Music at the Madeleine," San Diego Children's Choir performs Sunday, November 13, 3 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street). Free. 619-276-1041. (SAN DIEGO)

Civic Organist Emeritus Robert Plimpton performs in concert at Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Sunday, November 13, 2 p.m. Free. 619-702-8138. (BALBOA PARK)

Selections by Schubert, Takemitsu, Debussy, and de Falla promised when Päivikki Nykter (viola) performs with Anna Savvas (piano) for mini-concert at noon on Monday, November 14, at Athenaeum Music and Arts Library (1008 Wall Street). 858-454-5872. Free. (LA JOLLA)

Music for Piano and Winds on tap when San Diego Chamber Music Society plays pieces by Mozart, Beethoven for Fall Chamber Concert Series, Monday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., at Chula Vista Library (365 F Street). Free. 619-691-5069. (CHULA VISTA)

Violin Concert by Päivikki Nykter, Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., in Crill Performance Hall, Point Loma Nazarene University (3900 Lomaland Drive). Free. 619-849-2325. (POINT LOMA)

From Arias to Abba, the Ten Tenors in concert November 15–20, at San Diego Civic Theatre (202 C Street). See the Australian group at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; at 7 p.m. on Wednesday; at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; at 2 p.m. on Saturday; 1 and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets: $19–$60, available through Ticketmaster (619-220-TIXS). (DOWNTOWN)

The United States Air Force Stellar Brass Quintet (with percussion) performs popular band and orchestral classics, early jazz standards, solo works, more, Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of San Diego (2111 Camino del Rio South). Free. 619-297-4366. (MISSION VALLEY)

Aaron Copland's "Music for Movies" and Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony (No. 8)" performed by UCSD chamber orchestra on Wednesday, November 16, 8 p.m., in Recital Hall at UCSD's Mandeville Center. $8 general. 858-534-4830. (LA JOLLA)

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GALLERIES

"A Being of Intermittencies — Between Already and Not Yet," installations by Sarah Doherty open with reception on Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m., in Fine Art Galleries at Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). 619-260-4261. Through Thursday, December 15. (LINDA VISTA)

"Rock n' Roadshow," exhibit of work by "rock legends" Jerry Garcia, Ronnie Wood, Grace Slick, Janis Joplin opens Thursday, November 10, 6 p.m., at Fingerhut Gallery (1205 Prospect Street). Closes Sunday, November 20. 858-456-9912. (LA JOLLA)

"33° South/33° North," exhibition of photographs by Bill Timmerman opens with reception on Friday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Joseph Bellows Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue). Also on view through Friday, December 23, is Abelardo Morrell's series of photographs of books. 858-456-5620. (LA JOLLA)

"Looking Forward With the Past" — offering "a look onto the landscape of" printmaker Sfona Pelah's world, whose "traditional printed images are now embroidered and augmented with landscape and detail captured from the real environment" — is on view through Friday, December 23, in Simayspace at Art Academy of San Diego (840 G Street). Reception: Friday, November 11, 6 p.m. 619-231-3900. (DOWNTOWN)

"Vanity Fair" by Irma Sofia Poeter opens with reception on Friday, November 11, 6 p.m., at David Zapf Gallery (2400 Kettner Boulevard; 619-232-5004). Closes on Friday, November 10. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Collision" by Lincoln Schatz opens with reception on Friday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Quint Contemporary Art (7739 Drury Lane, between Kline and Silverado). Through December. 858-454-3409. (LA JOLLA)

"Linear Logic," group show with new paintings by Charles Arnoldi, Richard Allen Morris, and Thomas Zitzwitz opens with reception for artists on Friday, November 11, 5 p.m., at R.B. Stevenson Gallery (7661 Girard Avenue, suite 201). Closes Friday, December 23. 858-459-3917. (LA JOLLA)

Paintings by four artists from San Diego, New York, and Miami go on view during reception on Friday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Scott White Contemporary Art (2400 Kettner Boulevard, loft 238). Through Friday, December 23. 619-501-5689. (LITTLE ITALY)

Group Show with work by Mireille Des Rosiers, Newt Grover, Rob Verhees, Jerome White, Brandi Aguilera, Joe Ray opens with reception, Friday, November 11, 6 p.m., at Gallery 680 (in Dutra Brown building, 680 West Beech Street). 619-233-3769. (LITTLE ITALY)

"Entropic Kitsch," sculptural installation by James Ellsworth Noland III goes on view with reception on Saturday, November 12, 6 p.m., at Axis Mundi Gallery (635 Seventh Avenue). Closes Sunday, November 20. 619-665-1482. (DOWNTOWN)

"Diorama" — exhibit of photographs by Philipp Scholz Rittermann and art glass by Robert Verhees is on view through Saturday, December 3, at Distinction Artist Studios and Gallery (317 East Grand Avenue). Meet duo during reception with music and open studios slated for Saturday, November 12, 5 p.m. 760-781-5779. (ESCONDIDO)

"C-Note — Cash and Carry," 25 artists contribute over 75 works of art to show, sale opening with reception on Saturday, November 12, 7 to 11 p.m., at Limbo (1432 University Avenue; 619-295-5393). Pieces range from $100–$400. Closes Sunday, November 20. (HILLCREST)

Ocean-Themed Art exhibit by glass engraver Nancy Arthur McGehee, metalsmith Vi Tang, painter Susan E. Roden, includes reception on Saturday, November 12, 6 p.m., at Sharp Gallery (3807 Ray Street). Proceeds benefit San Diego Oceans Foundation. 619-523-1903. Exhibit closes Friday, December 9. (NORTH PARK)

"Glass! Glass! Glass!" See glass furniture, sculpture, vessels, jewelry in exhibit on view through Monday, January 2, at Shiva Artistic Collections (115 West Grand Avenue). Glass mosaic demonstration by Amber Irwin (2 p.m.), reception at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 12. 760-745-7835. (ESCONDIDO)

"Saskaa," a photographic exhibition by Aleksandra Saska Mutic including "First Memory" and "Little Reminders" collections, is on view through November at Space at Soup or Salad Gallery (4646 Park Boulevard). Reception for artist: Saturday, November 12, 7 p.m. 619-294-7687, 619-252-9711. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

"Bonnie's Altered Undies," described as a "collection of funderwear" by Bonnie Cady, opens with reception on Saturday, November 12, 2 to 5 p.m., at Gee Gee's Stamps n' Stuff Gallery (2965 State Street). 760-729-1779. Through November. (CARLSBAD)

"Spirit and Flesh," collection of photos on canvas and prints by Gunther Allen opens with reception on Saturday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., and continues through November at Adams Avenue Studio of the Arts (2804 Adams Avenue). 619-584-3593. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Conflicts and Struggles Brought on by War explored in paintings by Ernest Silva, an exhibition opening with reception on Tuesday, November 15, 11 a.m., in MiraCosta College's Kruglak Gallery (in student center at One Barnard Drive). Gallery is closed November 23 and 24. 760-795-6657. Closes Thursday, December 8. (OCEANSIDE)

"Bound/Unbound," exhibition of photography and artist's books opens with reception, Tuesday, November 15, 7 p.m., in Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College (8800 Grossmont College Drive). Closes Thursday, December 8. 619-644-7299. (EL CAJON)

Annual Judged Membership Show hosted by Clairemont Art Guild is on view through November in Bard Hall Gallery (First Unitarian Universalist Church, 4190 Front Street). Juror was Joan Hansen. Reception for artists: Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m. 619-298-9978. (HILLCREST)

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 close 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 blown-glass chandelier, *macchias,* and sea forms by Chihuly; objects from Venini glass factory in Venice, art glass by contemporary artists including Italo Scanga, William Gudenrath, work by Louis Comfort Tiffany, examples of ancient Egyptian, pre-Roman, Roman, and Islamic glass. Through Sunday, February 19.

"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, La Jolla, over four decades of work made by artists from Los Angeles to the Mexican border showcased in "Southern Exposure," continuing through December. Some of the art is politically motivated, some is concerned with formal considerations. Highlights include important early works by John Baldessari, Ed Ruscha, Robert Irwin.

Raymond Pettibon's work, often showing darker side of society and American hypocrisies, is on view through Sunday, September 3, 2006. Pettibon — known for "his idiosyncratic renderings and room-sized installations" — exhibits a large-scale wall drawing.

Find the museum at 700 Prospect Street. 858-454-3541. (LA JOLLA)

Museum of Photographic Arts, more than 250 works of photography revealing "tumultuous history of the representation of race in America" gathered in "Only Skin Deep: Changing Visions of the American Self," on view concurrently at Museum of Photographic Arts and San Diego Museum of Art. Exhibition spans wide range of genres and movements, with pieces dating from mid-19th Century to present, continuing at both museums through December.

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 materials, pigments, tools, techniques of Indian painting used by South Asian artists to create the intricately detailed paintings on display.

"Farsites: Urban Crisis and Domestic Symptoms in Recent Contemporary Art" — binational show boasts diverse collection of work by nearly 50 artists. Collaborative exhibition with Centro Cultural de Tijuana (CECUT) and inSite features painting, sculpture, photography, video addressing "moments of crisis and fissure affecting everyday urban and domestic spaces." Through Sunday, November 13.

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Paintings, sculptures, and objects from Nepal, Tibet, and India featured in "Devotional Arts of Nepal." Buddhism and Hinduism have "enjoyed a peaceful coexistence for over 1500 years" in Nepal's Kathmandu Valley; exhibit "explores fruits of this commingling." Closes Sunday, April 2.

For further information, call 619-232-7931. (BALBOA PARK)

Timken Museum of Art, between late 1650s and mid-1660s, Rembrandt Harmensz Van Rijn created a number of half-length portraits of religious figures. Paintings were created during difficult time in Rembrandt's life. "Rembrandt's Apostles," on exhibit through Sunday, January 16, includes *The Apostle Bartholomew,* along with four other linked paintings.

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Are You Sitting Down? During his 13 months editing *Fahrenheit* magazine (published from May 2003 until July 2004), Portland, Oregon, transplant Adam Gnade formed a lot of opinions about local performers. Today he says, "Right now, most San Diego bands that are doing well are on a mainstream pop level. Jason Mraz, Switchfoot, Louis the whatever teenth, fuckin' P.O.D.…just atrocious, vague lyrics, hokey singing. I feel like the Dixie Chicks when they said the president made them ashamed of being from Texas. Hearing retarded garbage like Switchfoot on the radio makes me wanna set myself on fire. The real music in San Diego is played at places like the Voltaire space and house parties. Why would somebody wanna hear Jeff Spicoli from Switchfoot sing unoriginal, middle-of-the-road guitar-rock bullshit when they could lose their mind to something like Business Lady or Dmonstrations?"

Gnade records prose albums.

"Music writers sometimes call it 'spoken word,' but I hate spoken word. I'm just into nontraditional vocals." His newest, *Run Hide Retreat Surrender,* released October 25, is reviewed at *neufutur.com,* which says the record sounds "similar to someone sitting in front of a computer microphone and talking. Forty-five minutes go by of this same monotone speech, someone rambling while the most Spartan of arrangements keep listeners at least somewhat interested."



GNADE FEELS LIKE A DIXIE CHICK

Adam Gnade appears tomorrow, November 11, at the Casbah; on Saturday he'll be at the Kensington Music Trader.

— *Jay Allen Sanford*

West Coast Devils' Night? An October 31 blaze destroyed Darrin DiMichele's recording studio and four of his band-practice rooms in Vista. The fire caused $600,000 worth of damage to his Goblin Studios. DiMichele's band, Sic Waiting, had to cancel an 11-date tour due to the equipment loss.



PHOTOGRAPH BY RYAN LOYKO

AMONG ASHES AT GOBLIN (SIC WAITING'S JARED STINSON)

"My [recording studio and band] equipment is insured," says DiMichele, "but this does not include my work and the cost of materials I put into the building. That's about $80,000." DiMichele rented the four rehearsal rooms on an hourly basis. The adjacent 16 rooms, rented on a monthly basis, were not damaged.

"But three of those rooms can't be used because they want to make sure the roof doesn't collapse."

Inspector Adrian Abel of the Vista Fire Department says the fire wasn't an act of arson and that the origin of the fire was captured on camera.

"The video showed it started in the trash," says DiMichele. "The guy was trying to be cool, and instead of throwing his cigarette on the ground, he put it in the trash."

DiMichele took over Goblin Studios five years ago, when it had three rehearsal rooms. A fund has been set up at Mission Federal Credit Union for those wishing to donate to his rebuilding cost.

— *Ken Leighton*

Monster Dudes made a return visit to the Ché Café on October 25. The Boise, Idaho, quartet features five-year-old drummer Venec, his dad Jeremy, their friend Mike, and newly acquired banjo player Amy Vecchione (of noise mongrels Yuma Nora).

Before they played, Venec filmed openers Universal Baltimore and BULBS. He also tried to find water in which to place the "watch it grow" monster given to him by a fan. As we watched Venec run around, Jeremy and I talked about how his son's role in the band has changed — he used to do vocals but now insists on playing drums exclusively.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JEREMIAH GRIFFEY

VENEC, DADDY'S LITTLE MONSTER

"He's better than a lot of drummers I've seen," his dad laughed.

At one point during the show, Venec told his father he didn't want to play a song, opting for "the scary one." Later he said, "Let's play the even scarier one."

"The one we played in Oakland? It's pretty creepy," Jeremy said.

"This is the creepy song from Oakland!" Venec told the crowd.

— *Jeremiah Griffey*

We Are Underaged Men When Devo was scheduled to play the House of Blues October 9, Joey Ugalde, 20, and Kaitlin Mattick, 18, of the Chula Vista–based new-wave band the Atoms, decided to hang out on Fifth Avenue and listen from the street.

Ugalde says they were standing outside the House of Blues when…"Kaitlin says, 'Oh, my God!' and walking toward us in these huge, metallic glasses is Mark Mothersbaugh [of Devo]." Ugalde gushed about Devo's influence on his band before giving him a copy of their demo.

"Then [Mothersbaugh] pops the question: 'So, are you gonna go to the show tonight?' " Ugalde says. "As soon as he said that, he realizes, 'Oh, you just told me you're under 21.' We put on our sad faces and told him we were just happy to hear the sound from outside…."

Mothersbaugh said, "Well, you know what? Let me try to get you in for the sound check." About 15 minutes later, Michael Pilmer, Devo's visual art project coordinator, came out to grab them on behalf of Mothersbaugh. He told the reluctant security guard, "Devo is ready to do their sound check, and they're waiting for me to get these kids in because Mark's friends with them and they're just waiting for them to come in."

The pair was led inside the empty club and seated in the front row of the balcony.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC RIFE

THE ATOMS, QUIRK-ROCK DEVOTEES

Pilmer signaled the band, and they kicked into "That's Good."

The band performed for about 20 minutes before security tried to throw Ugalde and Mattick out. Mothersbaugh stepped in and told the staff to leave them be. After the sound check, Ugalde said bassist Jerry Casale asked Mothersbaugh who they were.

Ugalde says, "The P.A. is still on and Mark says, 'They're the Atoms. They're a band,' through the speakers."

— *Larry Harmon*

KO'ed Alicia Champion collapsed onstage at the San Diego Indie Music Fest Saturday night, November 5. The audience fell silent as security and staff rushed to her aid. One staffer said Alicia "hasn't eaten well or slept in days" in preparation for the music festival that she and Danielle LoPresti co-promote. Amid speculation that Champion was having a seizure, LoPresti said, "She's not epileptic."



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The festival continued with its final two acts after Champion was wheeled to the ambulance and rushed to the



CHAMPION GIVES IT HER ALL

hospital. As emergency personnel lifted her from the stage, she was conscious and talking.

— Ollie

Who Killed Bauhaus Show? The band's first local performance in seven years was canceled "because of major safety issues," says Maurice Luque of the SD Fire Department. The concert would've been at 4th & B last Wednesday, November 2.

"They were in the middle of major construction work," says Luque. "They had big trenches in the floor covered with plywood. There were open walls and no water supply to the fire sprinklers."

Luque says the fire marshal intervened on Friday, October 28, and forced the cancellation of a recorded dance-music show that had been planned for that night. The night before, Digable Planets moved from 4th & B to 'Canes.

"They were still putting up drywall, and there were pipes sticking out of the wall," Bauhaus bassist David J said on FM-94/9. His band learned of the problem the morning of the show, when roadies arrived to set up. "Because it was at the last minute, we couldn't find another place to play."

4th & B general manager Ray Johnson said tickets would be honored at a December Bauhaus show. John Branigan, the band's agent, did not comment on the new date.

Meanwhile, an insider says that the California Theater, on Fourth Avenue and adjacent to 4th & B, will be renovated and included in a 22-story structure. The 2200-seat venue was used for concerts until 1989.

— Ken Leighton

Cat Fight! "I knew something was rotten in Denmark when I didn't see Joey [Harris] at the Beat Farmers reunion at the San Diego Music Awards [in September]," said Candye Kane. She performed at Monday's Casbah tribute to Country Dick Montana. It's been ten years since Montana died onstage in Whistler, British Columbia. He would have turned 50 this year. Country Dick cofounded the Penetrators (1978–'84) and the Beat Farmers (1983–'95), two of the most influential local bands of the past 30 years.

On Monday, Rosie Flores, Mojo Nixon, Steve Poltz, Jose Sinatra, and other Country Dick friends got together for the tribute. Jerry Raney, who played guitar with the Beat Farmers for their 12 years, wasn't there. Neither was the first Beat Farmers guitarist, Buddy Blue, who stuck with the band for 2 years (Harris, who replaced him, played until Dick's death).

"Buddy and I don't plan on being there," Raney said by phone last week. "There are certain people involved we don't want to be around."

Insiders say there is a rift between a reunited band called the Farmers (Blue, Raney, original bassist Rolle Love, and drummer Joel Kmak) and others who feel

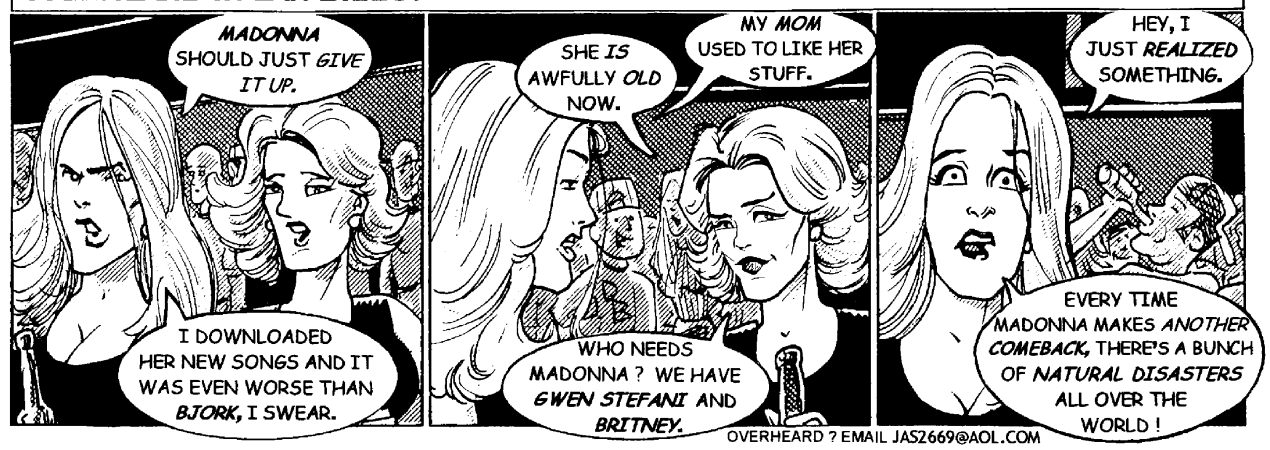


THE FARMERS

Harris should not be excluded from any Beat Farmers tribute. Harris, the "band leader" for the event, said he didn't want to contribute to any bad vibes.

"I'm sure Dick would be bummed," said Kane.

— Ken Leighton



Grannies Rock Eleanor and Matthew Friedberger of the Fiery Furnaces released their second album of the



PHOTOGRAPH BY JEREMIAH GRIFFEY

ELEANOR FRIEDBERGER, ONE FIERY FURNACE

year, *Rehearsing My Choir,* on October 25. It's a concept album based on the life of their 83-year-old grandmother, Olga Santos. She shares narration duties with Eleanor. The liner notes say the disc was mixed in San Diego at Singing Serpent, Rafter Roberts's label.

The Friedbergers (who, unlike the White Stripes, really are brother and sister) have a reputation in the music industry because of their frequent disagreements and fights. When I saw the Chicagoans at the Troubadour in Los Angeles in September, Matthew called out the sound guy mid-song. "Turn my fucking monitor back on," he said, and stared at him the rest of the show.

"They are difficult to work with, but that's only because Matt has a restless mind," Roberts said. "He's constantly changing, revising, [and] re-envisioning things so nothing is ever safe, which I think is a great way to work. They were nothing but sweet people to me, but I'm sure that they're a bit hard on each other sometimes."

— Jeremiah Griffey

Gold Record When local photographer Eric Rife was a clerk at Off the Record, he saw his share of valuable records. He now works at the San Diego Central Library. In late October, the library had a record and book sale. He rummaged through the records and found an album called *The Stars Salute Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* Signatures of Harry Belafonte and Sammy Davis Jr., written in felt-tip pen, were on the cover.



KING'S MUSICAL LEGACY FOUND AT LIBRARY

"Having worked at a record store, we never had a way to prove if an autograph was real," says Rife. "So, we didn't pay more for them." He assumed these two signatures weren't genuine either. He turned the album over and saw a ballpoint signature of Martin Luther King Jr. Rife did some research and says he has no doubt the autographs are authentic. He estimates the album's worth at over two grand. He bought it for a dollar.

— Josh Board

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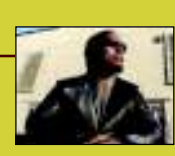

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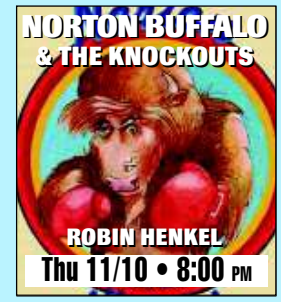

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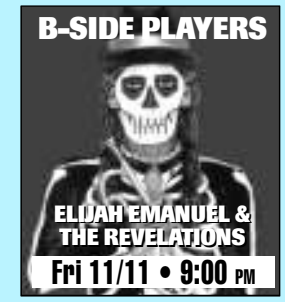

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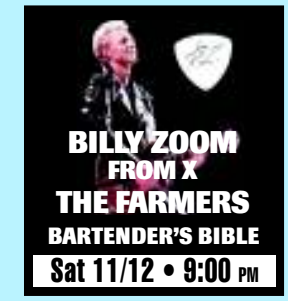

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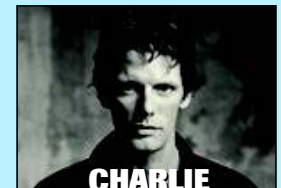

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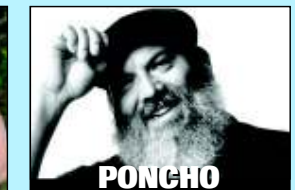

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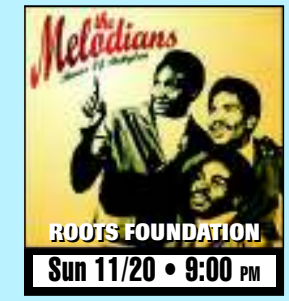

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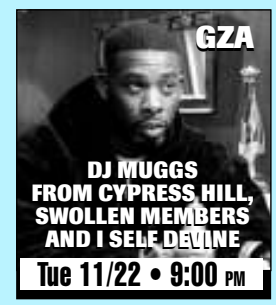

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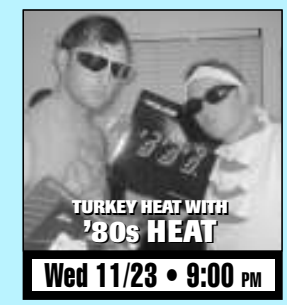

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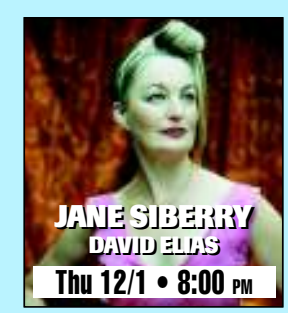

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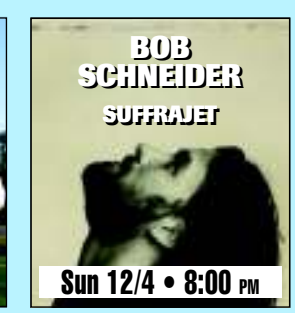

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DAVE GOOD

Jimmy Pettit is a 40-year-old construction project manager. He and his family live near San Diego State University. He owns an MP3 player made by iRiver, along with a waterproof housing and submersible headphones designed by local firm H2O Audio. Pettit has 28 songs downloaded into the iRiver's memory, all of them ripped from his collection of CDs.

"My wife made the jump and made the investment for me for a Christmas gift. We had talked about it…sometimes when you're out surfing with friends you want to spend time with your friends, but when you're out there by yourself…I saw a guy on a kayak with one. You're starting to see more of them around. A lot of people don't consider that you can bring music out into a wave."

He describes the waterproofing device. "It's a clear plastic housing that's got, like, a locking hinged door that seals it all in. It's got jacks and everything that are fully waterproof and sealed. So you pull the [MP3] unit out and download music off your computer. It [the waterproof exterior] has got little buttons on it that go through the housing and operate [the MP3 player inside]. It's got these little rubber buttons that have little rubber boots on them that go through the case."

Pettit has tried a number of unsuccessful waterproof designs. "When they came out with the first-generation Walkman by Sony, they came out with this one that was supposed to be waterproof. I mean, you could maybe go in the shower with it, but you could never really submerse it. I remember a friend of mine stitched a pocket into his wetsuit and put it [the Walkman] in there — it just never really worked."

How has being able to listen to music while surfing affected you?

"Surfing's a sport where everything's constantly changing. No two waves are exactly the same. They go at different speeds. They're in different shapes. There's a rhythm involved. You have to kind of put a rhythm to it to make transitions from one point to another. It's kind of groovy to put music to it. You can watch surfing in a movie and there's music to it. But when you're out there surfing, the sound is more…the water. When you can incorporate music you can take it to the next level. It makes it a lot more fun.

"I'm the only person in my immediate group that has one right now. But I have a buddy of mine — if he asks me to borrow it one more time, I'll tell him he's gotta go get one of his own. We play tug-of-war with it."

Any downside to listening to music on the waves?

"No. You know what? It's been a good experience. So far, I haven't, like, crashed into anybody because I wasn't paying attention…because I was rocking out or anything. But the really good thing is, like, sometimes when you're out there and you're in between sets and you can float on your back…the system uses the water to make the sound really clear and pure. It's the most awesome sound system when you're completely under water."

I confirm this with H2O Audio's inventor, Kristian Rauhala. "We designed the dive product to do exactly that." He explains that since water is a sound conductor, with the headphones on under the surface, "It sounds like the music is coming from everywhere."

"I [surf to] a pretty broad mix," says Pettit. "I've got Foo Fighters, Ella Fitzgerald…and some Jack Johnson."

Johnson is a singer-songwriter surfer. "I wonder if he owns one of these things," I say.

"I don't know," says Pettit. "He should."



Jimmy Pettit

Jimmy Pettit's Top Ten:
1. Ben Harper, "Forgiven"
2. Van Halen, "Cabo Wabo"
3. Louie Prima, "Just a Gigolo"
4. Metallica, "Hero of the Day"
5. Audioslave, "Like a Stone"
6. Pearl Jam, "Dissident"
7. Sublime, "Pawn Shop"
8. Django Reinhardt (untitled)
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Daryl Hall & John Oates *[509]*: Sycuan Casino Showcase Theatre, Thursday, November 10, 5469 Casino Way, Dehesa. 619-659-3380.

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Clay Aiken: San Diego Civic Theatre, Friday, November 11, 1100 Third Avenue. 619-220-8497.

SATURDAY

Arturo Sandoval: California Center for the Arts, Saturday, November 12, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard, Escondido. 800-988-4253 or 619-220-8497.

Switchfoot *[103]*: House of Blues, Saturday, November 12, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

SUNDAY

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.

TUESDAY

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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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.

Buckethead: 4th & B, Sunday, November 20, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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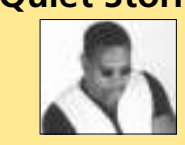
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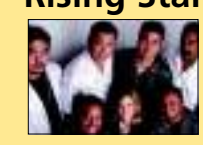

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Nine Inch Nails *[268]*: Cox Arena, Sunday, November 20, SDSU campus, College Area. 619-594-0427 or 619-220-8497.

GWAR *[279]*: House of Blues, Monday, November 21, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Jason Mraz *[824]*: Copley Symphony Hall, Saturday, November 26, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

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Dave Koz *[656]*: Copley Symphony Hall, Sunday, November 27, 1245 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 619-220-8497 or 619-220-8497.

Fiona Apple: House of Blues, Monday, November 28, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

Saves the Day *[218]*: House of Blues, Wednesday, November 30, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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"Jingle Ball 2005" featuring **Los Lonely Boys,** the **B-52s, Alanis Morrissette, Switchfoot** *[103]*, **Train** *[558]*, and **Hootie & the Blowfish** *[561]*. San Diego Sports Arena, Friday, December 2, 3500 San Diego Sports Arena Boulevard, Sports Arena. 619-220-8497.

Sean Paul *[116]*: House of Blues, Sunday, December 4, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Trey Anastasio: 4th & B, Tuesday, December 6, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343 or 619-220-8497.

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.

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. 619-220-8497.

OF NOTE

BY DAVE GOOD

Regina Carter says, "No, not at all," when I tell her that I hear currents of gypsy jazz running through her music. I disagree. The diaphanous tone of Carter's violin, the cockiness of it, the pocket she works out of — all derive their essence from gypsy-jazz legend Stephane Grappelli. Carter is in love with those old, rich sounds. One can almost hear romance dripping from her bow, couched behind gauzy layers of piano and acoustic bass. This is the jazz of sidewalk cafés and bistros with red-checked linens and spent wine bottles hanging from the rafters. Imagine Anaïs Nin in Paris or New York in the 1930s, sipping coffee, writing in her diaries, plotting to get her books published with this music as the soundtrack.



REGINA CARTER

Carter says she trained to play classical violin from the age of four. She studied with Yehudi Menuhin and Itzhak Perlman. After a visit to a jazz club while in college, Carter decided that "jazz was cool to hear live." She found that jazz audience members got involved in a way that classical fans did not. "And the musicians were having fun onstage." Carter went on to work with jazz luminaries Ray Brown and Wynton Marsalis and crossed over the pop barrier to perform or record with Billy Joel, Dolly Parton, and Lauryn Hill.

Gypsy jazz or not, Carter's music is not progressive. I wonder if the jazz of today can only look backwards. I ask her to tell me what the future of jazz might hold. "Jazz?" she says. "What do I see in the future of this *country?* The arts, everything. Work is drying up. The funding that was there is drying up. [Record] labels have cut back. Everybody is really struggling right now. And the cure is a long time coming. I couldn't imagine being a young person starting out now and trying to play music."

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Don Edwards: Acoustic Music San Diego, Tuesday, December 13, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

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The Rugburns *[263]*: Belly Up Tavern, Friday, December 30, 143 South Cedros Avenue. 858-481-9022 or 619-220-8497.

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JANUARY

Eliza Gilkyson *[504]*: Acoustic Music San Diego, Friday, January 20, 4650 Mansfield Street, Normal Heights. 619-303-8176.

INXS *[484]*: Pala Events Center, Wednesday, January 25, 5 miles east of I-15 on Hwy 76, Pala. 760-510-4580 or 619-220-8497.

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The Dead Kennedys: House of Blues, Sunday, January 29, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-299-2583 or 619-220-8497.

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Idle Train *[112]*: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Jack the Original: The Jumping Turtle
Left On: The Jumping Turtle
Lester Special: The Jumping Turtle
Maquiladora *[139]*: The Casbah
Anya Marina *[118]*: The Casbah
Motus: The Jumping Turtle
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October Burning: Brick By Brick
The Old 97's: 4th & B
Opus Dei: Brick By Brick
Gregory Page *[186]*: Lestat's Coffeehouse
The Politicians: 'Canes
The Prime Ministers: The Jumping Turtle
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Switchfoot *[103]*: House of Blues
Taproot: Soma
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Laura Veirs & the Tortured Souls: The Casbah
Visions of the Dying World: Tio Leo's Lounge
Your Favorite Something: The Jumping Turtle
Yovee *[122]*: The Jumping Turtle
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ROCK

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Azariah's Dream: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub
Bandanna: Carvers
Brendan Benson: The Casbah
Big Backyard: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge
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Concombre Zombi: The Zombie Lounge
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Deadline Friday *[404]*: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge
Diamond Nights: The Casbah
Difficult Henry: Fannie's Nightclub
The 88: Brick By Brick
EJP: O'Connell's Pub and Nightclub, Blind Melons
The Electric Waste Band: Winstons
The Elevators: McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Empyre: Blind Melons
The Experiments *[419]*: The Rhythm Lounge
Fish & the Seaweeds: Coyote Bar and Grill
Andre Fohe: Tio Leo's Lounge
420 Blackbirdz: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge
Peter Frampton: Harrah's
The Full Effect: Harrah's
Fully Loaded: Blind Melons
Mike Gardner: Mas Fina Cantina
Gecko: Brick By Brick
Adam Gnade: The Casbah
The Great Lake Swimmers: The Casbah
The Greencards: Belly Up Tavern
Hello Cleveland: Harrah's
Hera's Olive *[461]*: Dick's Last Resort
Infamous: Janie's Cocktails
The Iron Maidens: Blind Melons
Josh & Jeff: Surf N'Saddle
Laguna: Woody's Sports Bar, McP's Irish Pub and Grill
Red Lane: Coyote Bar and Grill
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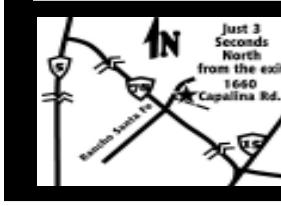

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Cameron Mershell: Brick By Brick

Mother Funk: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Marshall Nelson: Dreamstreet

Nude Blues: Bahia Belle Cruise

The Offbeats: McP's Irish Pub and Grill

Paradise: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

The Percolators: Tiki House

Liz Phair *[477]*: House of Blues

P.O.D.: Soma

Podunk Nowhere: Tio Leo's Lounge

Powerman 5000: 'Canes

The Predicates: Claire de Lune Coffee Lounge

Lisa Marie Presley: House of Blues

Private Domain *[489]*: Dick's Last Resort

RDG: Hard Rock Cafe (La Jolla)

The Revenge Club: Blind Melons

Adam Richman: Soma

Riot House: Tiki House

Ripple Groove: Winstons

Rockford: Dreamstreet

Ron's Garage: Dick's Last Resort, Hotel del Coronado

The Ruined: Winstons

Serious Guise: Second Wind (San Carlos)

The Charlie Sexton Band: Belly Up Tavern

Sherwood: Soma

619: Second Wind (Santee)

Split Finger: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat: Leucadian Bar

The Stilettos: Riley's Sports Bar, Island Sports & Spirits

Straight Six: Dick's Last Resort

Stryper: House of Blues

Summerbirds in the Cellar: The Casbah

The Taz Taylor Band: Dreamstreet

Jimmy Thackery & the Drivers: Humphrey's

3 Against 1 *[456]*: Blind Melons

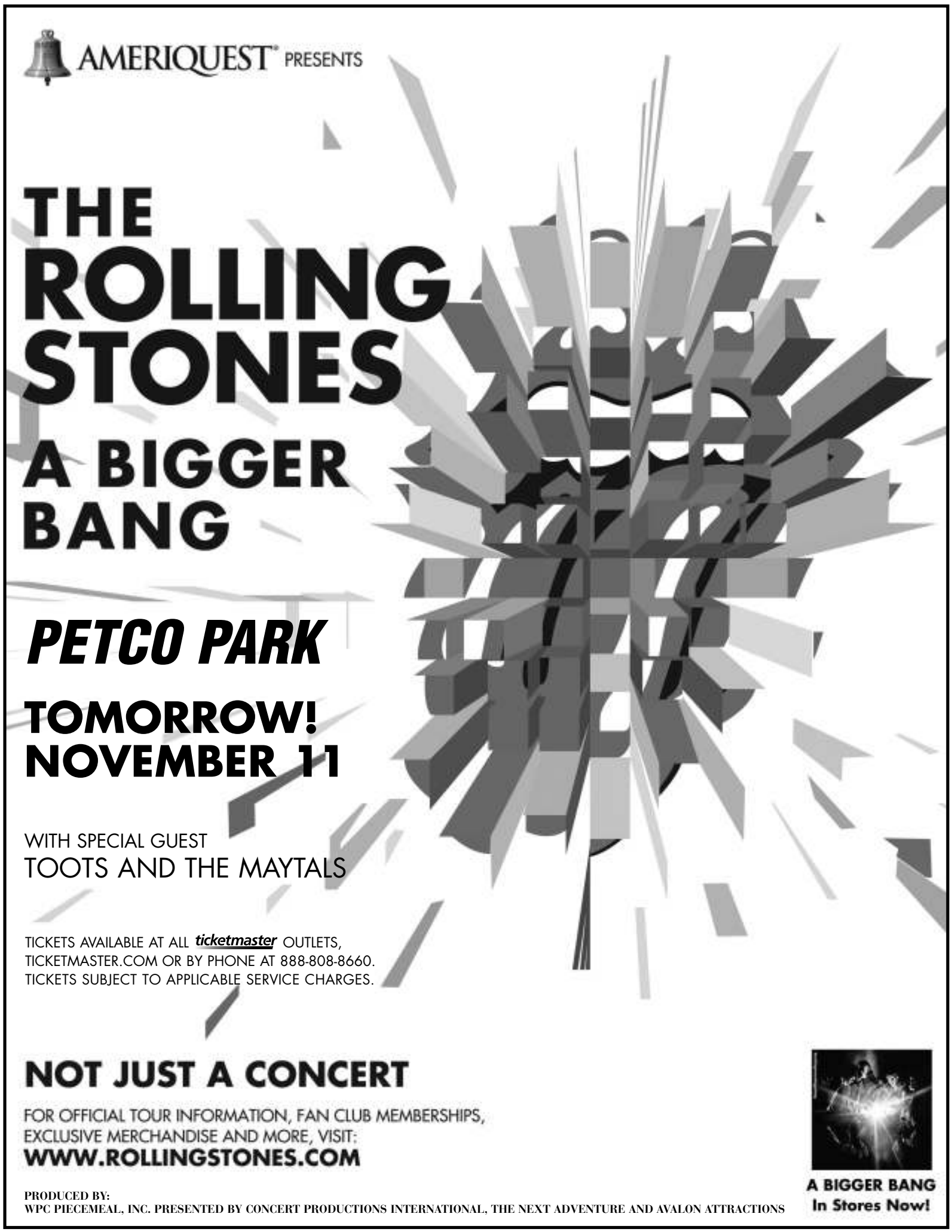
3 Deuces: The Calypso Cafe

This Day & Age: Soma

The Truckee Brothers *[541]*: Dizzy's

The Vacation: The Casbah

Wild Child: 'Canes



EXTENSION 4004

POP / TOP 40

Atomic Groove: Jimmy Love's

B Natural: Bahia Belle Cruise

Cowboy Mouth *[604]*: Belly Up Tavern

Jimmy Lavello: Dakota Grill and Spirits

Fran Loskota: The Westgate Hotel

The Love Rangers: The Alley

Rick Lyon: The Imperial House

Makai: Harrah's

The Mar Dels: The Calypso Cafe

The New Breed Band: Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad)

Pop Rocks: Jimmy Love's

Sweet James: Tiki House

EXTENSION 4005

JAZZ / BIG BAND

Agua Dulce *[711]*: Winstons

Burnett Anderson: Cafe LaMaze

The Archtones: Croce's Jazz Bar

The B-Side Players *[649]*: Belly Up Tavern

The Ray Barrie Big Band: The German-American Societies

Tom Bishop: Rancho Bernardo Inn

Ray Briz: Hotel del Coronado

James Brown *[608]*: 4th & B

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

Gilbert Castellanos & His Quintet: Dizzy's

Sandy Chappel: Cafe LaMaze

Chini, Comberos, & Co.: Harrah's

Jo Dark: The German-American Societies

Jesse Davis: Humphrey's

Nick Fiore: Pasquale on Prospect

The Jim Gala Jazz Trio: Kitima Thai Restaurant

Joe Garrison: Cafe LaMaze

John Giulino: Pasquale on Prospect

The High Society Jazz Band: Tio Leo's Lounge

Alfred Howard & the K23 Orchestra: The Casbah

Daniel Jackson: Hotel del Coronado

Barbara Jamerson: Hotel del Coronado

Tony Lasley: Hotel del Coronado

Barry Levich: La Valencia Hotel

Stellita Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Dave Lindgren: Hotel del Coronado

Israel Maldonado: Winstons

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

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

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Sweet Life: Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill

Joe Tarantino: Hotel del Coronado

The Rob Thorsen - Jaime Valle Jazz Duo: FRESH Seafood Restaurant & Bar

The Jaime Valle Bossa-Jazz Quartet: Coronado Island Marriott

The Jaime Valle Quartet *[704]*: Tutto Mare

Walter II y Rumbaney: Sevilla

Jason Weber: Mister A's

Rose Winters: Hotel del Coronado

Yavez: Croce's Jazz Bar

EXTENSION 4006

REGGAE / SKA

Elijah Emanuel & the Revelations *[748]*: Belly Up Tavern

High Tide: Longshot Saloon

Irieside *[754]*: Longshot Saloon

Damian Marley: 4th & B

NZ Rough: Hennessey's Tavern (PB)

Quino: Winstons

EXTENSION 4007

COUNTRY

The Band in Black: The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant

The California Rangers: McCabe's Beach Club

Cash'd Out: 'Canes

Coyote Moon: Renegade Inn

EXTENSION 4008

ACOUSTIC / FOLK

Cindy Lee Berryhill & the Wigbillies *[826]*: Lestat's Coffeehouse

Steve Brewer: Blarney Stone Pub

Liz Clark: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Peter Thurston: Dizzy's

Michael Tiernan *[883]*: Milano's

Anna Troy: Borders Books & Music (Carlsbad), Lestat's Coffeehouse

Peggy Watson *[841]*: Dizzy's

The Whiskeybreath Travelers: Lestat's Coffeehouse

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BLUES / SOUL

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Bad Habit: Neimans Bar and Grill

The Bayou Brothers *[948]*: Patrick's II

OF NOTE

BY WILLIAM CRAIN

The scene: a smallish club in San Francisco in 1994. Onstage is **Liz Phair**, a small, pretty, young blond woman with a guitar. Her first album, *Exile in Guyville,* was released the year before, and the buzz about it has sold out the theater. Her all-male band walks offstage, and she puts down her guitar to sing an a cappella version of her most talked-about song, "Flower." But first she takes a deep breath to compose herself. Maybe her voice is what's worrying her, but it seems as if she's nervous because she's about to stand onstage alone and sing, "I wanna be your blowjob queen."

Critics always talk about Phair's sexual frankness, but any jerk can be sexually frank. What was wonderful about Phair back then is that it was easy to sense the real woman behind the braggadocio. Her debut album was, famously, a song-for-song answer to the Rolling Stones' *Exile on Main Street,* but Phair's Jaggeresque posturing gained a significance all its own because she was a woman and because she was not a rock star. She was just a rock fan, like the rest of us.



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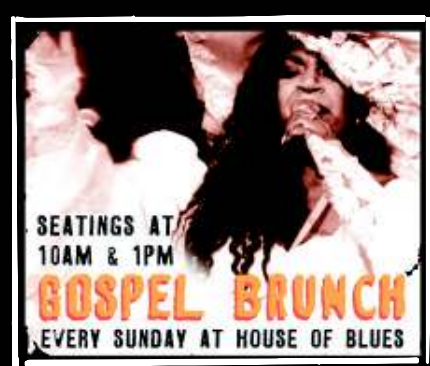







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Robin Henkel *[914]*: Belly Up Tavern, Lestat's Coffeehouse

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Chris James & Blues Four: Patrick's II

Kalama Blue: Winstons

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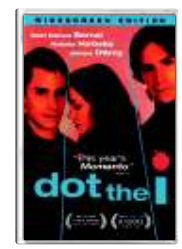

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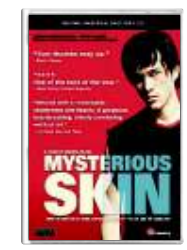

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Club Notorious: Sundays, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., breaks and house. Bacchus House, 3054 University Avenue, North Park. 619-299-2032.

Darkwave Garden: Wednesdays, punk, gothic, and darkwave with DJs Bryan Pollard, AryRose, and Synex. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m; 21 and up. Kadan, 4696 30th Street, North Park. 619-640-2500.

Deep: Thursdays, drum 'n' bass with DJs Wallkrawler, Probable Cause, and Skyler Mic. 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Honey Bee Hive, 1409 C Street (corner of 14th Street, across from City College), downtown, 619-517-2030.

Dig: Thursdays, house music with DJs Mark E Quark, Red Sonya, and Andy Boswell. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Kava Lounge, 2812 Kettner Boulevard, middletown, 619-543-0933.

Flying Bridge: Third Saturday of the month, house, breaks, and hip-hop with DJs SR-71, D-niall, and Dan Gorp. 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. 1105 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside. 760-722-1151.

Inferno Young Adult Nightclub: Fridays and Saturdays, DJ Dizzy D spins hip-hop, R&B, and booty bass in the main room; guest DJS spin reggae and reggaeton on the patio. 775 Metcalf Street, Escondido. 760-741-1271.

Liquid: Fridays, funk, down-tempo, and drum 'n' bass;9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. The Marin Lounge, 548 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-234-5670.

MixLab: Thursdays, DJ Dex spins an eclectic listening session: alternative hip-hop, urban soul, and Latin grooves. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. Candelas, 416 Third Avenue, downtown. 619-702-4455.

Moondoggies Pacific Beach: Saturdays, Saturday Night Mix, hip-hop and R&B with DJs Enigma and Cisco. 9 p.m.; 21 and up. No cover. 832 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach. 858-483-6550.

One Nation: Second and fifth Saturday of the month, new wave, hip-hop, and bootleg remixes with DJs Blackstone and Atari. The Whistle Stop, 2236 Fern Street (corner of 30th and Juniper), South Park. 619-284-6784.

Red C Lounge: Thursdays, Bounce Rock Skate, roller skating jams, crunk, and fun with DJs @Large and Onesix. Fridays, Choice Fridays, deep house music with Dustin Brown. Saturdays, soulful house with Mark Alan. Sundays, drum 'n' bass with Calculon. Tuesdays, groove Tuesdays, groovy house with Red Sonya. Wednesdays, Hump Wednesdays. No cover; 21 and up. 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2838.

Sabbat: Second Saturday of the month, Rich's, 1051 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-295-2195. Fourth Saturday of the month, the Flame, 3780 Park Boulevard, Hillcrest, 619-295-4163. DJs Adam Atom, Dekay, and Robin Roth, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up.

Solo Para Mujeres: Wednesdays, reggaeton, rock en Español, and hip-hop. 8 p.m. Baja Club, 1060 Broadway, Chula Vista. 619-425-2512.

Spatuland: First and third Saturday of the month, electro DJs, tribal dancers. 10 p.m. Recognize, 4746 El Cajon Boulevard, City Heights. 619-521-4747.

Therapy: Fridays, industrial, electro, and gothic with DJs Bryan Pollard, DarkAngel, Precursor, and more. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.; 21 and up. Shooterz, 3815 30th Street, North Park. 619-574-0744.

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The Alley, 421 Grand Avenue, Carlsbad. 760-434-1173. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, *the Love Rangers,* Top 40/pop.

Belly Up Tavern, 143 South Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. 858-481-9022. Thursday, 8 p.m., *Norton Buffalo & the Knockouts* with *Robin Henkel,* blues. Friday, *the B-Side Players,* Latin jazz, and *Elijah Emanuel & the Revelation,* reggae. Saturday, 9 p.m., *Billy Zoom, the Farmers,* and guests. Sunday, 8 p.m., *the Greencards.* Monday, 9 p.m., *the Charlie Sexton Band,* rock. Tuesday, 9 p.m., *the Hip-Hop Review.* Wednesday, *Cowboy Mouth* and *Steam,* 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.

The Book Works/Pannikin Cafe, Flower Hill Mall, I-5 at Via de la Valle, Del Mar. 858-755-3735. Friday, 8 p.m., *Billy Watson,* blues.

Borders Books & Music, 1905 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad. 760-479-0242. Friday, 8 p.m., *Anna Troy,* folk/blues/pop.

The Calypso Cafe, 576 North Highway 101, Encinitas. 760-632-8252. Thursday, *Runnin' Blue.* Friday, *Jeff Moore* and *Dean Smith,* blues. Saturday, *Triple Shot,* blues. Sunday, *the Flounders,* acoustic. Monday, *3 Deuces.* Tuesday, *Jack Tempchin,* folk. Wednesday, *the Mar Dels,* pop/Top 40.

Carvers, 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive, Rancho Bernardo. 858-566-2400. Friday and Saturday, *Bandanna,* rock.

The Cask and Cleaver Restaurant, 3757 South Mission Road, Fallbrook. 760-728-2818. Friday, 8 p.m., *the Band in Black,* rockabilly.

Coyote Bar and Grill, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad. 760-729-4695. Thursday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., live rock/blues, 10 p.m., DJ event. Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Fish & the Seaweeds,* classic rock, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Saturday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., *Billy Watson,* harmonica blues, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors,* blues, 10:30 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., *Red Lane,* rock, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Reggie Smith & Pressed for Time,* jazz.

Game Time Tavern, 12735 Poway Road, Poway. 858-748-0015. Friday and Saturday, live classic rock. Tuesday, *Bradley Leighton,* R&B/jazz/dance.

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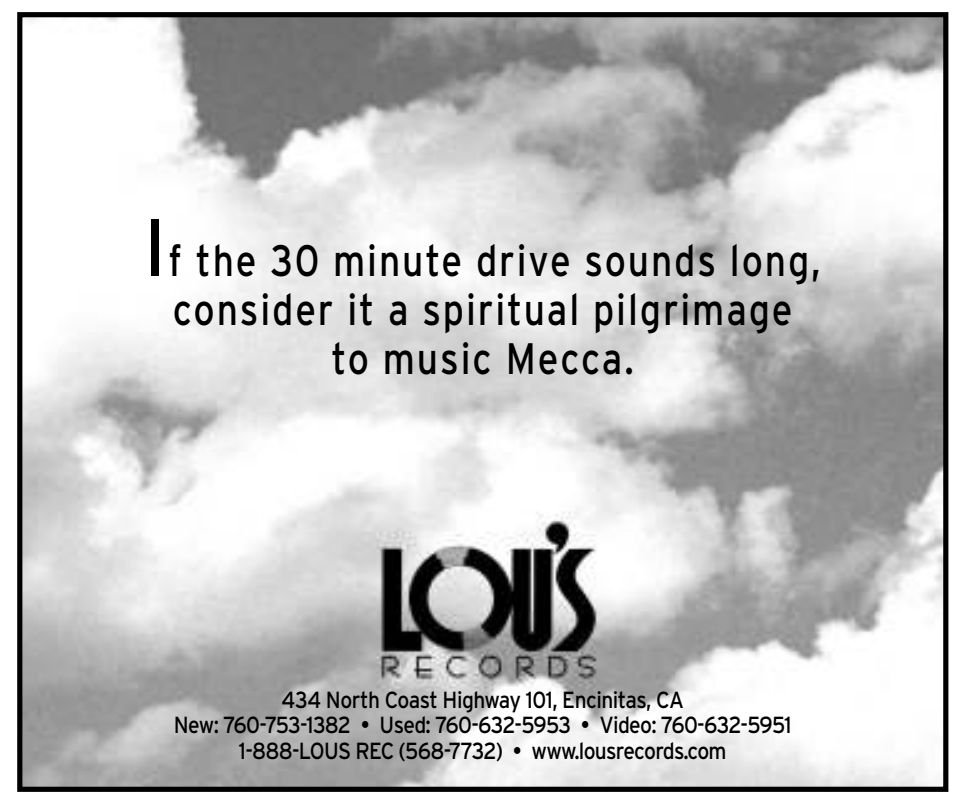

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Open-Air Sky Theater: Thursday, 8 p.m., *Peter Frampton.*

Hennessey's Tavern (Carlsbad), 2777 Roosevelt Street, Carlsbad. 760-729-6951. Thursday, *the New Breed Band,* pop/jazz. Friday, DJ event. Saturday, *Mother Funk,* rock.

The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe, 5951 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe. 858-756-1131. Thursday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., *Jerry Melnick,* jazz/variety piano.

The Jumping Turtle, 1660 Capalina Road, San Marcos. 760-471-7778. Music is alternative/heavy rock unless otherwise noted. Thursday, 6:30 p.m., *Yovee, the Starline Theorie, Stripped Down Hollywood,* and *the Stereotypes.* Friday, 6:30 p.m., *Endless Yesterday, Rev, Motus, Fysh,* and *Next Morning.* Saturday, 6 p.m., *Radio Racer, the Frantic, Get Back Loretta, Jack the Original,* and *Saturday's Child.* Sunday, 6:30 p.m., *Strike Twelve, Lester Special, Chaser, Your Favorite Something, Left On, Rockford's Run,* and *Run Home Jack.* Wednesday, *the Prime Ministers* and *Sheol.*

The Kraken, 2531 Old Highway 101, Cardiff. 760-436-6483. Thursday, *Jeff Moore & the Witchdoctors,* blues. Friday, *Bill Magee.* Saturday, *Plato Soul.* Sunday, *the Blues Brokers.* Monday, *Charles Burton Blues Band.*

Leucadian Bar, 1542 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia. 760-753-2094. Friday, 9:30 p.m., *Stevi Lynn & Triple Threat,* classic rock/blues.

Longshot Saloon, 643 Grand Avenue, San Marcos. 760-744-8576. Friday, *High Tide* and *Irieside,* reggae. Saturday, *the Trophy Life,* alternative rock.

Los Cabos Mexican Mesquite Grill, 12955 El Camino Real, Suite G7, Del Mar. 858-792-2226. Thursday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., *Sweet Life,* jazz.

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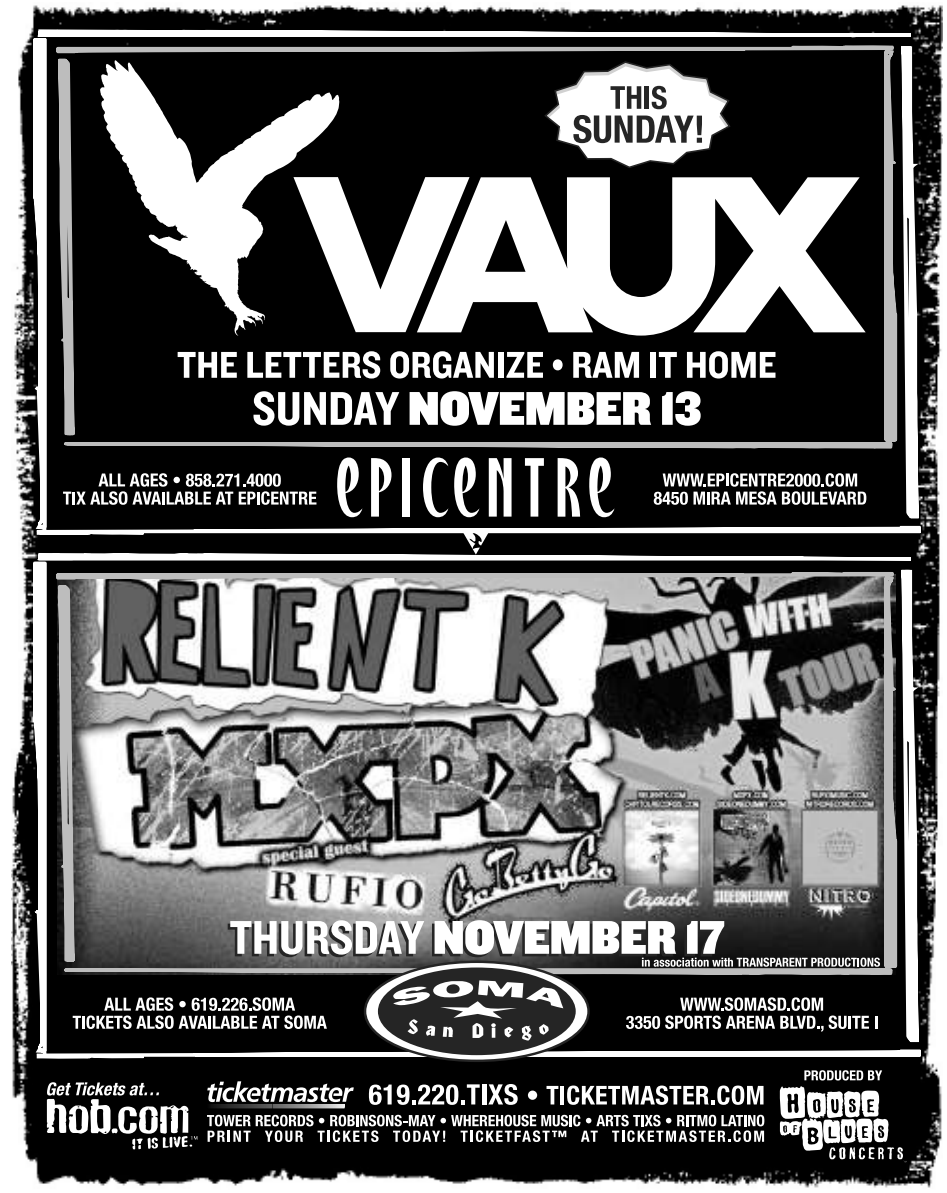

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McCabe's Beach Club, 1145 South Tremont Street, Oceanside. 760-439-6646. Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the California Rangers,* country.

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.* Saturday, 9 p.m., *Bad Habit,* blues/rock.

150 Lounge, 150 West Grand Avenue, Escondido. 760-738-6868. Friday, *the Disco Vigilantes,* funk/soul/acid/disco, DJ event.

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 Alternatives.* Saturday, *Josh & Jeff,* 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. Thursday, *Seven Story World* and *the Revenge Club,* rock. Friday, *3 Against 1, Born Tonight, Fully Loaded,* and *Fine White China,* rock/alternative. Saturday, *the Iron Maidens* and *Empyre,* rock. Sunday, *Dub Shack,* reggae. Monday, open mike. Tuesday, *the Blues Invaders* and *the Road Dogs,* blues. Wednesday, *Galt Aureus, As We Speak, EJP,* and *Lansdale,* alternative.

'Canes, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, Mission Beach. 858-488-1780. Music is rock/alternative unless otherwise noted. Thursday, *Powerman 5000, Slewfoot, Discord,* and *Decompression.* Friday, call club for information. Saturday, *Wild Child,* Doors tribute, and *Cash'd Out,* Johnny Cash tribute. Sunday, *Code 416, Hit by a Semi, the Politicians,* and *4 Minutes Till Midnight.*

Chateau Orleans, 926 Turquoise Street, Pacific Beach. 858-488-6744. Thursday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Tomcat Courtney & the Blues Dusters,* blues.

Dreamstreet, 2228 Bacon Street, Ocean Beach. 619-222-8131. Thursday, 6 p.m., *Vmellow, Leif Kolt,* and *Travesty One,* hip-hop. Friday, 6 p.m., *Rockford, Exit Theory, Taz Taylor Band,* and *Marshall Nelson.* Saturday, 6 p.m., DJ event. Sunday, 5 p.m., open mike.

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.

FRESH Seafood Restaurant & Bar, 1044 Wall Street, La Jolla. 858-551-7575. Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., *the Rob Thorsen/Jaime Valle Jazz Duo.*

Hennessey's Tavern (PB), 4650 Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach. 858-483-8847. Friday, *Split Finger,* rock. Saturday, *NZ Rough,* reggae.

La Valencia Hotel, 1132 Prospect Street, La Jolla. 858-454-0771. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Barry Levich,* jazz. Friday, call club for information. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., *Armenta de San Diego,* world lounge music. Sunday and Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., *Rick Ross.*

The Liars Club, 3844 Mission Boulevard, San Diego. 858-488-2340. Saturday, 9 p.m., *DJ Le Chud,* rock/ska.

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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, *Riot House,* rock. Saturday, *the Percolators,* rock. Sunday, *Jimmy Lewis,* acoustic. Tuesday, *Sweet James,* acoustic/jazz/pop. Wednesday, call club for information.

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The Aero Club, 3365 India Street, San Diego. 619-297-7211. Call club for information.

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Claire de Lune, 2905 University Avenue, North Park. 619-688-9845. Friday, 8 p.m., *Deadline Friday, Arroyo,* rock, and *the Sidemen,* jazz. Saturday, 8:30 p.m., *420 Blackbirdz* and *Paradise,* rock. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *Mermaid's Journey, David Meyers & the Blues Crew, the Predicates,* and *Big Back Yard,* rock.

Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard, Mira Mesa. 858-271-4000. Live rock/alternative music, call club for information.

Etta's Place, 6179 University Avenue (at College and University). 619-582-6730. Live music, call club for information.

The Gordon Biersch Brewery, 5010 Mission Center Road, San Diego. 619-688-1120. Friday, live music.

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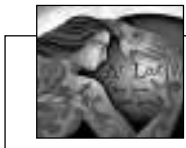

Album: *At Last* (2004)
Artist: Judy Brown with Jack Brooks
Songs: 1) Mood Indigo 2) Fever 3) Stardust 4) Stormy Weather 5) Georgia 6) I Need a Little Sugar in My Bowl 7) At Last 8) Don't Think Twice 9) Summertime 10) Danny Boy 11) Gracias a la Vida 12) Until It's Time for You to Go 13) All of Me 14) Stormy Monday 15) Amazing Grace 16) Let It Be
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Band: Judy Brown (lead vocals, pan pipes), Jack Brooks (guitar, MIDI arrangements)
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Website: *www.judysingsforyou.com*

Jack Brooks accompanies Brown's hearty voice with an acoustic guitar on these 16 tracks. A MIDI creates all other instrumental effects as the two tackle a spectrum of popular music. The duo performs contemporary jazz, pop ballads, and genre-defying standards with skill. Most of the songs will strike a chord with fans of modern-day lounge artists.

Arrangements are innovative and versatile. Opening with a sassy rendition of "Mood Indigo," Brown's inflections have a luster few vocalists reach. She is a natural blues singer. Brooks sings with her on a few tracks. Songs such as "Let It Be" and "Amazing Grace" will hit hard the first time. These monumental pieces stand on their own, but Brown's vocals add a distinct guttural resonance. Brown's renditions of "Georgia" and "Stormy Weather" are reflective, compassionate, and simple.

It's almost wrong to critique this album down to minuscule notes because it is so well composed. Though the songs are soft, melodious, and modern, the MIDI format becomes staid at times. Brooks incorporates different styles to augment familiar melodies; however, some of the moderately paced tempos become tedious. The more intricate guitar solos are expertly inserted at the high points in each tune.



Judy Brown

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Twiggs Tea and Coffee Company, 4590 Park Boulevard, University Heights. 619-296-0616. Live acoustic/folk music nightly.

University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego. 619-260-4600, extension 8742. Saturday, 10 p.m., *Agave,* rock.

The Zombie Lounge, 3519 El Cajon Boulevard, North Park. 619-284-DEAD. Sunday, 10 p.m., *Concombre Zombi,* psychobilly.

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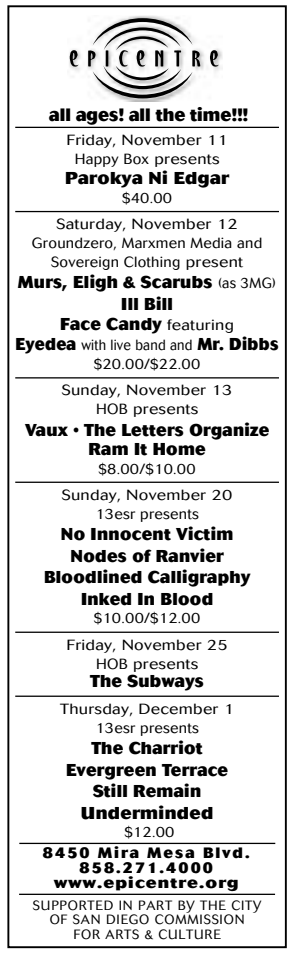

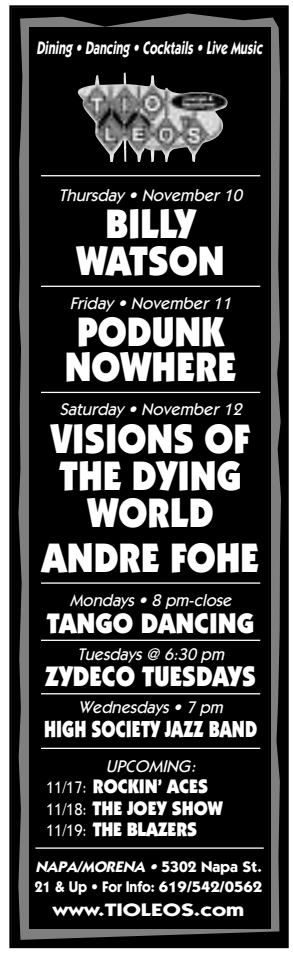





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Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-231-9100. Music is rock and roll. Thursday, *Private Domain.* Friday, *Straight Six.* Saturday and Sunday, *Hera's Olive.* Tuesday, *Ron's Garage,* classic rock. Wednesday, *the Atomic Cowboy.*

Dizzy's, 344 Seventh Avenue, downtown. 858-270-7467. Saturday, 8 p.m., *the Coyote Problem, Peggy Watson, the Truckee Brothers, Shawn Rohlf, Joe Rathburn, John Katchur, Peter Thurston,* and *Arabella Thurston,* Neil Young tribute. Sunday, 8 p.m., *Gilbert Castellanos & His Quintet,* jazz. Tuesday, 8 p.m., *Roberta Piket, Billy Mintz,* and *Ratzo Harris,* jazz. Wednesday, 8 p.m., *Rezolution,* jazz.

4th & B, 345 B Street, downtown. 619-231-4343. Thursday, 7:30 p.m., *B.B. King.* Saturday, 10 p.m., *Felix da Housecat, Dave the Hustler, Virgin Tears, Atari, G-Roy, Theron, Superfox,* and *Matty A..* Sunday, *Damian Marley.* Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., *James Brown.* Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., *the Old 97's.*

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., *Atomic Groove,* disco/Top 40. Saturday, 9:45 p.m., *Pop Rocks,* '80s dance. 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 through Sunday, and Wednesday, music events, call club for information.

On Broadway, 615 Broadway Avenue, downtown. 619-231-0011. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, DJ events and live music. Call club for information.

Onyx, 852 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-235-6699. Thursday, 9 p.m. *Hooked on Onyx,* underground, hip-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.

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Red C Lounge, 756 Fifth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-2830. Music every night except Monday, call club for information.

Sevilla, 555 Fourth Avenue, downtown. 619-233-5979. Club Salsa: Thursday, *Ritmo Caliente,* salsa/Latin jazz. Friday, *DJ Hector,* Latin/Euro-house. Saturday, *DJ Joe,* Latin/Euro-house. Sunday, *Club Brazil.* Monday, *rock en español.* Tuesday, *Walter II y Rumbaney,* salsa.

The Shout House, 655 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp. 619-231-6700. Call club for information.

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., *Todd Schroeder,* cabaret.

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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 Quartet.*

Edelweiss Restaurant, 230 Third Avenue, Chula Vista. 619-426-5172. Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m., *Gordon Kohl, Kjell Holmes,* or *Vicki Eriqat,* European and ethnic accordion.

Hotel del Coronado, 1550 Orange Avenue, Coronado. 619-435-6611. Babcock & Story: Thursday, 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.* Sunday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Rose Winters,* jazz. Tuesday and Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., *Jim Gibson.*

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REVIEW
JEFF SMITH

In the *Poetics,* Aristotle talks about tragic form: of pride and flaws, harsh recognitions and emotional catharses. But the most horrific of these he calls *peripeteia.* It's a sudden reversal from one set of circumstances to their exact opposite: "an unexpected catastrophe" that shifts "from good to bad" in a heartbeat.

A *peripeteia* slices through Federico García Lorca's *Blood Wedding* like a knife. A young, sexually innocent Bridegroom is about to be married in a Spanish hill country. The Bride's father approves, as much for the boy's qualities as his family's holdings. The boy's Mother, however, distrusts the Bride. She's a member of the Felix ("happy") clan, against whom the Mother's family has blood-feuded for generations. Plus, rumors persist that the Bride is still in love with her childhood sweetheart, Leonardo.

He lives with his pregnant wife in "an ugly little hut." Though a hard worker, he was too poor for the Bride — money, he says, can shine and spit. Leonardo can't forget her and swears that the greatest punishment people inflict on themselves is to "burn with desire and keep quiet." After the largest, most festive wedding the region's ever seen, Leonardo steals the Bride and enacts the *peripeteia* embedded in the play's title.

Lorca got the idea from a newspaper account. On the morning of her wedding in Almería, Spain, a bride ran off with her cousin. The groom followed with a posse. They returned with the cousin's mutilated corpse. The groom was arrested but later released. The story became a folk legend. "It's amazing," said Lorca, "it's a drama you'd be hard-pressed to invent."

Few playwrights would dare what Lorca did with the story. He cut away details, made the Bride's motives much more ambiguous, and forged an Aristotelian plot: a surprising, yet inevitable collision course with tragedy.

Lorca pits passion against civilization's traditions and taboos. Formal institutions — marriage, social class — vie with the yearnings of the heart. Only one character has a name: Leonardo, the one who acts from desire. The rest are social categories: Mother, Bride, Bridegroom, Servant. Lorca also suggests that, for the rigid codes of the community, gender is destiny. To escape the cycle of male violence, the Groom's mother wishes her son was a daughter. And the Bride, when told she's "stronger than a man," wishes she could be one.

The playwright sets his tale in what you could call "Lorcascape": a poetic, elemental realm where the real and the mystical intertwine, where the cold moon can sing (and thirst for the warmth of blood), and Death's a whiny beggar on crutches, barely able to move.

One of the strengths of UCSD's production: the stage is both real and ethereal. Originally a three-act play, *Blood Wedding* calls for seven set



A.K. Murtadha, Teri Reeves in Blood Wedding

Blood Wedding *by Federico García Lorca*
UCSD Theatre and Dance, *Mandell Weiss Forum, UCSD*
Directed by Gerardo Jose Ruiz; *cast: Mark Emerson, Jennifer Chang, Brian Hostenske, Hilary Ward, Quonta Beasley, A.K. Murtadha, Rhan Shams, Keiana Richard, Teri Reeves, Katie Burris, Raymond Castelan, Daniel Gordh, Daniel Kim, Ria Murphy, Emily Star; scenic design, Caleb Levengood; costumes, Paloma Young; lighting, Christian DeAngelis; sound, Chris Luessmann; composer, Ruiz*
Playing through November 12; *Thursday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. Matinee Saturday at 2:00 p.m. 858-534-4574.*

The Frankenstein Project [v.2.0]
Sledgehammer Theatre, *St. Cecilia's Playhouse, 1602 Sixth Avenue, downtown*
Directed by Kirsten Brandt; *cast: Laura Lee Juliano, Terril Miller, Walter Murray, John Polak, Allison Riley, Elizabeth O'Hara Yager, Ruff Yeager; scenic, lighting, and video, David Lee Cuthbert; costumes, Mary Larson; sound and original music, Jeff Mockus*
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changes, including a cave, a forest of moist tree trunks, and, in the end, a large dwelling "as monumental as a church." Scenic designer Caleb Levengood creates the separate locales with one set. A row of thick, giant pillars suggest Stonehenge, or an ancient Roman aqueduct. Christian DeAngeles's expressionist lighting — dark, dappled effects and arctic brightness — transforms the pillars into tree trunks, hitching posts into stumps. Later they become the "monumental" building where the Mother, Leonardo's wife, and the Bride suffer, just inches apart, in extreme isolation: a three-generation emblem of the blood curse.

Director Gerardo Jose Ruiz compressed the play to 90 minutes. The smart choice propels *Blood Wedding* forward like toppling dominoes. The music Ruiz composed is more problematic, however. Some of it works: choral effects and the haunting song the Moon sings (which would have been even more so in Spanish: *"Cisne redondo en el rio, ojo de las catedrales"*). Other songs sound vaguely Irish, of the easy-list'nin' variety.

They say when Lorca read his poetry, he waved his hands and rolled his eyes and could spellbind. But when he directed the premiere of *Blood Wedding,* Lorca ordered his cast not to perform their roles with melodramatic histrionics. "Don't pull that Lorca business on me," he shouted at a rehearsal. Instead he demanded actors treat the script as a musical composition.

Overall, the acting at UCSD lacked passion. Most was technical and, especially Jennifer Chang's Mother, far too declamatory. Two memorable performances had the Lorcan music: Mark Emerson's all-white Moon (a white mask over his left ear making him two-faced) and Quonta Beasley's creaky Beggarwoman/Death. Both were fluid, rich in detail — and creepy, when you realize that, according to Lorca, these bumbling improvisers will decide your fate.

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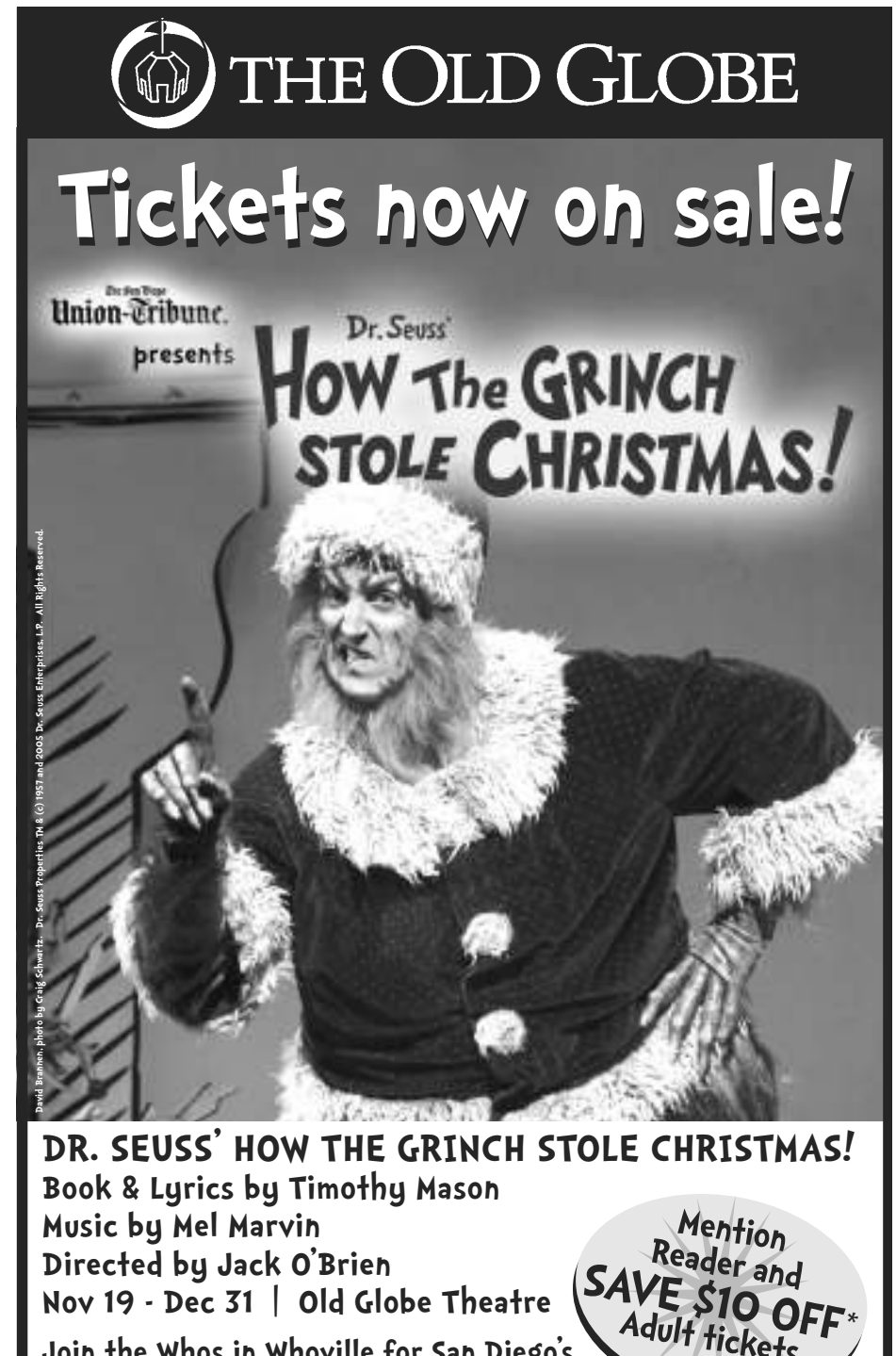
In 1999, Sledgehammer staged a workshop production of Kirsten Brandt's *Frankenstein Project.* The theater's new version is a mixed bag of kaleidoscopic stage movement and striking visuals — one of the best-looking shows ever staged at St. Cecilia's — and deliberate textual density that obfuscates the themes.

In our era of scientific breakthroughs — the government now monitoring grants for political and military applications — Brandt's updated version questions the ethics of "progress." How far is too far for cloning, gene therapy, stem cell research, biotech? That the 90-minute piece is performed at St. Cecilia's, now scheduled for demolition, adds a bitter rinse to notions of unfettered progress.

Brandt's modern Frankenstein's a San Diego Ph.D. named Mary. Played with bulletproof intensity by Laura Lee Juliano, Mary's so obsessed with creating "a sensitive and rational animal," she's blind to the implications. The script deconstructs Mary Shelley's Victor Frankenstein into three Marys (like the three in the New Testament?). Each be-





comes a Greek chorus for the others. And when they speak as one, the production recreates some of the novel's urgency.

At the same time, the script bombards the audience with a pseudointellectual veneer: actors, videos, and subtitles discuss everything from a marriage of science and religion ("reincarnation through physics") to the "butterfly effect" of Chaos Theory. This "intertextual" approach mirrors today's information overload but has two drawbacks: it blurs rather than deepens issues; and, when you can make out what's getting said through the din, it creates a "look, I've done my homework" quality that gets in the way of the crucial questions the play (and Mary Shelley's burning, relevant-this-minute novel) raises. ■

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.

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 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN, THROUGH NOVEMBER 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY AND SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-544-1000.

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

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MANDELL WEISS FORUM, UCSD, LA JOLLA, THROUGH NOVEMBER 12; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-534-4574.

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.

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The Frankenstein Project

Reviewed this issue.

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.

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Worth a try.

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Gypsy

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WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DRIVE, ESCONDIDO, THROUGH NOVEMBER 13; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 7:45 P.M. MATINEE THURSDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY AT 1:45 P.M. 760-749-3448.

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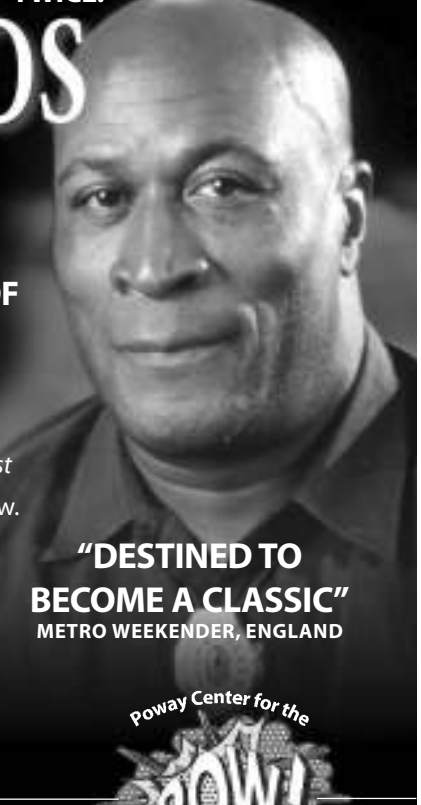
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My Three Angels

The Coronado Playhouse offers Sam and Bella Spewack's comedy about three convicts who try to stop an evil plot. James Gary Byrd directed.

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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 ActroTurf. The night I caught the show, three San Diego comedians played a challenge match against players from the San Jose franchise. Using suggestions from the audience, they played "Emotional Sympathy," "Shakespeare," "Blind Line," and "Freeze Tag," with judges awarding points to the best scenes. Klunkers and groaners got booed; quick wit rewarded (one of the most refreshing parts of the contest: people acknowledge failure, abundantly, then forget it). It made for a lively, often quite funny, evening. And Gary Kramer is one talented comedian.
Worth a try.

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The Smell of the Kill

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 discussion raises consciousness and ire: so much, in fact, that when the chance arises to terminate "the boys," only one hesitates. Michele Lowe's one-note 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 McCormick (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; THURSDAY THROUGH SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 858-481-1055.

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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 (and predictably) accepts this condition. In the finale, five performers vow to find new "Potential" in their sixth decade of life. All five are polished pros: Steve Anthony does a spectacular tap number ("When 50 Wore Tux"); Teri Ralston adds emotional depth to songs with skimpy lyrics; Susan Jordan handles the comedic chores with ease (and does a sultry samba with Anthony); David Holmes and Brian Byers always contribute. Problem is: they're much better than the material. *Too Old* has three or four catchy/moving numbers (especially "Lunch Hour Lift," about quickie plastic surgery; the Wordsworthian "The Child Is Father to the Man"; and Holmes's touching rendition of "Dog Passages," in which the singer marks the years by the dogs he's had). The rest, though always well done (and the cast snappily dressed by Jill K. Mesaros), are negligible. They hold down slots till better songs come along — of which *Too Old* could use at least six. The revue has a frame: the five performers are auditioning for a chorus, and, of 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 JANUARY 1; TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 7:00 P.M. MATINEE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M. 619-688-2494.

Triple Espresso: A Highly Caffeinated Comedy

Hugh Butternutt's done his lounge act at the Triple Espresso Coffeehouse 20 years to the day. While patrons sip a house blend — "Grape," "Scandinavian Blizzard," or "Mokoko Cocoa Mocha" — Hugh plays '70s tunes on the piano. He and his companions, here to celebrate Hugh's anniversary, got stuck in the '70s. The trio used to be Maxwell, Butternutt, and Bean, a comedy group that never went far. They're "losers," they admit, but not "ordinary" ones. And, hey, their reunion could help them face searing issues from their mediocre pasts. A formulaic story line? Yep. Straight from *Forever Plaid*. There's also the *Forever Plaid* problem: the three comedians are far too talented to play inept characters. One's a whiz at the piano. Another's a first-rate mime, and the third's a crackerjack magician. The trio is so talented, when the plot has them complain of difficulties to overcome, you wish they'd quit trumping up the pseudo-drama and get on with this highly entertaining, if lightweight show. (Note: the original cast members have been replaced.)
Worth a try.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVENUE, GASLAMP QUARTER, OPEN-ENDED RUN; WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT 8:00 P.M. SATURDAY AT 5:00 AND 8:00 P.M. SUNDAY AT 3:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M. 619-234-9583.

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. Twenty-five 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-the-inch drawing room, and well directed 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 story.
Worth a try.

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Got His Own

I rarely rate restaurants at "excellent to extraordinary." As far as I can remember, I've reviewed only seven of that quality in the five years since I arrived in "America's finest city." It's no coincidence that two of them have had the same chef, Escondido's Riko Bartolome, whose cooking I first encountered at 150 Grand.

He has now opened his own restaurant, Asia Vous, a few blocks away, where once again he features fine ingredients in dishes that meld French disciplines with Asian flavors. What elevates his version of "fusion" is the chef's thorough understanding of Pacific flavors and his grasp of what tastes and textures work best together. I can't talk about every dish I've eaten at Asia Vous (not enough ink), but what stands out is the consistent level of quality and creativity.

The menu is divided into small and large plates (appetizers and entrées). The experience is the same at both sizes, and at dessert as well. Every plate is a complex experience — not a sitcom, but a singular drama with a cast of interacting characters. The bill of fare changes constantly to reflect the seasons, and the chef's evolving ideas, but a few favorite dishes are always offered because the restaurant's regular patrons refuse to let Riko retire them.

One of these perennials is an appetizer of veal sweetbreads that turns the traditional treatment of this organ on its head. Where classic French chefs slather the unctuous meat with a rich sauce, Riko crisps the surfaces of the morsels and matches them to chunks of pineapple and disks of *lap cheong* (Chinese pork sausage), along with a heap of broccolini. The winey-sweet, chewy sausage is just what sweetbreads need for contrast, while the tang of pineapple and fierce greenness of wild broccoli complete the sharply focused picture.

Another unconventional menu stalwart is a delicate combination of potato gnocchi with Maine lobster and squash blossoms in a sauce perfumed with Tahitian vanilla. The secret to the ethereal gnocchi: Riko uses cold mashed potatoes, which (unlike hot potatoes) are sufficiently dry that they don't turn glutinous and sticky when beaten with flour and egg. The squash blossoms add a gentle vegetative note, and the buttery sauce is based on *dashi* (Japanese dried-bonito broth), which adds a mere whisper of fish flavor. Lobster and vanilla have become a popular pairing in recent years, and they do form an apt partnership. Here, the vanilla seeds in the sauce come as a surprise if you've forgotten the menu description between ordering and eating. Bite into one, and your mouth is flooded with tropical sunshine.



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REVIEW
NAOMI WISE

Hamachi cured in kosher salt and brown sugar is a sexy new favorite. The thick, translucent rectangles of yellowtail arrived on a hot plate, arranged like a flower over a plushy round of green heirloom tomato scattered with cucumber julienne. The dressing was a yuzu vinaigrette (a sour Japanese citrus fruit). The fish was toothsome, lightly cooked by the heat of the plate; the ripe tomato echoed its texture in softer form. Tomatoes may be out of season by the time you read this, but I trust Riko will find a suitable equivalent.

Instead of the ubiquitous warm goat-cheese salad, Riko makes goat-cheese tempura. Encased in a light, crisp coating, it looks like a big, tan meatball; when you cut it, it's runny inside. The dish is strewn with edible pink flower petals to complement luscious little Mara des Bois semi-wild strawberries. Alongside is a warm fennel compote with a melting texture, and underneath all is a reduction of balsamic vinegar and honey, cooked to the color and thickness of chocolate sauce, and tasting chocolatey, too. It fairly begs you to dip your strawberries in it.

Hawaiian-style tuna tartare is more familiar fare — an upscale ahi poké flavored with dark sesame oil and Asian chili oil, topped with a simple guacamole and microgreens and plated over grilled bread. Black tiger shrimps in red Thai curry are a reverie on the theme of Thai *mee krob*, replacing the rice sticks with crisp shoestring potatoes the size of wooden matchsticks and cutting the sugar of the original to just a hint of sweetness.

The entrées are divided equally between seafood and land creatures, plus two vegetarian dishes. All the seafood is in season, flown in from Kanaloa, a small company in Santa Barbara that Julia Child mentored during her final years there. (Chefs Charlie Trotter and Michael Mina use the company, too.) The meats and poultry are also aristocrats: The steak is Kobe beef from Snake River, Idaho, the pork is Kurobuta (the Kobe equivalent for hogs), and the chicken is Jidori, the Kobe of the fowl world. Celebrity chef Nobu Matuhisa turned Riko on to these birds when the latter was cooking at the Hotel Nikko in Beverly Hills and Nobu owned the restaurant next door. The chickens, raised here but highly prized in Japan, are free-range, hormone-free, and raised on natural food, so they taste like real poultry, not cardboard. (Riko is currently matching them with *foie gras* in various guises.) Some of the pro-

Asia Vous
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PRICES: Appetizers $7–$17; entrées $16–$39; desserts about $6
CUISINE AND BEVERAGES: Inventive Asian-French fusion cuisine, featuring classic dishes remade with fresh twists and fine ingredients. Adventurous wine list from many nations, mostly moderate but with some gala bottlings (albeit most reds are on the young side); plenty available by the glass.
PICK HITS: Pick anything, but don't miss sweetbreads, potato gnocchi with lobster, preserved hamachi, Kurobuta pork confit, desserts.
NEED TO KNOW: Unpretentious atmosphere and considerate service but can get noisy when full. Reservations urged, even for lunch. Parties of more than six accommodated only with set menus. Two vegetarian entrées (including one vegan). Most meats and poultry naturally raised. Except in vegetarian dishes, lard is the frying medium.

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duce is locally grown and sustainably raised; twice a week, Riko shops at the farmers' markets in Escondido and Vista.

Miso-bronzed sablefish (black cod) was invented by Riko's old neighbor Nobu. Riko serves it with a crisp, salty skin that slips off the fillet, accompanied by shelled edamame that taste as if they were picked that morning, in a sweet sake (*mirin*) nage with smashed purple potatoes hiding under the fish.

"Duck liver enriched suzuki" is a dish of Riko's invention involving a mild Hawaiian whitefish — not a motorcycle that ran into a waterfowl. It had everyone at my table asking, "Where's the duck?" because we couldn't locate any liver on the plate or on our palates. The twist here is that the fish is poached with dashi and shallots in clarified fat that Riko renders from duck liver or *foie gras* trimmings. It's a subtle touch, to say the least. The fish comes with butter-drenched napa cabbage, marinated slim green beans, and a cube of truffled potato purée with the flavor and texture of knish-filling — if the knish had a little black truffle essence in the mash.

Kurobuta pork confit is another original creation, treating the pedigreed pig the way Gascon chefs treat duck legs. A hefty shank is cooked in its own rendered fat, arriving crusted on the outside but moist inside, served atop a slick of cider *jus.* The accompaniment is an ideal match for the weight of the meat: a sparkling salad of apple and watercress scattered with *batons* of applewood-smoked bacon.

Hoisin-caramelized Australian lamb rack with "peas and carrots" features tender meat with a just-right amount of fat, which arrived roasted to our order of medium-rare. The Hoisin sauce lends a nip of spicy sweetness. The carrots are mashed, looking like a serving of Thanksgiving yam casserole but tasting lighter, with strips of deep-fried carrot chips for garnish, plus a scattering of English peas that were the best we've tasted in this year of mealy peas. Re-emphasizing the color scheme, a handful of marigold petals serve as garnish.

There are very few chefs who can create desserts as brilliant as their entrées, which is why most restaurants have dedicated pastry chefs. Riko is one of the exceptions, and his desserts are comparable to those of 910's Jack Fisher in their lightness and inventiveness.

He's mastered the arcane Tunisian *brik* pastry, three layers of phyllo leaves buttered, crumbled, and compacted together again into a less frangible form before baking — it has the same delicate flavor but doesn't shatter at a touch of the fork. I was sorry to miss a *brik*-crusted bluefin tuna but was delighted to find this delicacy in a yuzu-curd Napoleon, with thin but sturdy vertical pastry layers separating puffs of citric custard. The pastry is served over blackberries and their syrup, yin-yang with green-tea syrup (sugar syrup with an elusive touch of tannin) of a brilliant chartreuse. "What's the green stuff?" asked posse-member Dave at one visit. "Maybe it's the duck liver for the suzuki, at last," Marty answered.

Marty is a chocoholic, while I'm a nut for coconut, so we ordered the warm chocolate torte with coconut béchamel sauce and pecan nougat. The torte was molten in the center, of course, and the coconut sauce was suave and not too sweet. The plate included a limp chocolate finger along with chocolate-nut nougats, so the dish could be called "all about chocolate," showcasing the ingredient in cakey, liquid, nutty, and candy formats.

The restaurant's interior was designed by the chef and his wife as a handsome, comfortable bistro, with dark woods, carpeted floor, soft banquettes along two walls, and a small bar (that's mainly a service area) facing a wall bearing mirrors in heavy frames. Presiding over the far side of the room is Riko himself, visible behind the glass of the open kitchen. His wife Kim is in charge of the front of the house, and the service is exceptionally considerate. The feeling is of a "we," not an ego, and even the busser is in on the scheme. If Riko were working in a fancier setting, his restaurant might get five stars — but it's more fun to eat at Asia Vous, where he's his own boss and can cook what he wants to cook, while his staff takes pleasure in your pleasure.

ABOUT THE CHEF

Riko Bartolome started out hoping to be an architect but got sidetracked when, at 17, he took a job flipping eggs to earn college money. "I was working with two German chefs who took such pride in what they did… Trying to do something perfectly while in a rush satisfied my competitive nature." He got hooked on cooking, and his bosses steered him to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, where he graduated in 1989. After that, his gigs included the Hyatt Regency La Jolla and restaurants in Maui and L.A., all of which helped him develop his knowledge of Pacific Rim cuisines. Drawn home to Escondido, he cooked for several years at 150 Grand but developed an ambition to work in the big city. This led to a period of wandering in the culinary wilderness, with several creatively unrewarding gigs, until he could start his own restaurant. He opened Asia Vous 16 months ago, and it's all his own (aside from a bank loan), with his wife Kim as hostess and sole business partner.

"The name Asia Vous actually started out as 'Deja Vu,' but then we decided to get rid of the *d,*" he says. "Of course, the combination of Asian and French in the name reflects what we do there, and our concept of the restaurant as 'old school/new school.' And then, a lot of people didn't know where I went after I left 150 Grand — I just sort of disappeared and then reappeared in Escondido. So I've sort of been reborn here, and that relates to the name, too.

"I'm living the dream of a lot of other chefs. They're looking at me right now and saying, 'Hey, how's he doing?' because they want to do the same thing. It's not the same to have a lot of partners and investors — I'm the chef that went out on his own and has only the bank to answer to, and Kim, of course. The reason why the restaurant exists is all the work we've done. I put in the tiles in the bar at three in the morning, after working all day. *Aaagh!* The design of the restaurant, the objects in the bathroom — everything has to do with us. We bought some things from Home Depot, some from Expo, and from some of the furniture shops in San Marcos. I can tell you about banquettes, about colors…

"The menu evolves all the time. I'm not the same chef as I was 14 months ago. I can change the menu on a daily basis if I want to. Eventually I'd like to be able to serve a 'tasting menu' again." Some dishes are recycled seasonally. Other bold ventures, such as a sea-urchin custard from the original menu, have disappeared because too few customers understood them or ordered them, although a brave few loved them. "I have to hold back on my menu to some extent," Riko says, "because I'm in Escondido and some people don't understand this [cuisine]. The saying is 'If you can make it in Escondido, you can make it anywhere.'

"I'm especially proud of my service. It's all about teamwork; they don't think just of themselves. My servers started out knowing nothing about the food, but they all have special qualities about them that make the front-of-the-house experience unique and — unpretentious is the word. Some restaurateurs out there tell me I'm doing it wrong because we want people to be comfortable. We have comfortable banquettes, comfortable chairs. People like to hang out here, and I love it.

"This is becoming Escondido's 'special occasion' restaurant. People love to see me writing on dessert plates. We do a lot of anniversaries, birthdays, engagements. That's a very special thing, when people pick your restaurant to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary." ■





A Chomp Down Memory Lane

"José was so…genteel, so sophisticated. Not like the oafs I was hanging out with."

TIN FORK
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It all starts with me playing Mr. Magnanimous.

"Anywhere, anywhere," I say. "Name your favorite eatery." This is on Genesee, driving our beautiful neighbor Linda's car, after we've been to see Carla's doctor. He pummeled that broken leg of hers. She's hurting.

"All-time favorite?" she says.

"All-time."

"Jalisco's," she says without hesitation. "I.B. Take the 163 to 5 to Palm Avenue."

Wow. "So what's with Jalisco's?"

Carla's eyes soften. "I was 17. José. Midshipman. Peruvian. His navy ship was visiting. It was the only place I could think to take him. We ate *chiles rellenos.* He said it was the truest Mexican food he'd had in San Diego. He said *I* was the truest experience he'd had…The music, it was old-fashioned but beautiful. Singers like Pedro Infante. José was so…genteel, so sophisticated. Not like the oafs I was hanging out with."

"Like me, you mean," I say.

Carla sighs. "He made you feel he *wanted* to open the car door for you. He'd rush around to get it before you had time to lift a finger." She sighs again.

Great. Now I'm competing with a door-opening middy.

We finally make it to straggly Palm Avenue, and there, sandwiched between the Ever So Naughty Adult Theater and the Whirly Bird Cocktail Restaurant sits the Jalisco, a small-scale cream stucco place with token tiles set along the front of its flat roof, like some bald geezer's ill-fitting rug.

We park the car, and a minute later we're inside this low-ceilinged, cream-walled, woody room half filled with chit-chattering people, plus Mexican music, overhead fans, a frosted-glass central divider, a J-shaped counter for seating lone wolves, and a wall painting of a Mexican *charro* on horseback twisting the tail of a bull, to floor him. Plus pâpier-mâché parrots hanging from the ceiling and in the stained-glass windows.

Carla takes a deep breath. "We sat over there. But let's sit on this side instead."

We end up at a long wooden table with big honest varnished wooden chairs with no cushioning on the seats; they're comfortable all the same.

"You're listening to *¡La Preciosa!*" says the radio.

A gal, Bertha, brings over a menu. I'm a little worried. Nothing could possibly be as good as Carla's last time with José, for sure.

But things start well: The chips are piping hot, fresh, and tender. The salsa's hot — *picante* — but not too eyeball-popping. I order what I want most in the world right now, a coffee ($1.75) and, seeing as they serve breakfast all day, think about a *desayuno.* Maybe the "Jalisco Special Omelette," four eggs with *pollo asado* or *carne asada,* jack cheese, beans, and tortillas, or hash browns and toast for $7.49. "This is Muy Grande!" warns the menu. Carla has an iced tea ($1.80).

I'm also tempted by "Our Famous Flying Saucer," except, really, it's just a crisp flour tortilla with beans, shredded beef or chicken, salad stuff, and guacamole ($4.99 a half, $6.99 whole, or with *carne asada* or *pollo asado,* $5.99/8.25).

"Let's start with an appetizer," Carla says. "See? Jalapeño poppers are only $1.79 for three, with sour cream."

Ho-kay. Bertha brings them, and man! They are scalding hot.

"So you and, uh, José ate chiles rellenos," I say, looking at the menu. "They still have them. 'With beef or chicken enchilada,' $7.99. Or on their own, only $2.80. Wanna take a chomp down memory lane?"

Carla ignores me. She looks up at Bertha. "Carne asada enchiladas," she says, as decisively as if she'd been Hank. I check the listing. "Two enchiladas stuffed with charbroiled steak, served with refried beans, Spanish rice, and guacamole, $8.99."

Me, I've just spotted one of the *Burritos Grandes,* the chorizo with egg ($4.79). Not breakfast, but near enough. I order it.

And when they come, man, they're huge. Carla's plate is vast, oval, and loaded with steak-filled enchiladas, a sea of frijoles with melted cheese, Spanish rice, salad, da woiks. My burrito is stuffed with *mucho* chorizo. For a couple of minutes, we're heads down.

"Oh God," Carla says suddenly. Her ear's cocked to the radio. "That's incredible. Could it be? Ask who that is."

Some velvet-voiced crooner is singing *"Te llevaste mi polla, gavilán…"* "You took my little chicken, sparrow-hawk…"

"It's Pedro Infante," says this guy Robert, from the counter across the divider. " 'Chicken' means his *novia.* His true love has been stolen."

"Oh God, Pedro Infante. I knew it," says Carla. She starts singing right along. *"Gavilán, gavilán, gavilán…"*

Robert sits back down at his counter seat. He has just put away a *pollo asado* ("marinated and charbroiled boneless chicken served with refried beans, Spanish rice, guacamole, and corn or flour tortillas, $8.99"). Says you expect this sort of scene here. "It's a social place for me. I've been coming in for 26 years. But I'm a new boy. The place has been open for 60 years, since the 1940s. And it's always been popular: Weekend mornings, the line goes around the block."

"Te llevaste mi polla, gavilán," Carla sings. Then she stops. "I can't eat any more. I can't stay. Pedro Infante, my leg, José, it's all too, too…Can we take the rest home? We could reheat it for breakfast tomorrow…"

But before we up-anchor, Carla recovers enough to go along with me in a quick $1.95 *buñuelo,* a crisp tortilla fritter with cinnamon and syrup. So sticky-beautiful.

Bertha brings a polystyrene box. Lauri brings the check. They understand. They've both been here 17 years. It's that kind of place. Me, I'm not too fussed at leaving before we finish. As good as this tastes now, I know it'll be twice as fab on the reheat tomorrow morning. Thanks, José. ■

The Place: *Jalisco Café, 1669 Palm Avenue, Imperial Beach, 619-575-4955 (also at 4026 Bonita Road)*
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"Everybody waits until the last minute to buy tickets in San Diego."

"Last year was our dress rehearsal," says Ken Loyst, president of the San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival. "This year is our opening act. I think we're going to do well. Two weeks before the event," which opens today and runs through Saturday, "we were ahead of the total numbers for last year. Everybody is starting to buy tickets. Everybody waits until the last minute to buy tickets in San Diego — I don't know why, but it is what it is."

Crush
MATTHEW LICKONA

And last year's dress rehearsal wasn't exactly a flop. Attendance was good enough to convince Loyst that "San Diego is ready to have a really good event like this. The city is starting to mature to the point where it can support an event of this nature, and I think it will attract more people every year." And not just from San Diego. "We've got a lot of sponsors, and we've got a lot of press coming in — from L.A., from all over. I think it's good for the city."

The wooing of the press began long before the actual event, thanks in part to Loyst's partner, Michelle Metter. "She comes from a PR firm, and she's done a ton of media PR." Local TV news agreed to cover the event. (Your humble scribe anted up for a service piece without even being asked. Go, home team!) "Frank Mangio from Copley News Service has written a couple of articles, and the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau featured us." Capitalizing on the city's tourist-friendly status was key — Loyst has always intended this to be a national event, even as he seeks to highlight local people and products. "Michelle got us picked up by an AP reporter, who did a Fall Festival feature. Ours was the second event mentioned, and it got picked up by *USA Today,* the *Chicago Sun-Times,* the *Connecticut Herald* — all over."

Besides coverage, the media provided sponsorship. *San Diego* magazine became a media partner. "They participated with four full-page color ads from August through November." *Dining Out, Serving San Diego,* and *Wine Country International* signed on as media partners, as did *Saveur,* a high-profile superfoodie must-read. "They're sending out an advance scouting crew," says Loyst. "They'll pass out magazines, see how this year goes, and decide what they want to do next year."

Once you've whetted the country's appetite, you've got to hook them with a killer menu. Loyst hopes to grow increasingly local for his lineup in the years to come, but there's nothing like fame to draw a crowd. James Beard Award-winner chef Bob Kinkead has three successful restaurants to his name: Kinkead's in D.C., Colvin Run Tavern in Virginia, and, with his brother David, Sibling Rivalry in Boston. This year saw the publication of his first (eponymous) cookbook. On Friday, he will teach a two-hour class at the Macy's School of Cooking on "Seafood Secrets of Chesapeake Bay."



"Chef Kinkead is a great name," comments Loyst. "He's very well known on the East Coast. We've got several people coming from Massachusetts and other parts of the East Coast who signed up for his class first, and then they're going to the rest of the event."

Kinkead received his James Beard Award for being the "Best Mid-Atlantic Chef." Laura Werlin won hers for writing *The All-American Cheese and Wine Book.* A media darling — both on TV (*Cooking Live! With Sara Moulton,* etc.) and in print (*Saveur,* etc.) — she will host a class on American cheese and wine pairing an hour after Kinkead's. But it's not simply a matter of celebrity. Says Loyst, "We go to other events around the country, talk to people, find out who gives good presentations. Laura Werlin we've seen in a couple of different places; she does an outstanding presentation. And we ask people what they would like to see."

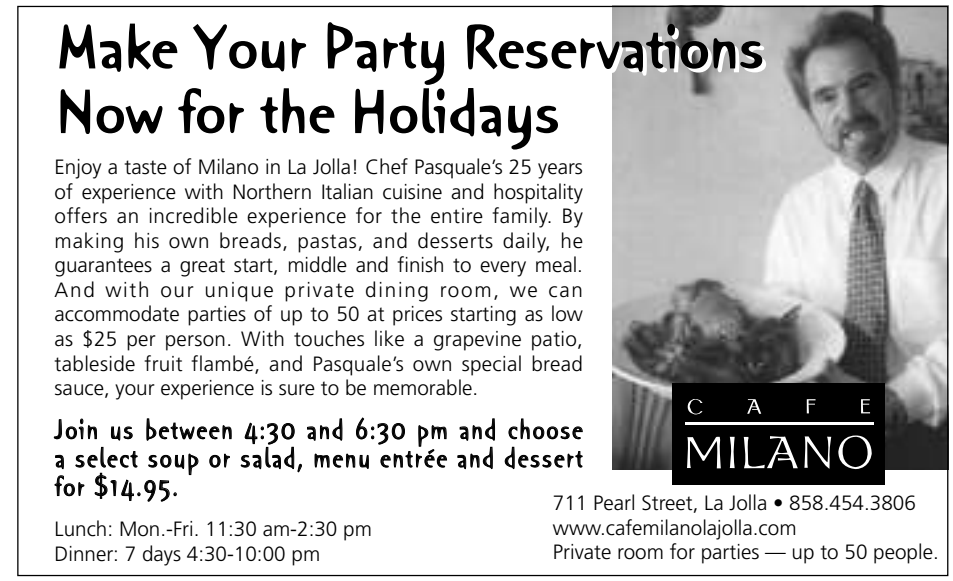
On the local front, Bacchus wine merchant Paris Driggers will host a class on New World vs. Old World wines today at the Westgate Hotel. He'll be followed by San Diego distributor Greg Martellotto's introduction to the wines of Baja California. "The Department of Tourism of Baja California came to us and asked if they could have a seminar. They requested that we use Greg for that. And Paris came highly recommended by a lot of people." At the same time, John Alonge and Hans Trevor Grossmann will be hosting sessions at the San Diego Wine and Culinary Center — Alonge on wine blending, Grossmann on cooking with produce procured from San Diego farmers' markets.

The Culinary Center is a new venue for the Festival this year. Loyst hopes it's the start of something. "We'd like to add more locations in the future — spread the classes around the county as the event grows. That would give it more interest, I think. I'd like to get Great News involved, do a class or two there." Gardening at Chino and Be Wise, meatcutting at Tip Top Meats and Iowa Meat Farms, an introduction to home winemaking somewhere up in North County....

Other events: Santa Fe chef/restaurateur Vikki Nulman on how to make "seafood-inspired appetizers" with a "New Mexican twist" — Thursday at the San Diego Wine & Culinary Center. On Friday, a four-course Mediterranean lunch with Bob Long of Long Vineyard at the same location. Also on Fri-







day: "Desserts That Wow!" with pastry chef Rudi Weider at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina. Paso Robles Westside Grand Crew wine seminar and tasting at the Westgate Hotel, followed by restaurateur/winemaker Ardison Phillips on port and chocolate pairings, followed by wine instructor Deborah Lazear's tasting tour of sparkling wines from around the world.

Friday ends with the Reserve Tasting and Silent Auction on the Westgate's Starlight Terrace, with the Grand Event and Live Auction capping things off on Saturday. Over a hundred wineries pouring, restaurants serving samples, culinary exhibits, and an auction featuring "a stunning collection of large-format bottles of rare and fine wines" that will "amaze even the most serious of collectors." (That last bit is from the Festival's website, *www.worldofwineevents.com*. Go there for more information, or call 619-342-7337.) ■

RESTAURANT LISTINGS

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NORTH COASTAL

Big Jim's Old South Barbecue 190 North Coast Highway 101 (two blocks north of Encinitas Boulevard), Encinitas, 760-635-1166. At this outstanding barbecue, you can "Put Some South in Yo' Mouth!" The smoking-wood is mellow hickory, and each type of meat (sublime "pulled pork," smoky skewered shrimp, huge pork ribs, chicken, beef ribs, steak) gets individualized treatment, including a tangy Alabama-style mustard sauce for pork and chicken. (Beef gets the more familiar tomatoey Texas-style sauce.) You don't eat meat? The ever-expanding menu now includes a delicious, spicy blackened grilled salmon steak. Side dishes are superb: Don't miss the thick, smoky-sweet Brunswick stew (you'll not find its like anywhere on this coast), exemplary hush puppies, corn muffins with honey butter, well-balanced slaw…. Oh, just taste everything you can fit under your belt. Lunch/dinner daily, breakfast weekends. Low moderate. — *N.W. (6/05)*

The Bird House Grill 250 North Highway 101, Encinitas, 760-944-2882. A great place to check out real Turkish cuisine. The inside has a fine collection of blue-and-white wall plates and blue glass eyes to ward off evil spirits. Try the house specialty, Iskender Kebab (ground meat kebab, rice, tomato sauce, and house-grown yogurt) — "Iskender" means "Alexander." Or the Kofte plate (ground meat kebab, rice, salad, pita, and *tzatziki* sauce). The shepherd's salad is a traditional dish brimming with fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, parsley, oil, and lemon. Good healthy Mediterranean diet. Even the baklavas are less gloopy. Open Monday to Saturday, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/04)*

Calypso Cafe 576 North Coast Highway 101, Leucadia, 760-632-8252. This "Calypso" has nothing to do with Caribbean music (or food), despite its tropical tiki-hut decor. The cuisine is French, ranging from old warhorses like onion soup and *coq au vin* to newfangled Gallo-Cal-Italian-Pacific Rim hyphenates such as *ahi pissaladière* (seared tuna pizza). The traditional dishes are generally the most successful. Mussels are the house specialty, and their rapid turnover here ensures freshness. Although there's nothing revolutionary coming from this kitchen, the cooking is generally agreeable. Dinner nightly, reservations advised. Upper moderate. — *N.W. (9/01)*

Knockout Pizza 2959 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, 760-434-4468. It's New York pizza only here. "People back East are more traditional," says owner James, the ex-boxer, an old sparring buddy of the Bronx Pizza guys in Hillcrest. "We don't do California thick crust, we don't do pineapple, we don't do chicken. We don't do 'personal size,' either. But we *do* do slices." They make the pies with traditional thin, crisp crusts and toppings like pepperoni, meatball, garlic, and "whitestone" (mozzarella, Parmesan, ricotta, garlic, and spinach). Maybe their best is the "Bronx Special," an assortment of pepperoni, sausage, onions, olives, mushrooms, pepper and garlic, said to fell New Yorkers quicker'n one of James's right uppercuts. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Paul's Place 3671 Mission Avenue (at El Camino Real), Oceanside, 760-721-0124. This restaurant looks like a McDonald's or Wendy's (the building used to be a franchise) and the food comes fast, but it's no chain. The menu strikes a balance between American and Greek fare. The baked Greek half-chicken, the spiced grilled chicken sliced up on a salad with pita bread, and the gyros (all at earthy prices) mix with all-American three-egg breakfast specials with home fries. Lunch offers include meaty hamburgers, gyros with fries, or a surprisingly tasty turkeyburger. Open seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

Teriyaki 101 250 North Coast Highway 101 (between Encinitas and Leucadia Blvds.), Encinitas, 760-632-8813. This surfer hangout has a secret: Behind a gate just south of the restaurant there's a sheltered outdoor dining patio decorated by a tropical mural of island life above and below the water. "Eat Healthy, Feel Good" is the motto on the menu, and teriyaki is the dish that dominates it. But this is Hawaiian teriyaki, with lighter, cleaner flavors than the Japanese version. The dark-meat "Maui chicken" skewer and the moist ono (pink snapper) kebab are especially succulent; you can also opt for pork, veggies, numerous combos, and charbroiled burgers (of beef, fowl, or veggies). Everything comes with rice (white or brown), pleasingly touched with teriyaki sauce. Open Tuesday through Saturday, lunch to early dinner. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (10/01)*

Tip Top Meats 6118 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, 760-438-2620. This geranium-splashed blue-and-white Bavarian chalet is more than a butcher's shop. It's a combination butcher-deli-diner. Enter through the bulging deli and listen for the shouts and clatter of serving ladies. Look for the *"Es ist Wunderbar!"* sign over the counter. Try German and American dishes like Big John's all-you-can-eat bacon, pork-link sausage, bratwurst, or ham breakfast with three eggs, home fries, and toast. Or the sausage plate: bratwurst, knackwurst, and smoked Polish with German potato salad and traditional stuffed cabbage. Owner Big John is a heavyweight Olympic boxer from the former East Germany with an MA in meat sciences. Generous portions abound. Weekends after 4 p.m., he roasts his famous prime rib dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Vigilucci's 505 South Coast Highway 101 (at D Street), Encinitas, 760-942-7332. In the Land of 10,000 Trattorias, this is one of the most popular — and for good reason. The restaurant's motto, "a little piece of Italy," is actually accurate. Freshness, simplicity, and savvy seasoning — that's Italian. The pastas are luscious (try the comforting cannelloni with an unusual stewed meat stuffing) and the flavorful entrées come with honest fresh vegetables. The staff is bouncy and jokey, the wines are mainly

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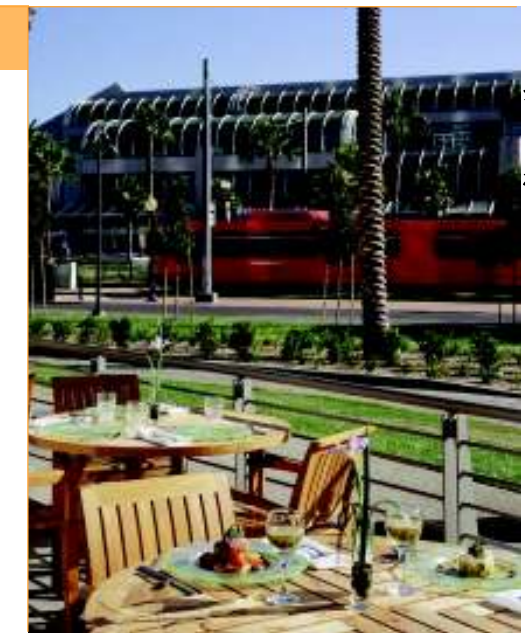

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The Village Grill 2833 State Street (at Carlsbad Village Drive), Carlsbad, 760-729-3601. This little café is famous for two things: its vintage Coca-Cola decorations and its delicious Tommyburgers, named after the guy who opened this place back in 1976. Tommy believed in fresh ingredients, says son Dale, now in charge, who orders only "extra lean" meat from the local butcher for his burgers. For breakfast, check out the eggs and sausage-patty special with fried-skin potatoes and hot-buttered toast. And if you surf, bring your board — the beach is just across the tracks. Breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

NORTH INLAND

150 Grand Cafe 150 West Grand Avenue (between Broadway and Maple), Escondido, 760-738-6868. Chef Carlton Greenawalt cooks up a seasonal American-Mediterranean menu with a few touches of Asian-fusion, using local and organic produce wherever possible. Among the pick hits: a clever almond-crusted manchego cheese appetizer, a definitive trout amandine, and interesting desserts, including a lovely lemon-tinged crème brûlée. Reservations advisable on weekends. Childrens' and vegetarian meals available on request. Street parking may be difficult; leave time to hunt. Dining rooms often noisy. Live music (mainly jazz) most Thursdays through Saturdays after dinner hours in Back Room Lounge. Moderate prix fixe dinners weeknights; slightly expensive à la carte on weekends. — *N.W. (10/03)*

A Delight of France 126 West Grand Avenue, Escondido, 760-746-2644. This authentic French bakery is one of the best in the region, offering daily baked authentic baguettes, brioches, quiches, and croissants, including a luscious almond croissant studded with nuts and laced with sweet almond paste. They claim to use all-organic ingredients, even the eggs, and locally grown produce. For a hearty breakfast, you can choose omelets, frittatas, French toast, and eggs. Lunch dishes include several savory tarts, a French deli plate, crêpes, salads, and sandwiches. And ooh la la, there are dessert pastries, too. Open for brunch/lunch and pre-dinner snacks Tuesday through Saturday; lunch/brunch only on Sunday. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Bolsa Vietnamese Restaurant 9225 Mira Mesa Boulevard #118 (behind Wendy's), 858-693-3663. "The name 'Bolsa' isn't Vietnamese," says Kim Trang. "It's Spanish for 'bag.'" She's playing on words here: Trang once owned *Pho Bolsa* on University Avenue, and every Vietnamese knows *pho bo* is Vietnam's most popular quick meal, a beef rice noodle soup. At this location, Trang still makes excellent *pho bo*, but she has 122 other items as well, including fried catfish with ginger fish sauce, healthy (non-fried) Vietnamese spring rolls, or egg rolls with lettuce and mint in which to wrap them (sprinkled with *nuoc mam*, Vietnamese fish sauce). We're talking family-style cooking. Come once and Trang will remember you and everything you ate — even if it was just *pho bo*. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Golden Egg Omelet House 316 West Mission Avenue (at Escondido Boulevard), Escondido, 760-489-6420. This breakfast-lunch treasure-house is vast but cute, its brick walls and open beams festooned with knickknacks (all for sale). This is *the* place on Sunday mornings, when three generations bond over great, generous breakfasts. Omelets are perfect — light, thin crêpe-like eggs wrapped around tall mounds of elaborate fillings. Thick waffles can be topped with fresh seasonal fruit. And then there are eggs, hash, crêpes, humongous burgers, and sandwiches. The potato casseroles, with a choice of a dozen fillings, are as huge in flavor as they are in size. Whatever you choose will carry you through until dinner. No reservations, so expect a wait on weekends. In back of a mall. Easiest entry from Mission is at SDGE driveway; do not pass McDonald's. Good handicap access, sturdy high-chairs, low-salt cooking. Open daily, breakfast and lunch. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (9/03)*

Hunan 16719 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-8131. This casual family restaurant serves the cuisines of two spicy Chinese provinces, Szechuan and Hunan — each with its own dedicated chef — but both chefs tone the spice way down to a suburban American comfort level. If you don't already know the difference between these neighboring cuisines, you're unlikely to learn them here. But you can have an enjoyable meal: Tea-smoked duck, eggplant Hunan-style, and shredded potatoes with pickled vegetables are the outstanding dishes. If you're planning on a multicourse feast, order your meal a few dishes at a time or everything will be served at once; the staff is accommodating but limited-English. Over 20 vegan entrées. Full bar, Chinese beers, generic wines. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (8/04)*

Madras Cafe 9484 Black Mountain Road, Mira Mesa, 858-695-6229. In the same strip mall as Ashoka the Great, this family-friendly café features the savory vegetarian cuisine of South India. It's distinctly different from the standard North Indian menus, centering on numerous varieties of stuffed pancakes — from thin, crisp (and irresistible) crêpe-like *dosais* stuffed with vegetable curry to lacy rice-flour *aapams* drenched in coconut milk to hefty, frittata-like *uttapams*. (Try the latter with the delicious, not-too-spicy chile-onion stuffing.) Puffy *poori* bread and tamarind rice are spectacular. Order your dishes in the sequence you hope to eat them — that's usually how they come out of the kitchen. And don't expect hovering "Raj"- style service — it's just not the Tamil way. Seasoning is generally mild, to accommodate kiddies; spicy sauces are on the table. No alcohol. Open Tuesday through Sunday with buffet lunches and à la carte dinners. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (1/03)*

Meiki Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar 9823 Carroll Canyon Road, Eucalyptus Square, Scripps Ranch, 858-566-0206. You'll find a first-rate sushi bar tucked away in this tiny shopping center. The fresh yellowtail, scallops in spicy sauce (*hotategai*), or the special order of baked salmon roll are all wonderful. Fifty-three items appear on the sushi list, all prepared by a master chef. The cooked combination plates are also fine. If you sit at the sushi bar, you may be disappointed because chairs, not stools, are used and you can't watch the chef. If you're in the area, don't miss this one. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner; Sunday, dinner only. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Pearl Chinese Cuisine 11666 Avena Place (at Webb Park), Rancho Bernardo, 858-487-3388. At Emerald Restaurant's younger, prettier suburban sister, you'll find modern Hong Kong-style Chinese cuisine, including both familiar and exotic dishes. Daytimes are for dim sum (Chinese tapas), served daily until 3 p.m., plus champagne dim sum brunches on weekends. Along with standard items, the choices here leap to the latest Pacific creations, some rarely found this side of the ocean, including irresistible Shanghai soup dumplings. Dinners range from folk food to showy "gold cup" dishes. For a taste treat and visual hoot, try the sea bass with pine nuts, sculpted to resemble a dish sponge. International wine list at modest markups complements the cooking. Full bar. Frying done in salad (not peanut) oil. Reservations advised. Lunch and dinner on weekdays; three meals on weekends. Moderate, with some expensive specialties. — *N.W. (8/04)*

GOLD COAST

Americana 1454 Camino Del Mar (southwest corner at 15th Street), Del Mar, 858-794-6838. Housed in a historic building, this casual breakfast/lunch joint turns into a serious dinner house at nightfall. The cooking represents the American melting pot, featuring world-wide flavors. Mornings, along with flawless eggs Benedict and utopian waffles, you can get a "Roman breakfast" of prosciutto, mozzarella, and fried egg on English muffin. At dinner, don't miss the lamb chop and eggplant appetizer or the duck breast with fig sauce. Some of the veggies come from chef-owner Randy Gruber's own home garden; the French fries (which don't come from his garden) are world-class. To finish, a banana *tarte tatin* shouldn't be resisted. Thoughtful, reasonable wine list. Breakfast (until 3 p.m.) and lunch daily, dinner Tuesday through Saturday. Kids' menu available. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive to moderate; dinner moderate to expensive. — *A.M. (1/05)*

Cafe Europa 667 San Rodolfo Drive, Suite 133, Marshall's Shopping Center, Solana Beach, 858-793-4693. The menu in this *gemütlich* dining room is mainly German but flirts with France and Italy. The Peruvian owners sometimes offer a South American special at lunch, and Cuzqueño is among the bottled beer brands. The standard German preparations here encompass sausage plates, rather thin-cut schnitzels, meat stews, et al. Lighter dishes include chicken breasts, seafood, and three vegetarian entrées. The outstanding veggie sides include succulent home fries, delicately sweet red cabbage, and a house salad featuring pickled cukes in sour cream. Nice, quiet service with no put-on oompah-pah. Beer and generic wines. Breakfast and lunch Sunday, Monday, Wednesday; three meals Thursday through Saturday. Closed Tuesdays. — *N.W. (4/05)*

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Epazote Southwest Restaurant 1555 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar Plaza, Del Mar, 858-259-9966. Patrons frequently call this establishment the New York Stock Exchange because of its high energy, young crowd, and exciting atmosphere. Good dishes include southwestern-style tapas and spit-roasted items. Sunday brunch à la carte. This place is always crowded. Open daily. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

LA JOLLA

910 Restaurant Grande Colonial Hotel, 910 Prospect Avenue, La Jolla, 858-964-5400. Chef Jason Knibb, a protégé of Trey Foshee (of George's at the Cove) carries on the 910 tradition of clean, flavorful Cal cuisine, based on the seasons and showcasing the fabulous foodstuffs of local farms. Dessert chef Jack Fisher contributes superlatively happy, avant-garde endings. The flies in the buttermilk? The service is Space Cadet Corps, and during dinner, the room is usually noisy. Open daily, three meals. Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (5/05)*

Brockton Villa 1235 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, 858-454-7393. Pretty and romantic, this sprawling cottage perches above La Jolla Cove and offers heated terraces as well as semi-enclosed tables indoors to admire the view. The culinary masterpiece is "Coast Toast," invented for breakfast but now served all day — it's the French toast of your happiest dreams, puffy and airy with a lovely orange flavor. (And the coffee is excellent.) Lunchtime features sandwiches on flavorful Bread & Cie breads while dinner runs to San Diego international-eclectic cookery that can be hit-or-miss. Affordable wines and corkage. Steep stairs to all dining areas. All nearby pay parking is uphill in a garage under Trattoria Acqua or up on Prospect. Unisex rest room. Open three meals Tuesday through Sunday; breakfast/lunch Mondays. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

The Cheese Shop 2165 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, 858-459-3921. Used to be the Cheese Shop had 100 varieties of cheese from all over. No more. "The cheese trade is dead," says owner Phil Schutz. They still have all-cheese sandwiches with mixes of provolone, Monterey Jack, Cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, Danish Havarti, or Norwegian Jarlsberg. But today this small, busy café is more famous for its "overstuffed" meat sandwiches. The leg of lamb, top round beef, and roast pork loin are all spit-roasted right beside you as you walk in, to waken your taste buds. Cheeses like crumbled Greek Mizithra add tang to the taste. If you're into salami and ham, try the foot-long. Free peanuts while you wait. Inexpensive. Other location: 627 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-232-2303, open daily breakfast to late lunch, with delivery to downtown addresses. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Daily's Renaissance Towne Centre, 8915 Towne Centre Drive, La Jolla, 858-453-1112. The restaurant is owned by a doctor who has devised a menu that's low-fat, low-calorie, low-sodium. The dishes look and taste wonderful. All items available for takeout. Lunch and dinner (same menu) daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

French Pastry Shop 5550 La Jolla Boulevard (at Forward Street), La Jolla, 858-454-9094. A longstanding fixture of the Bird Rock area, this bakery/restaurant includes both a simple, spacious dining room and a shaded patio (reputedly San Diego's first dining patio). Breakfast — a highlight of the menu — is served until 4 p.m. The whisper-thin crêpes with luscious stuffings speak in a Gallic accent. Other possibilities include omelets, eggs Benedict variations, and fine-quality brioches and croissants. Pastries are moist, fairly light, and very sweet. Dinner entrées focus on updated French classics, e.g., duck breast a' l'orange, with "early bird" bargains. Open daily for breakfast through early dinner. — *N.W. (5/02)*

Harry's Coffee Shop 7545 Girard Avenue (at Pearl), La Jolla, 858-454-7381. When Harry Rudolph II opened Harry's back in 1960, his idea was simple: to create a down-home eatery and soda fountain where all La Jolla — rich, poor, Brahmins, and gardeners) — could mix and meet with plenty of good eats. Everyone from Joan Kroc to Junior Seau to Brooke Shields has been spotted here, along with regular folks who've been coming in for three decades. Now Harry III reigns quietly among a dozen whirling dervish waitresses at lunch, while his dad still works the breakfast shift. The big hamsteak and eggs is a favorite breakfast, as is the simple, rich "Hot Creamy Oatmeal" with strawberries. Pecan pancakes and thin, crisp waffles ring true to many Easterners (though Harry offers thick Belgian-style waffles, too), and for lunch, turkey burgers and the bacon-loaded British Burger are popular. At the counter, the banter between been-here-forever waitresses and customers sounds like family life. Nice sidewalk patio, too. Long lines on weekends. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Trattoria Acqua 1298 Prospect Street, La Jolla, 858-454-0709. This popular restaurant has charming decor, with arched doorways dividing a warren of white-painted, high-ceilinged rooms and terraces arranged around a tiled, heated courtyard. The seasonally changing menu could be called "avant-garde Italian," a style that more than pushes the Italian envelope with assorted international influences. The food can be divine — or dismaying. Given Acqua's "destination restaurant" status, there's a surprising air of bean-counting that manifests itself in oddly lightweight silverware, waiters unclear about proper wine service, and, at times, tired veggies. Desserts, though, are superb. Full bar with extensive, wide-ranging wine list that includes half bottles as well as choices by the glass. Walk-ins accepted but weekend reservations advised. Restaurant is two floors down from Prospect, with validated parking in underground garage on Coast Boulevard. Elevator access from both directions (Acqua's stop is the first floor). Lunch or brunch and dinner seven days. Moderate (pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

MISSION VALLEY & THE MESAS

Adam's Steak N' Eggs 1201 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley, 619-291-1103. Morning munchers take heart! Adam's has served nothing but breakfasts since 1966. The menu runs from healthy — hot oatmeal with raisins, dates, sunflower seeds, almonds, pineapple and coconut — to corn fritters to a Southern brunch of spicy sausage patties, biscuits, gravy, grits, and eggs, to spiced apple crêpes with whipped cream and pecans. But the signature dish is steak and eggs. The steak's a high-walled chunk of meat almost as thick as it is round. Comes with two eggs, potatoes or grits, and toast or tortillas. You won't need lunch. This bricky, dark wood, clubby, business-convention-tourist kind of place has ver-ry faithful customers. But if you want to walk there, be ready for lack of sidewalks, one-way bus access, and wild morning traffic. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Aladdin's Cafe 5420 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Clairemont, 858-573-0000; Uptown Shopping Center, 1220 Cleveland Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-574-1111. These cafés offer a bright, clean atmosphere for bright and clean, if rather generic, Middle Eastern favorites (hummus, tabbouleh, kebabs, *shawerma,* etc.), plus imaginative Levantine-flavored pizzas and salads. There are ample choices for vegetarians. The Hillcrest location offers beer and wine. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

Dumpling Inn 4619 Convoy Street #F, Kearny Mesa, 858-268-9638. Hole-in-the-wall? Yes. But what a hole-in-the-wall. For those who love the Far East and its food, finding the Dumpling Inn is a little revelation. It's located in the busy Jasmine/Korean Market Center among Oriental herbalists, mansize-vase shops, even feng shui experts. The Inn itself is tiny but charming. Long hanging lanterns, decorative



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strings of scarlet and gold firecrackers, Chinese flutes, and even the odd conical straw hat. The food is serious but not expensive. Dishes like ten fish and green chive dumplings, spicy stir-fried three-ingredient *lo mein* (thick noodles, jumbo shrimp, calamari, and chicken plus hot red peppers) are challenging and exciting, as is the Dumpling Dinner (including hot-and-sour soup, cold cuts, shredded pork, bun, pot-stickers, shrimp and pork dumplings). Don't miss their divine jellyfish salad — crunchy-tender, bright and spicy (but not too) — you'd be hard-pressed to find its like outside of Hong Kong. Lunch and early dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/02)*

Lightnin' Jacks BBQ Clairemont Town Square, 4705-H Clairemont Drive (near movieplex), Clairemont, 858-270-8227. Clean, cute, and a little self-conscious, this barbecue (under the same ownership as next-door Dino's Greek Restaurant) has black-and-white Western pictures on the walls and some seating on barstools with metal "saddles" (more comfortable than they look). The barbecue mechanism is a Texas-style pit smoker burning sweet hickory. The meats that emerge from it aren't the smokiest, but they're tasty enough. Pork ribs are tender and moist, and beef brisket carries enough smoke flavor to pass muster in Texas; other meat choices are less successful. The tomatoey sauce is pleasant but ordinary. A fried catfish plate makes a flavorful alternative (but beware the cat sandwich, awash in hot sauce). Hush puppies and sweet potato fries are the most savory sides. Check your take-out bag to make sure you're getting what you ordered, as youthful staff is easily flustered. Kiddie plates available. No alcohol. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

New Shanghai 4681 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-569-4833. New Shanghai is busy, friendly, and draws a mostly Chinese clientele because their Chinese food isn't "Americanized." Whatever your gastronomic politics, try the generous plateful of dry braised shrimp, the "de-fatted pork shoulder," the hot tripe, and the ingenious red bean pancake dessert. Inexpensive to moderate. — *M.N. (4/99)*

Rosie and Joe's Grill & Cantina 7986 Armour Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-277-5777. Joe Polizzi and his wife Rosalie started this place in 1959. Now his son Paul and wife Lynn run it as a New Mexico-style eatery-sports bar-patio café with karaoke and mini-golf. Popular dishes include the "Beerubin" sandwich (corn beef on rye with sauerkraut, Gouda cheese), the Sweet Sicilian sandwich (grilled Italian sausage, sautéed onions, bell peppers, provolone), and the California Chili Burger (with roasted chilis, onions, Gouda cheese). Also good: the Pescado Vera Cruz (pan-grilled fish with caramelized onions). Yes, it's out in the industrial wilds of Kearny Mesa, but it has a *Cheers* feel to it. Open for lunch, dinner, seven days. Inexpensive; dinners moderate. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Spice House Cafe 9035 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard (at Complex Drive, across from courthouse), 858-565-1028. When your "head feels like an old potato" and your "tongue like a button hook" (to quote Kipling), Spice House's answer is their Hangover Omelet. We don't know if it's the Ortega chilies or Jack cheese or super tangy tomato sauce, but some guys swear they feel better for eating it. The place is a pleasant surprise jutting out into the top foliage of trees sprouting up from Hwy. 163 — the view looks like a forest. Other excellent choices include Portuguese sausage with three eggs, paisano frittata with ham, tomatoes, mushrooms, and thick French toast topped with strawberries and whipped cream. Open daily, breakfast and lunch, dinner nightly, with emphasis on Greek-American cuisine. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

THE BEACHES

Chateau Orleans 926 Turquoise Street (at Mission Boulevard), Pacific Beach, 858-488-6744. Just like eating in the French Quarter — at one of Bourbon Street's best tourist traps, complete with live music and party atmosphere. The lovely multiroom premises have a real Crescent City "let the bon temps rouler" feel to it, but the simpler Southern dishes — honest crab cakes, fried catfish — seem better bets than the kitchen's attempts at more demanding Acadian fare. Reservations strongly advised. A little dressy on weekends. Full bar. Wheelchair users may need help with rest room doors. Dinner Monday through Saturday. High moderate. — *N.W. (2/02)*

China Inn 877 Hornblend Street (between Garnet and Grand), Pacific Beach, 858-483-6680. The enormous menu here offers Mandarin and Szechuan specialties including especially good sweet-and-pungent shrimp, Mandarin pork rib, duck in orange sauce, and shrimp in garlic sauce. The setting is simple but the food is outstanding. If chef-owner Andy Kam is present, ask his advice about the day's best dishes. Open daily, continuous service, lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.W.*

Fairouz Cafe And Gallery 3166 Midway Drive, Loma Portal, 619-225-0308. Seek out this family-owned-and-operated restaurant for wonderful Lebanese and Greek food. The owner, a noted artist, displays his paintings on the dining room walls. The extensive menu offers excellent lamb, stuffed grape leaves, and a wide selection of exotic vegetarian meals. Copious all-you-can-eat buffet available at lunch or dinner in addition to the regular menu. Given 24 hours, this café will prepare an astonishing Lebanese feast at low cost. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.W.*

Karinya Thai & Vegetarian Cuisine 4475 Mission Boulevard (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)*

Ranchos Cocina 1830 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Ocean Beach, 619-226-7619; 4705 Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach, 619-224-9815. Also at 3910 30th Street (at University Avenue), North Park, 619-574-1288. At all locations of this delightful mini-chain, you'll find healthy, creative Mexican and vegetarian cuisine in cheerful, tropical-style settings burgeoning with plant life and craft objects. A big plus: zero attitude. You don't have to be vegi-virtuous to enjoy full-flavored combinations that are as creative as they are wholesome. Try anything with lobster or calamari steak — in fact, all the seafood here is pristine. Try, even, an *antojito* stuffed with beef — it's stewed, not ground. And sample something with the house-made mole sauce of a zillion ingredients. Actually, try — anything. (Well, the chicken breast is as dry here as everywhere else. Try anything else.) Open daily breakfast through dinner. No reservations, but call ahead for large parties. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (6/01)*

Rum Jungle Smoothies and Deli 4150 Mission Boulevard #153, Promenade Mall, Pacific Beach, 858-273-2227. Why do Brazilians have more fun? *Açaí* (ah-saa-ee). Why do Brazilians settle in PB? Maybe it's because Rum Jungle Smoothies serves up *açaí,* the flesh of a Brazilian palm nut, for breakfast. The dark purple mush comes from the *açaí* palms that grow around the Amazon River delta. Rum Jungle adds granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, mango pieces, and honey to make a surprisingly filling breakfast. Of course this bright little place has lots of other smoothies, too, along with garden burgers and sandwiches. But the *açaí* power fruit bowl is what keeps them coming back. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Sportsmen's Seafoods 1617 Quivira Road, Mission Beach, 619-224-3551. Fifty years ago this restaurant-fish market was a tuna cannery, part of San Diego's late-lamented fishing industry. The same Sicilian family still owns it, and still knows everything about fish and how to cook it. The menu is devoted to the "fruits of the sea" and includes a wonderful seafood platter (shrimp, squid, clams, fish, fries, and salad). And, of course, a crispy-crunchy fish-and-chips platter. Eat outside on deck, contemplating the small ships on the bay. They buy seasonal catch from local fishboats and also sell it at their attached retail market. They're famous for smoking fish for the fishermen. Open daily, lunch/early dinner. Retail market closed Mondays. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Stickee Fingers Barbeque Smokehouse 1404 Garnet Avenue (at Gresham), Pacific Beach, 858-581-6526. Chef-owner Sonny Choudo is an Egyptian Jew from Mexico City who learned to cook in Israel but fell in love with barbecue on a trip to Texas. This bright little room has big windows and a few tables, with Mexican folk art and chile-pepper posters on the walls. Outside is a pleasant wooden patio with a few more wooden tables and an oil drum smoker where the meats are cooked over sweet hickory chunks. Best bets are the tender pork ribs and smoky brisket. Sauce is shallow-flavored and very tomatoey. Sides include a lively coleslaw and an unexpectedly sophisticated heart of romaine salad with Caesar dressing. Street parking (difficult). Italian sodas, but no alcohol. Free delivery in PB with minimum order. Lunch and dinner daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *N.W. (1/05)*

World Famous 711 Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 858-272-3100. World Famous is as on-the-beach as it gets, right on PB's boardwalk. It has a covered porch, a side-slung patio, and low-slung ceilings, so everything feels intimate. You sit down at varnished inlaid wooden tables, lots of diagonal timbering, and sexy blue lighting. It's often crowded and laugh-loud noisy. Who's gonna be food-picky here? You, when you're paying twenty-some bucks for a steak or a piece of mako shark. The menu promises big with items like "Horseradish Crusted Salmon" and "Avocado and Pistachio Crusted Mako." Problem is, the taste of the mako is pleasant but underwhelming despite help from a mango-butter sauce, and the two 3-square-inch pieces of fish were only just enough. On the other hand, the prime rib, surf n' turf, and tournedos will fill you fine. If you want to beat the big prices, try the beach burger or a seared ahi Caesar salad. And the view is free. Breakfast and lunch inexpensive; dinners moderate to expensive. Open daily. — *E.B. (1/04)*

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Just Fabulous Kensington 4116 Adams Avenue, Kensington, 619-584-2929. At this usually-packed café, painted in cheerful Creamsickle colors, noted dessert-chef Beryl Ann Byrd and co-chef Kurt Metzger offer a full menu of seasonal California-Mediterranean cuisine. At dinner, appetizers are generally fun to eat but entrées can be inconsistent. Weekend brunch dishes are terrific. The primary emphasis is on desserts, of course: Byrd's pastries are of the Euro-influenced American mode — very sweet, a little heavy, a touch more sophisticated than Mom's apple pie. The pastry case doubles as a retail counter for sweets-to-go. Affordable international wine list and coffeehouse specialty beverages. Few tables, no reservations. Arrive early or late on weekends or expect to wait. No alcohol allowed at outdoor tables. Street parking only. Open three meals daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (9/04)*

Jyoti-Bihanga 3351 Adams Avenue, Normal Heights, 619-282-4116. Oh sure, you'll be watching Sri Chinmoy, the Bengali guru, on TV juggling, declaring Geneva International Airport a "Peace Blossom," or boarding his Italian "*Treno della Pace.*" Plus, his books, his portraits, his paintings, and his chant-songs surround you. Apart from that, not only is this heavenly blue-domed restaurant run by his students peaceful, but the fresher-than-fresh Bengali-tinged health food is delicious. Their chutney-topped "Neatloaf" bursts with nutty, intriguing flavors. Even the accompanying mashed potato and gravy tastes different. Also delish: Brahma Burrito, "Infinite Blue" (interesting brown rice salad with bleu cheese dressing), and the Shiva Wrap (tofu and fresh veggies with a well-integrated curry flavor). On cold days, start with a steaming sweet pea soup. Monday through Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday brunch only. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/01)*

Mama's Bakery and Lebanese Deli 4237 Alabama Street, North Park, 619-688-0717. This informal little restaurant is more interested in quality than presentation, concentrating on the specialties they do well. Mama's offers quick meals with a culinary tradition, definitely not "fast food," but with fast food prices and ease. Recommendations include the deliciously cheap falafel sandwich in Mama's fresh-made *sajj,* (soft flatbread). On cool days warm up to a bowl of *fool mudamas,* or slow-cooked beans (tasty fava and garbanzos). Try also spinach pie, *labneh* (creamy cheese, olive oil, and pita), and *baba ghanoush* (smoky pureed eggplant and hummus). Inexpensive. — *M.N. (1/99)*

Phuong Trang Vietnamese Seafood Restaurant 5296 University Avenue, City Heights, 619-582-0603. Original branch at 4170 Convoy Street, Kearny Mesa, 858-565-6750. Tired of putting up with the crowds at the popular Convoy Street restaurant? Go east, where you'll find the same menu without the hassles. The fare centers on Vietnamese "people's food" emphasizing numerous genres of noodle soups, but there are a handful of more elegant house specialties — including the extraordinary "Special Sauce" Dungeness crab from the live tank. (The sauce is tangy tamarind.) Call ahead to order steamed or grilled live-tank catfish. Reservations and credit cards accepted, both branches. Vietnamese beers including "33"; just two generic wines, but you can bring your own. Also bring a pad and write down the numbers of your orders to give the waiter, as staffers speak little English. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate (higher for live-tank seafood). — *N.W. (3/04)*

South Park Bar and Grill 1946 Fern Street, South Park/Golden Hill, 619-696-0096. A genuine American bistro. This loud, lively, very local watering hole started out serving savory comfort-food to an appreciative neighborhood patronage; now the whole city's flocking in. Chef Eric Wilburn learned his chops at Bradley Ogden's Lark Creek Inn; if he cooks "mom food," it's more than a cut above mom's. Appetizer/bar menu runs to ordinary pub-grub (but crab cakes or red pepper hummus stand out); entrées get interesting, including indulgent "Stuffed Shrimp and Scallops Florentine," a juicy rib-eye steak, and a light-textured meat loaf. Nightly specials are always worth a try. Considerate service. Full bar, including international wines at easy prices. Park at edge of Gala lot. Reservations only for parties of five or more, so expect a wait most nights. Dinner Tuesday through Saturday; bar menu weekends until midnight; weekend brunches and weeknight reduced-price "early bird specials." Upper moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (7/03)*

Zensei 3396 30th Street (at Upas), North Park, 619-546-617. This much-welcomed neighborhood restaurant in a restaurant-starved neighborhood offers a changing menu of sushi, fusion appetizers, and Japanese entrées emphasizing noodle dishes. The sushi is the main draw. It's well made and based on seafood from the same fishmonger used by Ota and Nobu. The "party rolls" (such as "stuffed tomato" and "honeymooners") may not be original, but they're delicious fun. Free parking behind restaurant (enter by alley on Upas east of Jack in the Box lot). Reservations advised for Friday/Saturday evenings, accepted for two or more at sushi bar, four or more at tables. Japanese and American beers, sakes, and wines. Lunch Monday through Saturday; dinner seven days. — *N.W. (1/05)*

EAST COUNTY & COLLEGE AREA

Antonio's Hacienda 700 North Johnson Avenue, El Cajon, 619-442-9827. If the décor hasn't been updated from its original 1960s-fabulous Old California Spanish, it's because there's been no need. The enormous dark-wood chandeliers, the padded-leather wooden chairs, the chainsaw-weathered wood beams — all top-shelf and aging well. Families abound, reveling in the guitar trio and the exposed kitchen station — such atmosphere! And the flavors are user-friendly, sweetness muting the spice in the salsa and the Ranchero sauce. The Camarones Tequila is a little more exciting; the sweetness of its bacon-wrapped shrimp gets a fine counter from the bitter liquor in the marinade. Excellent Enchiladas Suizas: pale, mush-tender shredded chicken wrapped in tortillas and doused with good, tangy green sauce. Lunch and dinner daily. Champagne brunch on Sundays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all-day buffet Sunday through Thursday. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (4/03)*

Cafe Zia 6686 El Cajon Boulevard (at Montezuma), College Area, 619-337-3937. South Asia meets Mexico! Khaled Zia had the brilliant idea of combining tacos (or wraps or bagels) with chicken and South Asia's great gift to the world: chutney — mango chutney, papaya chutney, peach, apple, even a serrano chili pepper chutney. The combo works with them all. As soon as you smell the chicken strips hissing away on the grills, you're hooked. Then when they come smothered in peach or mango chutney, or cooling yogurt, along with sweet-sauced potatoes, what can you do? Do as half of San Diego State does: just say yes. Open daily. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (12/01)*

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Chef Taka 7520 El Cajon Boulevard (at Parks), Mesa Plaza, La Mesa, 619-463-0231. This is indeed the same Chef Satate Taka who co-founded Taka in the Gaslamp, and then Octopus Garden. In July 2003 he moved his kitchen to La Mesa where he now cooks his inventive Japanese-based fusion cuisine with French, Mexican, and Chinese touches. Try the dreamy soft-shell crab with "salsa cream aioli," the tender tempura, or the traditional Teishoku dinner. Taka generally presides at the sushi bar. The staff is small so for the best cooking and service, dine on a weeknight and make an evening of it — weekends can be hectic. For a bubbly treat try chilled Nigori (unfiltered) sake, served in the traditional manner in an overflowing square wooden cup. Open daily, lunch and dinner. Happy hour bargains nightly; regular prices moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Downtown Cafe 182 East Main Street, El Cajon, 619-440-5687. Surprise! Not far from Magnolia and Maina French-style sidewalk café. The successful "Por Favor" eateries' owner launched this as a kind of Mexican patio restaurant, but serving gringo food. And it works, maybe because of reasonable prices for baby-back pork ribs, giant burritos, or Louisiana Chicken strips. Or even the veggie burger. But it's partly where you dine: out on the patio. The place has lots of ancient doors and wrought iron-and-wood window frames, laced with creepers. Inside is a beautiful long bar with a counter on the street and chess sets so you can play and watch the world go by. Lunch and dinner. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Tyler's Taste of Texas 576 North Second Street, El Cajon, 619-444-9295. Unfussy home cooking. Some dishes outshine others. The slab of smoky ham steak that comes with the first-rate breakfast is in itself enough to rouse the sleepiest appetite. Expertly sautéed onions and mushrooms lend flavor to fried potatoes and omelets, respectively, while pebbly-smooth hash and gingery sweet potato pancakes give the lineup character. For lunch and dinner, the Texas menu features Texas-style barbecue (chicken, beef, pork, and sausage) that's sufficiently smoky, but a little uneven in texture. BBQ beef is reliable and the sweetish sauce shows well on the chicken. Pleasant surprises: a substantial, peppery cornmeal crust on the tender catfish and the fried green tomatoes, and the rich stock in the vegetable soup. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *A.M. (2/02)*

FAR EAST

Alpine Inn 2225 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, 619-445-5172. Beef lover's heaven: It's all Certified Black Angus here. Try the house special, the Texas burger, ground in-house and served on a Kaiser roll with steak fries. Dark interior with large booths. Very crowded for both brunch and dinner on Sunday. Inexpensive early-bird dinner Monday through Saturday. Lunch and dinner 365 days a year. Moderate to expensive. — *E.W.*

Pablito's of the Desert 590 Palm Canyon Drive (in The Center, #8), Borrego Springs, 760-767-3311. Pablito's claims "Authentic Mexican Cuisine, patio dining, and great tequila margaritas." Well, the gorgeous patio is open only during busy times and the cuisine runs to gringo favorites in the Mexican mode (lots of combo platters), but the flavors are honest and pleasing. The most authentic dishes come from the "Specialties" section of the menu, including a good *chile verde* (pork in green chile sauce), numerous varieties of enchiladas, and several flavors of *chilaquiles.* Full bar, including sangria, margaritas, Mexican beers. Open daily, lunch and dinner (with break between). Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/03)*

Ramon's Smokehouse BBQ 1730 Alpine Boulevard, Suite 110, Alpine, 619-445-1008. The smell of mesquite wood burning under fresh-cut beef rib is beyond resistance. The secret Texas recipe draws crowds. Go Sunday morning, especially, when chefs in maroon aprons dance around the fat-spitting fire, disappearing into the clouds of fragrant smoke to flip the racks of beef and pork ribs. In good weather you can eat out back next to an authentic chuck wagon. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

UPTOWN & OLD TOWN

Bertrand at Mister A's 2550 Fifth Avenue (at Laurel), 12th floor, Banker's Hill, 619-239-1377. Bertrand Hug's airy, open renovation of this formerly "ancient regime" eatery offers a fabled panoramic city view with a casual-chic, highly romantic ambience. Chef Stephane Voitzwinkler's modern French cuisine is a fine fit for the setting, including bistro classics and fresh inventions, emphasizing top-grade seasonal ingredients. A huge, intelligent wine list covers a full range of prices, ages and origins, including "ripe" first-growth Bordeaux. Smoking and fair-weather dining on wraparound terrace/observation deck. Note: parking entrance on Fourth Avenue; wheelchair access via ramp to left of reception desk. Lunch weekdays, dinner nightly. Expensive. — *N.W. (2/04)*

Brians' American Eatery 1451 Washington Street (near Lincoln), Hillcrest, 619-296-8268. Also at 7947 Balboa Avenue (off Convoy), Kearny Mesa, and 828 Sixth Avenue, Gaslamp. Note the apostrophe: Not one but two Brians have taken over what had been Topsy's, a venerable coffeehouse/eatery for 40 years. They've done a good job of cleaning it up without gutting the fifties roadhouse character. It's open all night on weekends, and late night is quite a scene. But for a lot of people, breakfast is the thing. The Brians' 8-ounce charbroiled top sirloin steak with eggs and country potatoes is a great Saturday morning treat. Or the "Hey Ricky!!!," an omelet with chorizo, avocado, green chilies, onions, and cheeses. Or ask for their off-menu breakfast special — it's always cheaper. Another good thing: You get a pitcher of iced lemon-water, and coffee comes by the Thermos-full. Three meals until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; open 24 hours from early Friday morning until Sunday evening. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (10/02)*

Celadon Royalty Thai Restaurant 540 University Avenue (near Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-297-8424. The menu was originally devised by a chef who cooked for the Siamese royal family. Some dishes taste luxurious, and all the dishes taste authentic — and carefully prepared. The regular entrées offer a choice of sauces (red curry, green curry, etc.) with your choice of protein, but go straight to the Chef's Specialty items on the menu to find the best and rarest. Stuffed chicken wings are extraordinary, seafood soup *talay* is fabulous, and among the entrées, don't miss *choo chee duck* or the Queen of Thailand's favorite, Pineapple Fried Rice. — *N.W. (5/05)*

City Delicatessen 535 University Avenue (at Sixth), Hillcrest, 619-295-2747. Some folk come for the Jewish food (chicken-in-the-pot, brisket of beef, chopped liver), others to soak in the art-deco colors — the cornucopia of fruit above the entrance, the mustard yellow walls, the black-and-white checker tile, or the flower bunches of red, blue, green, and yellow lamps. And then some come for both: the stuffed cabbage roll (with ground beef and rice inside) is a glowering red ball with maroon, oniony, sweet-and-sour raisin sauce to die for, set off by green parsley and bright orange slices. Scandalously delicious. Downside? Our pastrami sandwich tasted dry and chewy by comparison. But City Deli is less strictly Jewish (they have bacon on their breakfast menu) and more of an everyday New York-style eatery. Wait staff are good-humored, and the Seeburg Wall-o-Matic tableside jukeboxes actually work. Bring plenty of quarters. Breakfast all day; early-bird dinner specials; late-night dining. Open from 7 a.m. till midnight; until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Hamburger Mary's 308 University Avenue (at Third), Hillcrest, 619-491-0400. All the action is on the patio, under ficus trees, ferns, the *palapa* bar, and white umbrellas. Bougainvillea bursts out of tables. Hamburger Mary's mural comes at you in a Stetson, wild red hair, big blue eyes, and a plump butt. Basically it's a gay rendezvous, but everybody's welcome. The burgers are way-big with funky titles like the "I'm Sooo Bleu" burger with bacon and bleu cheese crumbles, or the "Two Tons Of Fun," a six-inch-high double-burger with mushrooms, bacon, lettuce, cheese, and onions. The kicker is they're all served between wickedly crisp, sweet slabs of golden Hawaiian bread. Open daily until 2 a.m., grill until 11 p.m. Moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

Ichiban 1449 University Avenue (at Normal), Hillcrest, 619-299-7203. Is this Paris or Tokyo? At night, the café outside glows like a Van Gogh painting, except the customers are eating sushi and drinking green tea, not red wine. The best values are at lunch, with weekday specials like Bento combos (sushi rolls, crab, salmon, rice) and filling soups overflowing with veggies and thick *udon* noodles. Healthy? You betcha. The miso soup (with every dish) made from soy and seaweed is a great daily iodine fix. Number One — that's what "*ichi-ban*" means. Open daily until 9 p.m., lunch and dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

Kemo Sabe 3958 Fifth Avenue (off University Avenue), Hillcrest, 619-220-6802. Audacity is Chef Deborah Scott's culinary signature. In her cooking, Southeast Asia meets the Southwest, with Japanese touches and towering heaps of garnishes. All the edible frou-frou decorating the appetizers can wear you out, but most entrées are more focused and friendly. Good choices include a starter of mussels in a seductive *chilpotle* cream sauce, and entrées of spicy, sweet-sour layered "jerk" chicken or the signature "Skirts On Fire," a miraculously tender grilled skirt steak imbued with a *picante* marinade. Desserts by Sharon Bristol follow the housestyle — sky-high, ornate, complex. Casual atmosphere, very noisy. Heated patio. Reservations strongly advised. Prices moderate. — *N.W. (11/00)*

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La Posta de Acapulco's Taco Shop 3980 Third Avenue (at Washington), Hillcrest, 619-295-8982. (Also in Lakeside and Spring Valley.) People have been coming to this orange-and-white drive-through-without-cars for 20 years. One of the main reasons is the *carne asada* burritos. Rich-tasting, fresh, generous. Folks sit around the outside benches right next to Washington Street, oblivious to the traffic. Also much loved here are the *chile verde* and the quesadilla with *carne asada.* For breakfast, think chorizo burrito. And for value, just to fill you up, you can't beat the bean tostada. You can drink *horchata,* a rice drink, or *jamaica,* made from hibiscus flower, to complete the picture. Open 24 hours. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Mission Hills Cafe 808 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills, 619-296-8010. Belgian waffles are your natural intro here. Why? Because François, the owner, is Belgian. The man knows waffles. But the thing is how cheap this is for a sophisticated eatery, with its linen tablecloths, waiters in long aprons, and bread baskets. (The bread's incredible. It'll fill you before you spend a dime.) Dishes like Thai chicken or shrimp salad over shredded jicama, cucumber, and carrots are usually rich folks' territory. Ditto the "Pear Cambozola" salad, with strawberries, pecans, and a Camembert/Gorgonzola-style cheese, or "François's Famous Vegetarian Lasagna." And check out François's art on the wall — he always cooks one part in his oven, like the baked bread horses stuck on his piece called "Sea Biscuits." Daily, three meals. Inexpensive by day; more expensive at night, but reasonable. — *E.B. (9/03)*

The Mission North Park and City Bakery 2801 University Avenue, North Park, 619-220-8992 (also at Mission Beach and East Village). "Urban assault food for a revolutionary people," says the waitstaff's black T-shirts. But the food here is less revolutionary than halfway between health-nut and greasy spoon. Still, their "conscientious cuisine" is generous, good looking, and intelligent, if a little middle-class timid. Breakfasts are big here. Delicious chicken-apple sausage and eggs come on a foot-wide plate loaded with unskinned rosemary potatoes, scrambled eggs, and scrumptious baked-on-the-spot rosemary bread. Pancakes and French cinnamon toast are popular staples, as is the Zen Breakfast (scrambled egg whites, braised tofu, brown rice, with veggies). Roast beef hash can be chewy. Check out the "Chino-Latino" dishes (lunch only) like the mild but delicious ginger sesame tofu with brown rice and peanut sauce. Comes with a plethora of jicama-type veggies. Interior has arty, post-industrial, coffee house feel. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. — *E.B. (2/05)*

Taste of Szechuan 670 University Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-291-1668. Friendly staff serves up standard Szechuan Mandarin fare at this archetypical Chinese restaurant. Szechuan Garlic Shrimp is number one on the list of twelve House Specialties for good reason. This tangy dish of crispy, deep-fried shrimp is one of their best. Not often seen on the menus of strip mall Chinese restaurants, the Szechuan Orange Fish is also recommended, but don't be misled by the "hot & spicy" star next to this item. As with any of their "spicy" offerings, the heat in this dish barely registers. Spice lovers should ask for an extra kick. The Toffee Banana and Toffee Apple desserts may tempt you, but unless you have a dentist on-call, it's best to pass on these super-sticky sweets. Inexpensive lunch specials. Open late until midnight Monday through Thursday, until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Inexpensive to moderate. — *B.D. (6/05)*

DOWNTOWN

Bandar Fine Persian Cuisine 825 and 837 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-238-0101. In a comfortable setting, the Persian menu offers just a "pick hits list" of popular dishes culled from this fabled cuisine, but the cooking is first rate, featuring fine ingredients prepared with care, skill, and healthfulness. The superlative lamb-and-rice stuffed grape leaves are vibrant with fresh herbs. The "Bandar Special" entrée combo lets you choose any two kebabs (chicken, game hen, beef, or lamb), beautifully marinated and cooked to your order. Entrées featuring rice with poultry are elaborate and refined, spiked with tangy barberries, sour cherries, or lentils and dates. The list of Persian desserts now includes Persian ice cream, a rose-scented exotic treat. Open daily for lunch (limited menu) and dinner. Moderate. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Dakota Grill and Spirits 901 Fifth Avenue (at E Street), Gaslamp, 619-234-5554. The name may hint at cowboy cooking, but look for simple mid-American comfort food at one of the many local eateries under the Cohn Restaurant Group aegis. A typical entrée includes a hunk of red (or "the other white") meat cooked on a wood-fired grill, smeared with a precooked sauce that, for better or worse, first meets its mate on the plate. Meat-avoiders will find fish and poultry dishes, too. Tasty taters but dull veggies come with most entrées. Desserts run to fruity favorites like cobblers, crisps, and upside-down cake. Treats from the wide-ranging beverage list include three-glass wine flights in four styles of wine, and a pleasant house brew, Dakota Pale Ale, that suits the food. The two-floor restaurant offers big plush booths, tall windowed walls, and a piano player gliding from rinky-dink 1950's pop to Fats Waller stylings and Ellingtonian riffs. Valet parking. Full bar. Lunch weekdays; dinner nightly. High moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (9/04)*

DeMedici 815 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-702-7228. This lovely, cream-and-sepia dining room evokes an Italian Renaissance villa, while its sidewalk patio offers a prime pageant of Gaslamp follies. Either way, you'll enjoy exceptional service — attentive but utterly unobtrusive — and a menu centered on succulent pastas and refined seafood dishes. The nightly specials and the waiter's recommendations for the freshest catch will lead you to the evening's best entrées. Fish dishes are exquisite, and anything with calamari (fresh local catch) is worth ordering; Atlantic shellfish, though, tend to be a tad overcooked. Reserve, and dress on the spiffier side — some Hollywood celebs hang their Borsalinos here, upping the clothing curve. Dinner 5 p.m.to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 5 p.m. to midnight weekends. Moderate-priced valet parking available. Moderate (simpler pastas) to very expensive. — *N.W. (8/01)*

Dublin Square 554 Fourth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-239-5818. The entire pub was hand-crafted in Waterford, shipped over, and installed (by Irish craftsmen) in the Gaslamp. The exterior indeed resembles a real (but very new) Dublin pub; the interior has authentically dim lighting and spirited Irish music including live bands (acoustic but loud) during Happy Hours and some evenings. If you're looking for food, too, there's a shockingly fine corned beef and cabbage, resembling the corned beef of Katz's Deli on the Lower East Side — it's that wee touch o' the garlic that does the trick. Other choices include Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie (made with ground beef), chicken pot pie, steaks, lamb chops, fish and chips, and grilled fish, plus standard pub grub. Lunch and dinner (including Irish breakfast any time) daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (3/02)*

Kansas City Barbecue 610 West Market Street (at Harbor Drive), downtown, 619-231-9680. Scrumptious smells waft across the tracks at the Seaport Village trolley stop — barbecued pork and beef. And yeah, this is the joint where Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis did their "sleazy bar scene" in *Top Gun.* And it *is* kinda sleazy, especially in the shadowy horseshoe bar, with memorabilia like hanging bras, Czech license plates, and stickers ("Grow Your Own Dope: Plant A Man"). The beef and pork ribs (or rib tips or chicken breast) are worth it. They're cooked over an oak-fueled fire. Nice long Happy Hour (3:30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., at bar only) has great food/grub deals. Open daily, lunch until late, serving until 1 a.m. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (3/01)*

The Latin Room 560 Fourth Avenue (at Market), Gaslamp, 619-237-7800. This austere, concrete-floored space is mainly a tequila bar, offering at least 120 brands to sample and tasty Mexican cocktails made from scratch. But you can also get a reasonably interesting Mexican meal from a menu that's considerably more ambitious than the neighborhood's regular border-Mex yawns. It offers excellent tortilla soup, decent ceviche, and filet mignon strewn with *cuitlacoche* (a.k.a. "corn mushrooms," a mild and juicy black fungal delicacy), with recipes imported here by a chef who used to cook at Tijuana's revered Cien Años restaurant. A couple can easily make a meal of a few shared appetizers. At 10 p.m. weekends, the place goes disco, with cover charge (IDs checked). Open nightly for dinner, appetizer menu until 2 a.m. on weekends. Moderate to expensive. — *N.W. (1/04)*

Max New York Steakhouse and Seafood 827 Fifth Avenue, Gaslamp, 619-235-8500. As steakhouses go, Max is a good value, offering huge portions of fine, gently raised near-organic meat, cooked to order and offered at relatively gentle prices. You don't even have to pay extra for your veggies. For beef, there's full-flavored naturally raised Angus or butter-tender Kobe-style Wagyu beef from Idaho. Or you can choose a giant rack of lamb, so tender it should be called "Certified Agnus." Sauces tend to be pedestrian; request them on the side. The classic steakhouse appetizers are done with some smart twists. Superb international wine list at below-average markups, including plenty by the glass. Full bar. Valet parking, or inexpensive lot via alley two doors north. Open nightly, until midnight on weekends. Upper moderate to very expensive. — *N.W. (3/04)*

Morton's of Chicago 285 J Street (between Second and Third), Gaslamp, 619-696-3369. This famous Chicago steakhouse is swanky, in a manly way: dark, clubby, luxurious, and louche. You go to Morton's for great steak. Their Nebraska beef is aged and meticulously grilled to your specifications. You can get a one-and-a-half or three-pound porterhouse, which will be juicy, marbled with flavorful fat. You can also get good fish at Morton's. The big, golden salmon fillet flakes to the fork and is moist, sweet, buttery. The pricey









à la carte sides are either bad or mediocre. The Godiva Hot Chocolate Cake is exceptional. But go for the steak. Expensive. — *M.N. (9/99)*

Nagi's Bar and Grill 501 West Broadway, downtown, 619-233-5933. Nagi Sekla comes from Egypt, via Paris. Before he took over the lease at the staid Koll Center's bar-eatery, he insisted on creating a sidewalk patio slap-dab on Broadway. His lease is our gain. For the first time you can eat, drink, and be merry right on this main drag. And there's nothing like scarfing lunch while you watch lawyers, tourists, and office workers hustle by in the morning sun. Lunch or dinner, start off with his homemade soups, but the must-eat is his Spicy Santa Fe Chicken Salad — the magic's in the cranberries and Gorgonzola. Also great: BBQ chicken pizza. Lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

New Leaf Restaurant Hilton Gaslamp Hotel, 401 K Street, Gaslamp, 619-702-8200. This hotel restaurant features American comfort food carried off with California flair and served in comfortable surroundings. Well-spaced oversized tables make this a good choice for business breakfasts and lunches. Outdoor seating options include an intimate patio lounge with a waist-high firepit that's lighted at night. Evenings, the atmosphere and garb tend toward the casual. Tortilla-crusted salmon is a stand-out entrée. Desserts are housemade and include a tasty New York cheesecake. Validated valet parking. Smart California wine list with rather high markups, plenty by the glass. Open three meals, seven days, until midnight on weekends. — *N.W. (12/04)*

Rainwater's on Kettner 1202 Kettner Boulevard (at B Street), Little Italy, 619-233-5757. You *could* order the fish, the chicken, or even the lamb, but odds are you're here because you want steak, prepared by people who respect your enthusiasm and offer prime beef in multiple cuts. And you're here because Rainwater's is venerable and local. You can dine old-style and enjoy it — warm cornbread fingers, a fine loose-packed crab cake, a crisp, watery wedge of iceberg lettuce under a blue cheese blanket. As for the beef, New York strip takes the day. You actually have to chew it — it ain't filet — but every chomp gives up scads of flavor. Order a side of greaseless, firm-bodied onion rings and wash it down with something from the exhaustive (and expensive) wine list. Lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.; dinner daily. Very expensive. — *A.M. (6/03)*

Sally's on the Water Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place (Market and Harbor Drive, adjacent to Seaport Village), downtown, 619-358-6740. On an isolated "island" between the Hyatt and Seaport Village, in fair weather you'll catch great marina views from the terrace. Under inventive young French chef Fabrice Tissier, the fare is California-French with a summery Provençal accent and an accent on seafood. Don't miss the exquisite crab cakes or the classic bouillabaisse. If you'd like to know what the chef can do when he isn't limited by the tastes of hotel diners, with 48 hours notice you can book "The Chef's Table" inside the kitchen for six to twelve people and collaborate with him on a custom menu. Sally's interior is hard-edged modern and can be noisy. Full bar, good mainly California wine list. Validated parking in hotel garage. Call for wheelchair-access directions. Lunch and dinner daily. Expensive. — *N.W. (10/04)*

Shortstop's Grille at Tivoli Bar 505 Sixth Avenue (at Island), Gaslamp, 619-232-6754. Ever heard of the Stingaree, downtown's old red light district? The 1885 Tivoli is one of its last survivors, the oldest bar in the Gaslamp, and Wyatt Earp was its most famous customer. The only thing new is Shortstop's Grille, but "Shortstop" Paulie is an old hand at feeding roaring appetites. He's an ex-Alaska fishing boat cook. Best deal: the Tivoli Special, a 1/3-pound burger with a domestic beer included. Other good fillers: the "Shortstop" sandwich (bacon, egg, tomato, cheese, on grilled sourdough), the tuna salad sandwich with fries, and grilled breast of chicken sandwich with fries. Remember to toast Wyatt and his wife Josie. They're on the wall. Lunch and dinner, Monday to Saturday. — *E.B. (1/04)*

Star of the Sea 1360 North Harbor Drive (at Ash), downtown, 619-232-7408. Here you'll find sparkling-fresh seafood in creative California-style treatments with organic, locally farmed produce, along with a long, interesting wine list offering some wonderful off-beat whites at moderate prices (along with the expected, exorbitant Chardonnays). Light eaters on a budget could make a luxury meal of any pair of appetizers. A recent renovation has given every table a clear view of the bay, but the price exacted by all that glass is a raucous noise level when full. Go early in the week for relative quiet. Service is friendly and knowledgeable. Valet parking fee; street parking feasible in cooler months. Reservations needed — the joint is jumping. Dinner only, seven nights. Very expensive. — *N.W. (11/04)*

SOUTH BAY & CORONADO

Bistro D'Asia 1301 Orange Avenue (at B Avenue), Coronado, 619-437-6677. The relaxing restaurant attached to the hardy "Lizard Lounge" serves gentled-down dishes from all over East Asia. Among the tastiest are delicate lemon shrimps, vegetarian "monk's curry," and ice creams from Mootown Creamery. Peking Duck is accorded the full service, with a waitress garnishing the table's first round of delicate "flower buns" with crackly duck skin, scallions, and hoisin sauce. Lizard Lounge next door now houses a sushi bar as well as a liquor bar. Reserve for weekend dinners. Street parking. Well-chosen wine list. Lunch and dinner daily. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Crown City Grille 926 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5822. If you thought Coronado had only fat-cat eateries, think again — the area crawls with burrito joints, pizza joints, rice joints, and burger joints. Yet this new burgery is doing fine. It could be the sheer variety, but mainly it's that they've got the burger basics right. The bun's crisp, the meat's lean and, especially with the bleu cheese model, the taste is to die for. Owners Dave and Jeanne Evans say the pattie's always part sirloin, part New York cut. Also, the jalapeño-bacon cheeseburger is excellent, the Chicago-style hot dog with "sport peppers" is hot and messy, and the Icelandic cod fish and chips is generously portioned and tasty. Plus, beer and wine. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (5/03)*

Crown Room Hotel Del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-6611. Let's face it, this is one of the grandest entrances you'll make anywhere, into the enormous, gloomy, vaulted timber dining room where presidents, princes and Marilyn Monroe have chowed down. It's only open for Sunday brunch these days. The gigantic eat-till-you're-beat buffet feast ranges from made-as-you-watch omelets to salmon, crab legs, prime rib, dizzying desserts, and even long-stemmed strawberries you hand-dip in chocolate. The downside? Monroe was here to shoot *Some Like It Hot,* but (apart from the chocolate) most food ain't. It's either cold (like the croissants, though the chocolate chunk ones are delicious) or luke-warm (like prime rib and eggs Benedict — and those eggs could do with a lot more Benedict). But this is an Edwardian-scale social occasion — see and be seen. The food isn't great, but the atmosphere is grand. Sundays, 9 a.m to 2 p.m. Expensive. — *E.B. (9/03)*

Lizard Lounge 1301 Orange Avenue (at B), Coronado, 619-437-6677. This venerable saloon, a Navy old-timers' favorite since the era when lounge lizards in leisure suits stalked the earth, now houses a good little sushi bar at one end of its spirits bar. The rice is well-seasoned, the seafood tastes sparkling-fresh, and each *nigiri* is given its own individual garnish (e.g., lemon with the *hamachi* roll). Most of the inside-out party rolls are variations of the California roll formula, with the same center of sweet crab and avocado, but there's also a lively mango-albacore roll, featuring tempura shrimp, avocado, and *ponzu.* For best seats and peaceful eating, come early; the bar fills fast and the room can get downright rowdy as the night rolls on. Street parking. Lunch/dinner daily. Moderate. — *N.W. (11/04)*

Lydia's Cafe and Nightclub 1628 Palm Avenue, San Diego, 619-429-3603. This easygoing dancing/eatery has a faithful following that goes back to 1957. But before you dance, eat! Check out the *birria en su jugo* (goat in its juices) with beans, rice, and tortillas, or enjoy filling snacks like *taquitos, cucaracha* (a corn tortilla stuffed with ham, cheese, and sour cream), or the snack Lydia says she invented: *botanas* (beans, pork, and melted cheese over corn chips). Open from early breakfast to early dinner Sunday through Wednesday, until midnight Thursday and Friday. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (11/00)*

McP's Irish Pub & Grill 1107 Orange Avenue, Coronado, 619-435-5280. With a crowd ranging from Navy retirees to chic singles barely of drinking age, the perpetual party on McP's' patio is nurtured by above-average Irish-Mexican-American pub grub (burgers, potato skins, nachos, etc.). The Irish fare includes a pleasing Mulligan stew served in a hollowed bread-loaf, and an absolutely fabulous corned beef and cabbage plate, with tender, thick slices surrounding cabbage so young and sweet it ought to be carded. Good soups, too. Daytimes, try the hearty (and then some) Irish meatfest breakfast. Open daily, standard pub hours. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (4/01)*

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Cafe la Especial Avenida Revolución #718 (down the market steps), Tijuana, 685-6654. Café la Especial was once a great favorite of American aficionados of Tijuana's bullfights at the old downtown Plaza de Toros. Summer Sundays, fans would crowd into the café to chow down before the fights or rush back afterwards for a few drinks and a hearty meal. Inside, little has changed, not even the 50-50 locals-to-gringos ratio. Food is standard Mexican/American border fare, from tacos and tamales to *carne asada* and *bistek ranchero,* from cactus and eggs to steak and eggs. But the atmosphere is the real draw: the low ceiling, varnished wood, black furniture with flowers painted up and down the legs and portraits on the backs, and lots of murals of Mexico on the walls. Owner Humberto Brambila's aunt Justina started it all, he says, in 1948, with the steamed taco stand upstairs. That's still going too. Open daily. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (5/02)*

El Faro de Mazatlan Boulevard Sánchez Taboada #9542, Plaza Financiera, Zona Río, Tijuana, 684-8882, 684-8883, or 684-2236. We're talking safe, reliable, middle-class fish-fare here. The "Lighthouse of Mazatlan" is bright, blue, and white with smart varnished wood furniture and delivers fish, lobster, oyster, squid, and shrimp dishes that are easy to like. Generous free appetizers include marlin ceviche, fried fish, and fish albondigas soup. The interesting part is in trying dishes like the sea snail salad. (After a few closed-eye bites, it's delicious — like eating a sliced clam. It's great in a Caesar.) Look for original ways with octopus, *pez espada* (swordfish) and others. One of the simplest, best dishes: the cabicucho (Mexican seabass), charbroiled but moist and really better without its ranchero sauce. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (6/05)*

El Rodeo Boulevard Salinas #1647, Tijuana, 686-5640. This 30-year-old steak haven sits on traffic-drowned Salinas, but climb onto its porch and you're at some Sonoran desert rancho, saguaro cacti and all. Inside it's dark wood and brick, wagon wheels, lariats, rifles, longhorns, and generous amounts of cattle-ranch food. Entrée price includes a delicious soup of roast beef juices, beans cooked in their own juices, a quesadilla, a salad, two *botana* (snack) plates, of, say, vinegary veggies and potatoes, and a beef liver medley, flour tortillas, chips, and hot sauce. You can get any cut of steak you want. A *parrillada* — BBQ dish — gives you marinated beef rib, *carne asada,* and barbecued chicken, all sizzling on a rancho-style metal tabletop grill that glows with hot coals. Best part: the roasted spring onions splayed across the meat. Dessert and coffee also included. Good place for a party. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. — *E.B. (5/05)*

La Baguette Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas #1030 (a.k.a. Blvd. Costero, opposite Sanborn's between Castillo and Blancarte), Ensenada, 646-178-2814. For those who take their java straight and strong, this is a good stop for a quick continental breakfast or dessert, with quite possibly the best French Roast coffee in town. Open daily during the day. Inexpensive. — *N.W. (4/03)*

La Escondida Santa Monica #1 (in Fraccionamiento Las Palmas), Tijuana, 681-4458. This hidden *("escondida")* mansion has been a restaurant for three decades. The terrazzo and garden overlooking the Tijuana River valley make breakfast and dinners a treat. House specialties are more interesting than the regular fare. Try the seafood casserole *(cacerola de mariscos),* the *tambor* (a dish of layered beef, cheese, and pork), or the roasted baby Monterrey goat *("cabrito tatemado").* Desserts include the house *especial,* mango and ice cream with *rompope* (Mexican egg nog), and *crepas de cajeta con nieve,* crêpes with walnuts, green pistachio ice cream, and "burnt milk" caramel sauce — the nearest thing to liquid fudge this side of paradise. On weekends the place rocks with parties and live music. The big downside: It's hard to find. Take Agua Caliente Boulevard one half mile past the racetrack, turn right at Las Palmas, then left at the *"Rey del Pollo"* sign. The *La Escondida* entrance sign is in red neon at the road's end. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, dinner. Moderate. — *E.B. (1/05)*

La Lena Agua Caliente Boulevard #11191, Tijuana, 686-2920. The nicest thing about La Leña ("The Fire Log") is its view. You come off noisy, fumey, traffic-wracked Agua Caliente into this quiet, dark-wood, creamy-yellow walled room and a full view of…countryside! Actually, a green golf course studded with trees. In the middle of Tijuana? Golfers thwack balls, giant mowers look like *Star Wars* creatures. So no surprise that you get country-club type eating: open-grill *charro* food for well-to-do *charros.* Old-style BBQ steaks, surf-and-turf combos, and big slabs of Mexican-cut *filete cabrería,* which are flabby but tender. Most arrive at your table sizzling on black iron hotplates. Servings are generous (meals come with soup or salad and you get a free appetizer such as shredded beef and tortillas) if not remarkable. Or even especially Mexican — their hamburger is darned tasty. But the atmosphere is a great break from the raucous TJ we all know and (sometimes) love. Lunch and dinner daily from 11.30 a.m. until late. Moderate. — *E.B. (10/04)*

La Vuelta Avenida Revolución #8210 (above 11th), Tijuana, 685-7309. Bring your lover here and hide away in one of the cuddly *carretitas* — nooks. Even if traffic is ghastly at "the turn" (*"la vuelta"*) where Revolución hooks left, you forget all that inside this vestige of Olde Tijuana, with balcony seating, resident mariachis, and food and drink all day and night. Dive into a *combinación mexicana* (chile relleno, taco, and enchilada) or *carne asada* served in an *olla de barro,* an earthenware pot from Guadalajara. Even the gringo-sounding *filete mignon* with mushroom sauce somehow comes out Mexican. Most Mexicans actually turn up about 1 a.m., after their own parties, to be serenaded by the excellent 10-piece mariachi band. Inexpensive. — *E.B. (6/03)*

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California Pizza Kitchen 3363 Nobel Drive, La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla, 858-457-4222. Also at Beachwalk Plaza, 437 South Highway 101, Suite 601, Solana Beach, 858-793-0999; Carmel Mountain Plaza, 11602 Carmel Mountain Road, Carmel Mountain, 858-675-4424; and Fashion Valley Mall (second level), Suite 901, 7007 Friars Road, Mission Valley, 619-298-4708. Two Beverly Hills lawyers started this chain in 1985 to exploit "the premium pizza segment." Some 150 restaurants later, guess it worked. The place is all shiny chrome, glass, etched palm trees, golden wood and black furniture, and two pizza ovens with real logs burning inside. The Original BBQ chicken pizza, the chain's first hit, is still their top seller. It has barbecue sauce, smoked Gouda and mozzarella cheeses, BBQ chicken, red onions, and cilantro. The BBQ chicken chopped salad is good too, as is the jambalaya. If you've got a sweet tooth, but are embarrassed to order "Hawaiian" pizza, try the pear and Gorgonzola. It has caramelized pears, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and other cheeses, and hazelnuts. At night, the Nobel Drive branch features a view of the shining Mormon cathedral. Inexpensive to moderate. — *E.B. (2/03)*

Joe's Crab Shack 7610 Hazard Center Drive, Mission Valley, 619-260-1111; 4325 Ocean Boulevard, Pacific Beach, 858-274-3474; 525 E. Harbor Drive, downtown, 619-233-7391; 314 Harbor Drive, South Oceanside, 760-722-1345. A seafood chain with a good Cajun corporate name (Landry's) based in southern Louisiana wouldn't survive without some pluses besides a Bourbon Street party atmosphere. Joe's is silly with crab-shack ambiance (campy nautical paraphernalia on down to souvenir gimme caps), but the food's not bad. One tasty starter is "crabioli," fried wonton stuffed with crab and melted cream cheese ("crab Rangoon" by another name, but smoother). You can choose buckets of steamed, barbecued, or garlic crab (of various subspecies), or go for fried or grilled seafood or steaks, or salads. Grownups may prefer the patio to the rockin', raucous interior. Full bar, not much wine. Inexpensive to low moderate. — *N.W. (5/01)*

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Jarhead

The telltale scene in *Jarhead* would have to be the screening of *Apocalypse Now* for the Marines of Camp Pendleton, awaiting their assignments in the forthcoming Desert Storm. Their response to the helicopter attack on the Vietnamese village at dawn differs from the one you would get at the Pacific Film Archive, let's say, or the New York Film Festival. They sing along in full-throated unison with the Wagner, unconcerned about any Nazi overtones; they cheer the firing of missiles into the straw huts and the mowing-down of peasants by machine-gun fire. Ah, the smell of napalm in the morning! Art, as we are told, is open to more than one interpretation. And so is nonart. Spectators who like to see blood will like to see it no matter why it has been shown to them. (See, most recently, *A History of Violence*, but only if you see it with the sort of crowd I saw it with.) Coppola's Vietnam War movie can very well serve as the model for Sam Mendes's Gulf War one. The view, at least from the seats at the Pacific Film Archive and the New York Film Festival and other such venues, similarly spotlights the absurdity, the futility, the brutality, the insanity. But that won't prohibit anyone so inclined to see it as a salute to Our Brave Fighting Men, a platform for the latest generation of them (not, unless Tom Brokaw says so, the greatest generation of them) to share their war stories, a chance for us sheltered weenies on the home front to find out How It Was and, eternally, How It Is.

That latter angle of vision will not be deflected more than a few degrees by noticing that the field commander in Kuwait is played by the same actor, Chris Cooper, who played the repressed homosexual Marine in the same director's *American Beauty*. The homoerotic element in *Jarhead*— the pantomime sodomite horseplay, the steamy showers, the Santa-hat jockstrap, etc. — can be made as large or as small as you please. Outright bloodlusters, on the other hand, will surely be left thirsty. There are no real combat scenes; the only witnessed American casualties are "friendlies"; and the Scout Sniper's yearning for "the pink mist," otherwise known as "the JFK shot," will go forever unfulfilled. The real-life hero, or better say real-life protagonist, Anthony Swofford (played by a somewhat desensitized Jake Gyllenhaal), on whose memoir the movie is based, never even gets to fire his weapon at an enemy. Only a scant handful of other characters come to be recognizable as people; none of them, including the protagonist, come to be really knowable as people. But maybe that's one of the points of the uniform, or one of the points of the filmmaker.

Fundamentally, this is a lot of old stuff made over for a new war, a new era, a new age in filmmaking. Which means, whatever else it means, a bleached-out image, long before we're under the desert sun; a compact disc's worth of golden oldies; a crutchlike dependence on first-person narration; a surplus of four-letter words; a blunt-



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ness in the depiction of piss, shit, puke, if not blood; a nose-rubbing focus on the physical, the palpable, and a blindness to what we might blushingly call the spiritual. (John Ford's alternative view of the military is "wrong" in the sense that a derby hat is "wrong," the fashion sense.) While the commitment to the material is never in question, while the effort is never less than intense, the details that might make the old seem fresh again are only occasional: the hard-ass drill instructor (Jamie Foxx) who compels the new enlistee to "blow" reveille without the aid of a trumpet, and then for an encore Stevie Wonder's "You Are the Sunshine of My Life"; or the Wall-of-Shame at the base of operations in Kuwait, a bulletin board of faithless wives and girlfriends, the Dear John correspondents, back home. Those sorts of details grow thicker the closer the movie gets to the front line: the horrific tableau of charred bodies and vehicles frozen in flight; the black rain; the oil-slicked stray horse; the plumes of flame from the burning wells. I'm not too sure, in the final tally, that it adds up to much. I'm more sure that that depends on who's doing the adding.

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Zathura is relatively speaking an imaginative children's film (from a book by Chris Van Allsburg, author also of *The Polar Express* and, more relevantly, *Jumanji)* about two battling brothers from a broken home, ages ten and six-and-three-quarters, who find themselves adrift in outer space inside the "creaky" old house of their absent father, after the younger one dusts off a wind-up board game in the cellar, labelled Zathura, A Space Adventure. (If ever there was an excuse once again to cue the opening bars of *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, this would have been it: *Also Sprach Zathura.*) They encounter a hailstorm of meteors, a haywire robot, a marooned astronaut, and a troop of light-seeking, flesh-eating reptiles called Zorgons; and over the course of all that, they learn brotherhood. The interplanetary house should bring to mind, provided it ever entered your mind, the elegant antique Winsor McCay cartoon, *Flying House*, from his *Dreams of a Rarebit Fiend* series. The whole thing, for that matter, fits the definition of "dream-like," albeit in ways very dissimilar to those of Winsor McCay. The loudness, the violence (nonlethal, nonsanguinary), the tons of special effects, and the dearth of visual skills (Jon Favreau, director) are simply to be endured as conditions of existence in the 21st Century. I enjoyed it nonetheless. I especially enjoyed the cryogenically frozen older sister taking a tumble down the stairs like a toboggan, and, still in one piece, getting lugged back up again like a mannequin.

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Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic, a video concert film by Liam Lynch, gives the moviegoer a ticket to the titular comic's stand-up routine, or one-woman off-Broadway show if you prefer. The coy prologue and epilogue with two other actors, and the intermittent cutaways for illustrational fantasies and flashbacks (with costume changes and hair re-dos), do not make the stage act into much more of a film. If it has little interest as cinema, however, it has plenty of it as comedy. The self-described "sassy and brassy" comedian, one of the less illuminating participants in *The Aristocrats*, proves herself fearless, reckless, heedless, and utterly un-PC in pursuit of her limited goals, extracting laughs, extinguishing illumination. "The best time to have a baby is when you're a black teenager." "By 'retarded' I mean 'they can do anything'." "When God gives you AIDS — and God does give you AIDS, by the way — make lemonAIDS." And so on. Naughty, yes. Dirty, yes. (I wouldn't touch any examples even with latex gloves.) Yet she's an adept actress insofar as her deadpan proclaims a certain innocence, while the malicious gleam in her eye belies it. She is also, for her purposes, an adept writer. Through her sudden, unsettling changes in perspective and scale (e.g., 9/11 was doubly "devastating"



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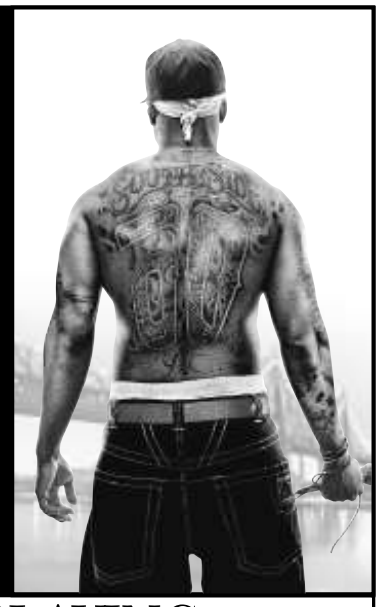

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Capote — Truman Capote, that is, during the six years it took to research and write his "nonfiction novel," *In Cold Blood.* Regardless of how true a story, it is truly a good story, whose claim on our attention is not that it's factual but that it's 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 MARCOS 18)



Chicken Little

Chicken Little — "The sky is falling," in Disney's computer-animated retelling of the tale, turns out to be a metaphor for an alien invasion, and the title character becomes a synonym of civic-minded vigilance. More basically, he and his styrofoamy chums — the ugly duck, the fat pig, the fish out of water, et al. — are just cartoon conformists anxious to show off their pop-culture hipness. With the voices of Zach Braff, Joan Cusack, Steve Zahn, and Garry Marshall; directed by Mark Dindal. 2005.
● (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; CINERAMA 6; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

The Constant Gardener — An adaptation of a John le Carré suspense novel, and a long stride for filmmaker Fernando Meirelles (*City of God)* from the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Le Carré, to be sure, has always had an elevated social consciousness, and a missionary zeal to match, and so the stretch for the Brazilian is largely geographical: to Kenya, where a multinational pharmaceutical company is using the natives as unwitting guinea pigs, or sacrificial lambs, for an experimental drug called Dypraxa. The spectator will require only the slightest touch of paranoia, or slightest taste for the paranoia genre, to find this premise credible. He will face a stiffer challenge to find it cinematic. Vague on particulars, slow in progress, thick in texture, the film follows a course of knowingness rather than "showingness." And the jiggle and jump in the visual style, though tempered a bit from *City of God*, can drum up little excitement on their own. Of course, many a filmmaker before Meirelles, like many a casual reader, has failed to locate the thrills in a le Carré thriller. Yet this one holds plenty of appeal as a love story, one which we know from the outset is to be an unhappy one. The murder of a British diplomat's wife in the African backcountry opens the door on a flashback to their first beginnings: he (Ralph Fiennes, almost cringingly diffident) dutifully reading a dull lecture on behalf of a government official in absentia, and she (Rachel Weisz, free and easy) reading him the riot act afterwards on the U.K.'s role in Iraq: "Vietnam the sequel." Not a meet-cute, but a meet-rude. And before they have time really to get to know one another, they're in bed, they're married, and, with a baby on the way, they're in Kenya, where the differences in their personalities are brought out in sharpest contrast: the professional fence-straddler and the inveterate firebrand. His private inquiry into her murder, apart from the light shed on corporate malfeasance, answers all questions about the genuineness of her love for him, and of his for her. As we've seen in such other le Carré vehicles as *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold, The Looking-Glass War, The Russia House,* and (the most cinematic of these) *The Little Drummer Girl*, a gooey sentimentalist lurks within the sourball. Danny Huston, Bill Nighy, Pete Postlethwaite. 2005.
★★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Derailed — Blackmail thriller with Clive Owen, Jennifer Aniston, and Vincent Cassel, directed by Mikael Hafstrom.
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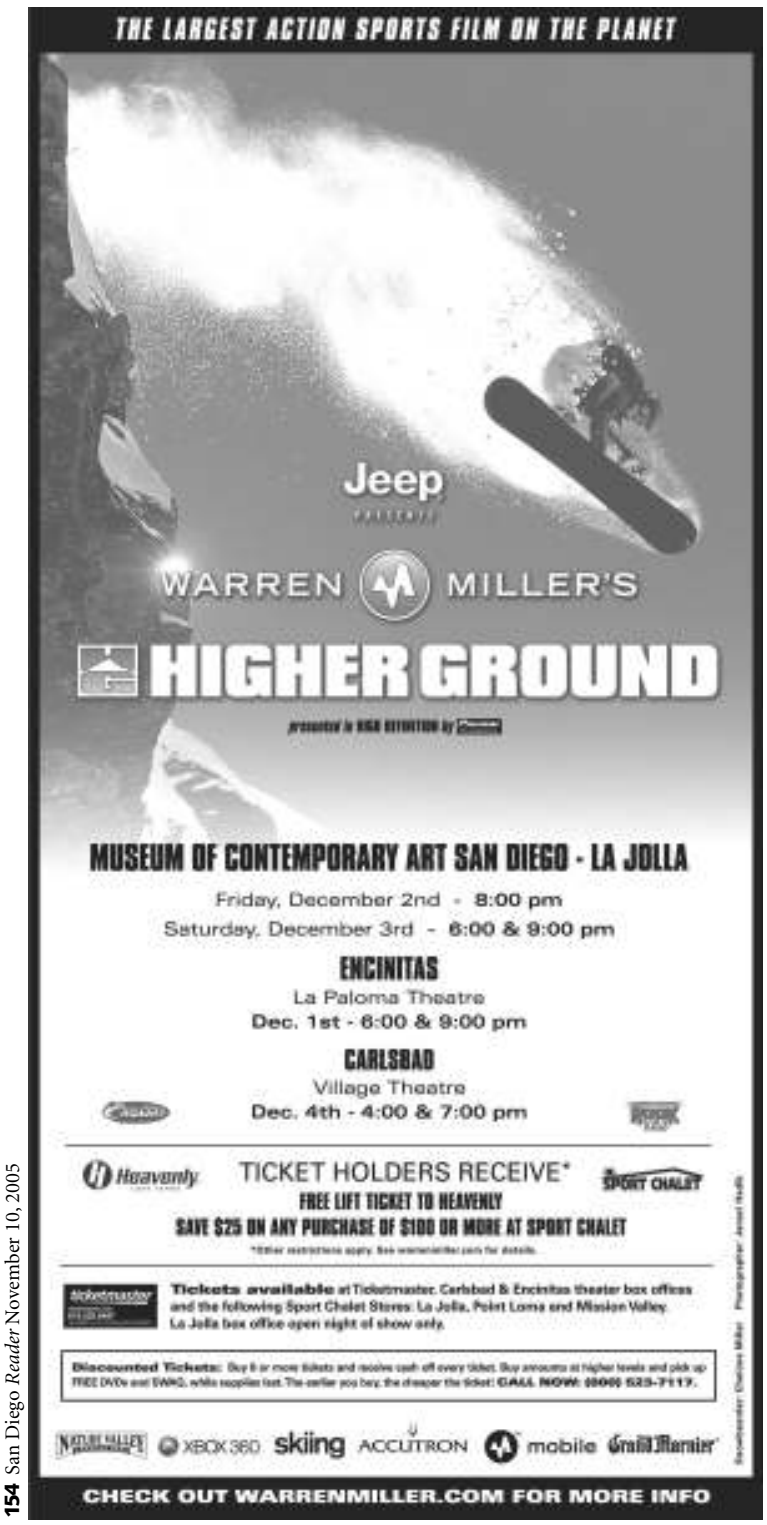



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Domino — "Based on a true story … sort of." The short bumpy ride of Domino Harvey, daughter of actor Laurence (*The Manchurian Candidate*, glimpsed in a couple of clips), from fashion model to L.A. bounty hunter, and dead of a drug overdose between the movie's shoot and its final edit. The whole tawdry tale, unswallowable to begin with, is gaggingly glamorized through music-video visuals and first-person 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)

Doom — The Rapid Response Tactical 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 shooting-gallery 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.
● (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

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 eleven-year-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 MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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 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 cell-phone 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.
★★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Flightplan — Airborne thriller gets off the ground in good shape, and while aloft adds another variation to the infinitude of locked-room mysteries. After taking her six-year-old daughter to stretch out in the empty back rows of a double-decker jumbo jet, the mother nods off and wakes up, mid-flight, to find her daughter gone. "Well, she can't have gone far," one of the flight atten-

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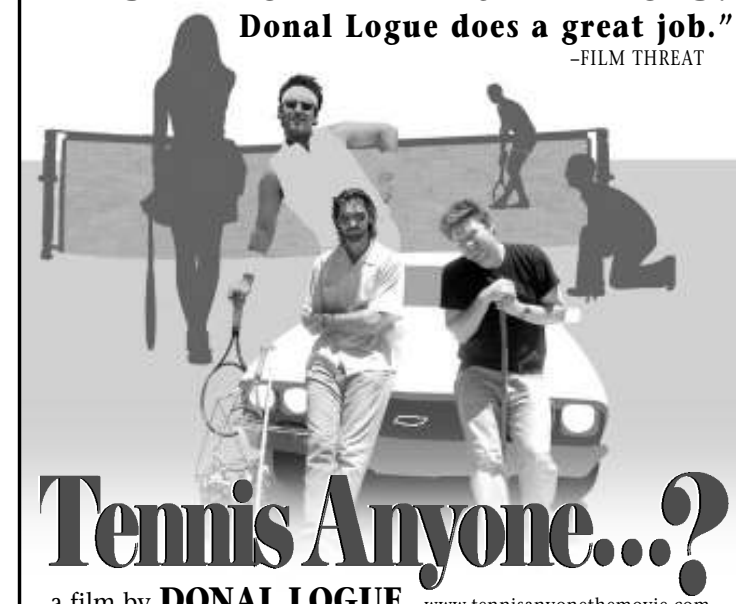

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dants points out the obvious. But before long an announcement over the P.A. system must concede, "Seems our aircraft is big enough to lose a child in," and a thorough search is undertaken, granting us access to such unfamiliar sights that we may think 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.

★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; PALM PROMENADE 24; VOGUE)

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.

● (CHULA VISTA 10; GASLAMP 15; PALM PROMENADE 24)

Get Rich or Die Tryin' — Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson as a drug dealer turned rap artist, directed by Jim Sheridan.

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Shopgirl

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 through a full carton of his coffin nails.) Framed by a literal "Salute to Edward R. Murrow" in 1958, and by the guest-of-honor's scolding assessment of the current state of TV journalism, it centers on his famous face-off four years earlier with Sen. Joe McCarthy, now known in ever widening circles as the Boogeyman. (McCarthy, seen only in grainy archive footage, looks even cruder than usual in opposition to the crisply photographed thespian smoothies.) Clooney, son of a TV newscaster himself, and high-profile Hollywood liberal, would no doubt be pleased if the sitting duck of the past were taken to be a stand-in for the fluttery fowl of today — Rush Limbaugh, Oliver North, and Co., the religious right, Karl Rove, take your pick — and pleased, too, if Murrow's example were held up to the news networks of half a century later. (But be careful, George, what you wish for: the network that appears to come closest to Murrow's stance of advocacy, if nowhere near his humanity or integrity, would be Fox.) Clooney can surely rival any of his targeted enemies, past or present, in piety; and even, albeit in a somewhat different sense, in reactionaryism: taking up the social-conscious subject matter of the Lumet-Ritt-Frankenheimer generation (he had already done so in his live-television experiment of *Fail-Safe* a few years back), setting it in the precise period of their salad days, shooting it in black-and-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; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

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

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violent story, that is, about a man with a history of violence. More exactly, the bloody chain of events unleashed when the family-man proprietor (Viggo Mortensen) of the Main Street diner in Small Town, U.S.A., is forced to fight back against two homicidal psychopaths at his lunch counter. The unpleasantness on this occasion consists, not atypically for Cronenberg, in some gratuitous gore — stomach-turning makeup effects for a bullet through the top of the head, a nose pounded up into a skull, etc. — as well as in the oppressive mood of ominousness and dread. The latter is quite admirably achieved, especially in view of the conventionality of the plot: the past catching up with a retired killer, a staple of the American action film, whether Western or contemporary crime thriller. Through such devious means as the sedate and didactic tone, the clear-eyed and controlled cinematography, the deliberate pace, and a spot of uncommonly graphic sex between happily marrieds, the film *feels* unconventional, *feels* unpredictable. And it makes good use of William Hurt's widely recognized looniness for an unexpectedly funny climax, notwithstanding the expected gore. (Beyond unexpectedly funny, it may be self-defeatingly funny.) The ultimate purpose of the thing — the unique distinction of the thing — comes down to precisely those sources of unpleasantness and nothing more: the gratuitous gore and the feeling of unconventionality. But the unconventionality, such as it is, proves to be just a feeling rather than a fact: it tends to evaporate rapidly at the curtain. (One recommended point of reference would be Richard Fleischer's perfectly conventional yet subtly subversive *Violent Saturday*, 1955, where the celebration of the small-town family man who foils the big-city bad guys, with an assist from the pitchfork of an Amish pacifist, is as ambiguous as you please.) And the gore is simply too splashy for its own good. With Maria Bello, Ed Harris. 2005.
★ (GASLAMP 15)

In Her Shoes — Curtis Hanson's handling of the Jennifer Weiner book, lightly, mildly, breezily entertaining in a second-rate, best-sellerish, chick-lit kind of way: the seriocomic story of two mismatched Jewish sisters, one an overweight, high-achieving Philadelphia lawyer whose private life consists of romance novels and a shoe fetish, and the other a rootless mooching dyslexic sexpot. (Or, in their traded insults, a "fat pig" and "pretty but real stupid.") After they have a major falling-out and a parting-of-the-ways, the first finds love with a too-good-to-be-true emasculated dreamboat (albeit a 76ers fan), and the second finds self-worth shopping for the old ladies in a Florida retirement community and reading poetry to a blind professor, while conquering her dyslexia, at the Assisted Living Center. And they then find their way back to each other. Yay, team. The scene of a man and a woman reading aloud from a romance novel as sexual foreplay is good for a laugh; and the sight of a Bikini Babe around the old folks' swimming pool is good for a few; and Shirley MacLaine, as the long-lost grandmother, can still handle a line and a look. The casting of Toni Collette and Cameron Diaz as the sisters, on the other hand, is somewhat hard to swallow. Forget, if you can, their ostensible Jewishness and their supposed sisterhood. Collette, though she's reported to have packed on twenty-five pounds for the part, still looks well under the national norm and nowhere near her *Muriel's Wedding* weight. And Diaz, though she wears her clothes well, especially the eensy-weensy ones, fails to reveal any depths beneath. Even she can't quite botch the lump-in-the-throat recitation of E.E. Cummings at the wedding, but she's more in her element when she gets to kick up her heels afterwards. 2005.
★ (FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15)

Innocent Voices — Leftist arm-twister, slickly done, about an unspeakably cute kid in civil-war-torn El Salvador ca. 1980, not so much a character as a poster child, who becomes "the man of the house" in his father's absence, and awaits conscription in the military on his twelfth birthday. Some of the random gunfire is pretty scary, but so is some of the supplicatory rhetoric: "Why do they want to kill us," wonders an innocent voice indeed, "when we haven't done anything?" Carlos Padilla, Leonor Varela, Xuna Primus, Gustavo Muñoz; directed by Luis Mandoki. 2005.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Into the Blue — Caribbean treasure hunters stumble upon a Civil War-period sunken ship — "the motherlode of all motherlodes" — in the same vicinity as a downed drug-smuggling plane. Juvenile aquatic adventure reaches out — or up, if you prefer — to the MTV crowd through reggae tunes, water sports, itsy-bitsy bikinis (on Jessica Alba, Ashley Scott), and a brickload of cocaine. Paul Walker, the star, has evidently graduated from the Keanu Reeves School of Acting, dropping his voice to its lowest register in search of gravitas. With Scott Caan, Josh Brolin, James Frain; directed by John Stockwell. 2005.
● (VOGUE)

Jarhead — Reviewed this issue. With Jake Gyllenhaal, Peter Sarsgaard, Jamie Foxx, and Chris Cooper; directed by Sam Mendes.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GROSSMONT CENTER; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Kiss Kiss Bang Bang — Comedy-mystery written and directed by Shane Black, with Robert Downey, Jr., Val Kilmer, and Michelle Monaghan.
(HORTON PLAZA 14; MISSION VALLEY 20; FROM 11/11)

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-Jones, 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; CINERAMA 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; 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; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

March of the Penguins — Nature documentary on the reproductive ritual of the emperor penguin, the back-and-forth walk of around seventy miles, the mating dance, the harsh winter, the interminable night, the months of starvation, the high mortality rate. It's a hard life, and fascinating. The cuteness of the creatures makes up for much of the hardness, although it also makes the hardness harder to bear. Narrated by Morgan Freeman; directed by Luc Jacquet. 2004.
★ (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, THROUGH 11/10)

North Country — A sexual-harassment horror story, single-minded if not simple-minded, set in the Mesabi Iron Range of Minnesota, Land of 10,000 Lakes, Not Quite That Many Hideous Open-Pit Craters, Two Dead Stags Strapped to a Flatbed, and Untold Chauvinist Pigs. (The soundtrack, a tad predictably, makes use of several songs by that native son of Hibbing, Mn., Bob Dylan.) The 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; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; LA JOLLA 12; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

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.
★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Pride and Prejudice — Joe Wright's remake of the Jane Austen classic, starring Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen, Brenda Blethyn, Donald Sutherland.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE)

Prime — An older-woman-younger-man affair, stickier than normal because the older woman's therapist happens also to be the 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, 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 twenty-seven, 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

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Mystery, Alaska with Russell Crowe is a good hockey movie. I could relate because it's about a guy who's getting too old to play, and at the time I was in the process of retiring, so every time I watch the movie I still cry.

I enjoyed *Good Will Hunting* because it's about people who need help but don't know where to go. It was made with no budget, and Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are great.

Forrest Gump is quirky and funny. Tom Hanks did a great job. My favorite quote is "Life is like a box full of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get." I can watch it again and again and see something different each time.

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TERA BLACK
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Lost in Translation has phenomenal chemistry between Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson. You expect their relationship to culminate in typical Hollywood fashion but instead it ends unexpectedly, which is very gratifying.

Charlotte's Web is an animated classic that's stood the test of time. I saw it because my mom read me the book. It was one of my favorite movies so I wanted to share it with my daughter on her birthday.

I love *Sideways,* which is set in the wine country. You feel for Miles the whole way. He's tense and uptight, but by the end you finally feel him release the tension. Every time he put his nose in a glass you could smell the wine, and now I'll never drink merlot.

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Super Size Me is a documentary about a guy who eats McDonald's for 30 days and the disgusting facts he discovers about what fast food does to your body. That's why I'm in great shape now, because it motivated me to train harder. The reality is we are a fast-food society.

Hitch is one of my favorites. It's very entertaining. I could relate to Will Smith's bachelor. The whole dating game has become so complicated but it doesn't have to be.

Fight Club's interesting because it shows that you don't know much about yourself until your back's against the wall, then you either have to put up or tuck tail and run. The movie is demented but honest about fighting and the emotions involved.

SUPER SIZE ME (USA) 2004, Hart Sharp Entertainment
List price: $26.99

HITCH (USA) 2005, Columbia/Tristar
List price: $28.95

FIGHT CLUB (USA) 1999, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment
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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. 2005.
★ (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 VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE)

Pulp Fiction — A title as self-conscious although not as accurate as Samuel Beckett's *Film*. Yes, Quentin Tarantino's cast of characters accommodates some staple figures of the form: the small-time heisters, the mob torpedoes, Mr. Big's sex-bomb mate, the boxer bribed to throw a fight. But the writer-director borrows his narrative devices from a more "experimental" stripe of novelist: the nonlinear storyline (the unattuned spectator might suspect a reel out of order when a dead character resurfaces near movie's end, and an earlier plot thread is picked up right where it was left); no single focal character or situation, but instead an idle shuffle of them; the leaping-over of a climactic bit of action. (Maybe *Meta-Pulp Fiction* would be more accurate, without being a lot more self-conscious.) And the first and foremost thing to be said about his dialogue would be that it is "bookish": Elmore Leonard-ish tangents of doubtful relevance. Tarantino is, so to speak, a man who loves to hear himself write. One of the inherent perils of this verbal exhibitionism, though, is the tendency to fall into the sentimentality of the "colorful" character (the mystical hitman, the human pincushion with eighteen ring-holes from ear to nose to tongue to clitoris), such that Tarantino seems at times to be cultivating a new idiom, a new milieu, in which to transplant the term "Runyon-esque": *more* colorful, *more* florid, *more* lurid. And hence more sentimental, inverted and twisted though the sentiment may be. There are plenty of things to snicker and cackle at (nothing heartier) along the way, especially in the long interlude subtitled "Vincent Vega and Marcellus Wallace's Wife." There are plenty of other things merely to wince and grimace at. John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman, Bruce Willis. 1994.
★★ (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, 11/12 MIDNIGHT)



The Weather Man

Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic — Reviewed this issue. With Sarah Silverman; written by Silverman; directed by Liam Lynch.
★ (KEN, 11/11 THROUGH 17)

Serenity — The short-lived sci-fi TV series, *Firefly*, finds new life on the big screen, and latecomers are apt to feel at a decided disadvantage. The garbled storytelling and affected, facetious, rapid-fire style of dialogue, alternately highflown and down-home, will win few new converts, and will doubtless help to explain the short life of the prior incarnation. With Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres, Alan Tudyk, Adam Baldwin, Summer Glau, and Chiwetel Ejiofor; written and directed by Joss Whedon. 2005.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

Shopgirl — 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. Directed by Anand Tucker. 2005.
★ (FLOWER HILL 4; GROSSMONT TROLLEY; HILLCREST CINEMAS; LA JOLLA VILLAGE; MIRA MESA 18; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; SAN MARCOS 18; VISTA VILLAGE)

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)

The Squid and the Whale — Complex relationship film. 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, the older boy sides with his aggrieved father, while the younger boy, barely into puberty, sides with his mother. Though 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; and though 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

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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. The younger brother, played under a cloud of moroseness (with passing squalls) by Owen Kline, registers as a total original, 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, than his *faux*-cultured older brother. This painfully funny film, put simply, 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. William Baldwin, Anna Paquin. 2005.
★★★ (HILLCREST CINEMAS)

Sueño — Latino musical with John Leguizamo, Elizabeth Peña, and Ana Claudia Talancón, directed by Renee Chabria.
(MISSION VALLEY 7, 11/11 THROUGH 17)

Tennis, Anyone? — Indie comedy on celebrity tennis tournaments, starring Donal Logue, who also directed and cowrote.
(LA JOLLA VILLAGE, FROM 11/11)

Tim Burton's Corpse Bride — Partly, if not equally, stop-motion animator Mike Johnson's *Corpse Bride*, a voguishly grotesque kiddie film in which all the characters look like reflections in fun-house mirrors, and the worm-eaten title figure is not appreciably more ghastly than the living. Indeed the netherworld boasts more color, albeit garishly expressionistic, than the mere blush of color aboveground. Overlong at an hour and a quarter, it features several showstopping musical numbers, not in a good sense but in the sense of clockstopping, and a couple of un-Disney-fied cute critters, a maggot with the eyes and voice of Peter Lorre and a skeletal pet pooch. For all his ghoulishness, the essential innocence, naiveté, even squareness of Burton may be linked to his unshakable faith that the sophomoric cackle will never evolve into a satiated yawn. The climactic rising-up of the dead to walk the face of the earth, like George Romero's zombies but without the appetite, is fairly amusing if you can slough off the descending torpor. With the voices of Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Emily Watson, Tracey Ullman, Albert Finney, and Christopher Lee. 2005.
★ (HORTON PLAZA 14; PALM PROMENADE 24)



Zathura

Two for the Money — Simple-minded, fast-talking exposé of the sports-betting racket, a $200-billion-a-year business, so we're informed. Al Pacino, as the operator of a 900-number tout service, is encouraged in his worst excesses; and Matthew McConaughey, as a disabled quarterback who can really pick 'em, is Pacino's disciple in more than one way: "He makes Nostrafuckin-damus look like a novelty act." With Rene Russo, Jeremy Piven, Armand Assante; directed by D.J. Caruso. 2005.
● (HORTON PLAZA 14)

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 nine-year 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 half-hours — *A Grand Day Out, The Wrong Trousers, A Close Shave* — felt proportionately like twenty minutes tops. (The necessarily more elaborate or elongated plotline veers off into a horror-film pastiche that deftly stitches together a Frankensteinian

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Chicken Little (G); **Derailed** (R); **Domino** (R); **Dreamer** (PG); **Flightplan** (PG-13); **Get Rich or Die Tryin'** (R); **Jarhead** (Not Rated); **Kiss Kiss Bang Bang** (R); **North Country** (R); **Pride and Prejudice** (PG); **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); **Zathura** (PG)

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Cinerama 6
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3965 Fifth Avenue (619-819-0236)
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CHULA VISTA

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Chicken Little (G); **Derailed** (R); **Doom** (R); **Dreamer** (PG); **Get Rich or Die Tryin'** (R); **Jarhead** (Not Rated); **Saw II** (R); **The Fog** (PG-13); **The Legend of Zorro** (PG); **Zathura** (PG)

Palm Promenade 24
770 Dennery Road (858-558-2262)
Chicken Little (G); **Derailed** (R); **Doom** (R); **Dreamer** (PG); **Flightplan** (PG-13); **Get Rich or Die Tryin'** (R); **Jarhead** (Not Rated); **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); **Zathura** (PG)

Rancho Del Rey 16
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POWAY

Poway 10
13475 Poway Road (858-646-9423)
Chicken Little (G); **Derailed** (R); **Dreamer** (PG); **Get Rich or Die Tryin'** (R); **Jarhead** (Not Rated); **Prime** (PG-13); **Saw II** (R); **The Legend of Zorro** (PG); **Zathura** (PG)

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Flower Hill 4
2630 Via de la Valle (858-646-9425)
Capote (R); **Good Night, and Good Luck** (PG); **Pride and Prejudice** (PG); **Shopgirl** (R)

ENCINITAS

Encinitas 8
220 North El Camino Real (760-942-5544)
Chicken Little (G); **Derailed** (R); **Get Rich or Die Tryin'** (R); **Jarhead** (Not Rated); **Prime** (PG-13); **Saw II** (R); **The Legend of Zorro** (PG); **Zathura** (PG)

La Paloma
471 South Coast Highway 101 (760-436-SHOW)
March of the Penguins (G); **Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (G)

LA COSTA

La Costa 6
6941 El Camino Real (at Aviara/Alga) (760-599-8221)
Chicken Little (G); **Dreamer** (PG); **Prime** (PG-13); **The Legend of Zorro** (PG); **The Weather Man** (R); **Zathura** (PG)

OCEANSIDE

Mission Marketplace 13
College Boulevard and Mission Avenue (760-806-1790)
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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 their peers (meaning their inferiors) in matters of timing, touch, and taste. With the voices of Peter Sallis, Helena Bonham Carter, Ralph Fiennes. 2005.
★★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; HORTON PLAZA 14; LA PALOMA, FROM 11/11; MISSION VALLEY 20; TOWN SQUARE 14)

The Weather Man — An 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, shoulders a number of private-life burdens: 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 his overriding concern is frankly himself. It's significant that the movie opens with our mopey protagonist 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. 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. Nicolas 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. Michael Caine, Hope Davis, Gemmenne de la Peña, Nicholas Hoult. 2005.
★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; FASHION VALLEY 18; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; 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)

Where the Truth Lies — A Martin-and-Lewis comedy team of debonair Britisher and antic Jersey Jew breaks up after their Veterans Day Polio Telethon in 1957, when an unexplained naked dame turns up dead in their hotel suite; and fifteen years later, the Miracle Girl of that telethon, now an investigative cub reporter, reopens the case. Atom Egoyan, director of hefties like *The Sweet Hereafter* and *Ararat*, has lowered himself in every way conceivable, and what he comes up with, or goes down to, is inept as a period piece (either period), inept as a mystery, inept as a backstage exposé, inept as a pseudonymous smear of real people. The smeariest thing, in truth, is the misty photography for the earlier period, a trite contrast to the crisper later one. With Colin Firth, Kevin Bacon, Alison Lohman. 2005.
● (LA JOLLA VILLAGE, THROUGH 11/10)

Zathura — Reviewed this issue. With Jonah Bobo, Josh Hutcherson, Dax Shepard, Kristen Stewart, and Tim Robbins; directed by Jon Favreau.
★★ (CARMEL MOUNTAIN; CHULA VISTA 10; DEL MAR HIGHLANDS 8; ENCINITAS 8; ESCONDIDO 16; FASHION VALLEY 18; GALAXY 6; GASLAMP 15; GROSSMONT CENTER; LA COSTA 6; LA JOLLA 12; MIRA MESA 18; MISSION MARKETPLACE 13; MISSION VALLEY 7; MISSION VALLEY 20; OCEANSIDE 16; PALM PROMENADE 24; PARKWAY PLAZA 18; POWAY 10; RANCHO DEL REY 16; RANCHO SAN DIEGO 15; SAN MARCOS 18; SANTEE DRIVE IN; TOWN SQUARE 14; VISTA VILLAGE; FROM 11/11)

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ONE FREE CLASSIFIED ad per week is available to private parties and nonprofit organizations that do not charge for their services.

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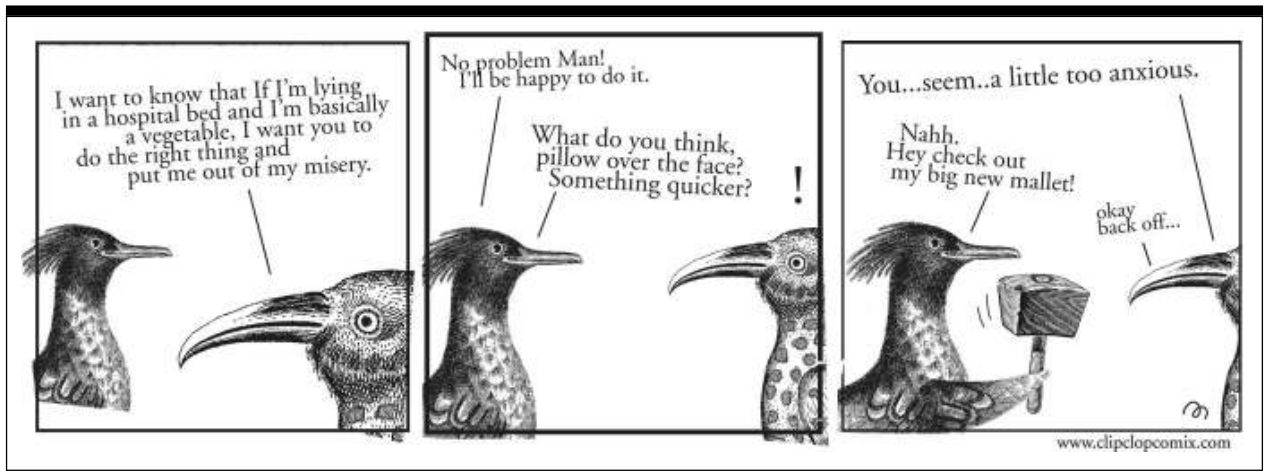

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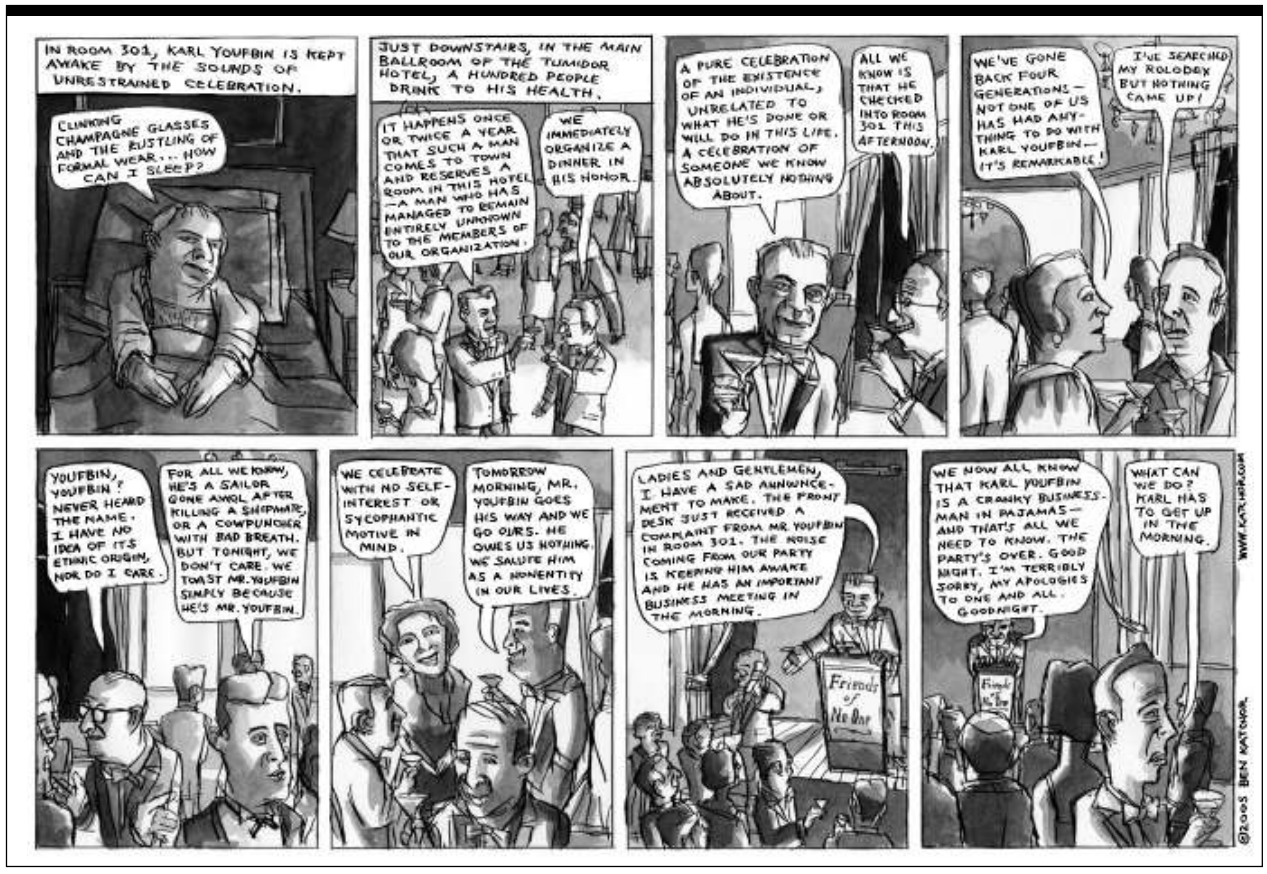

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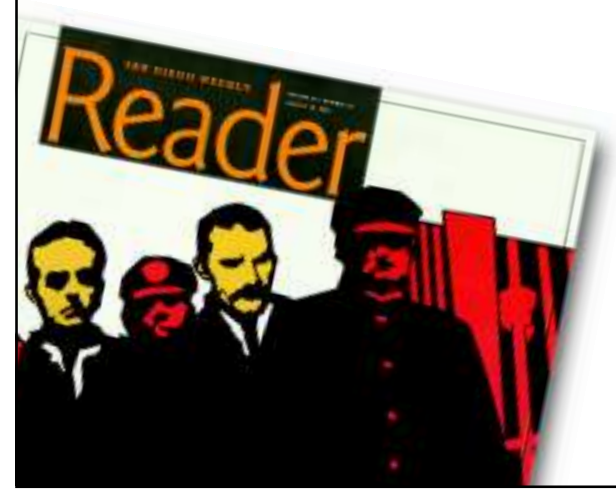

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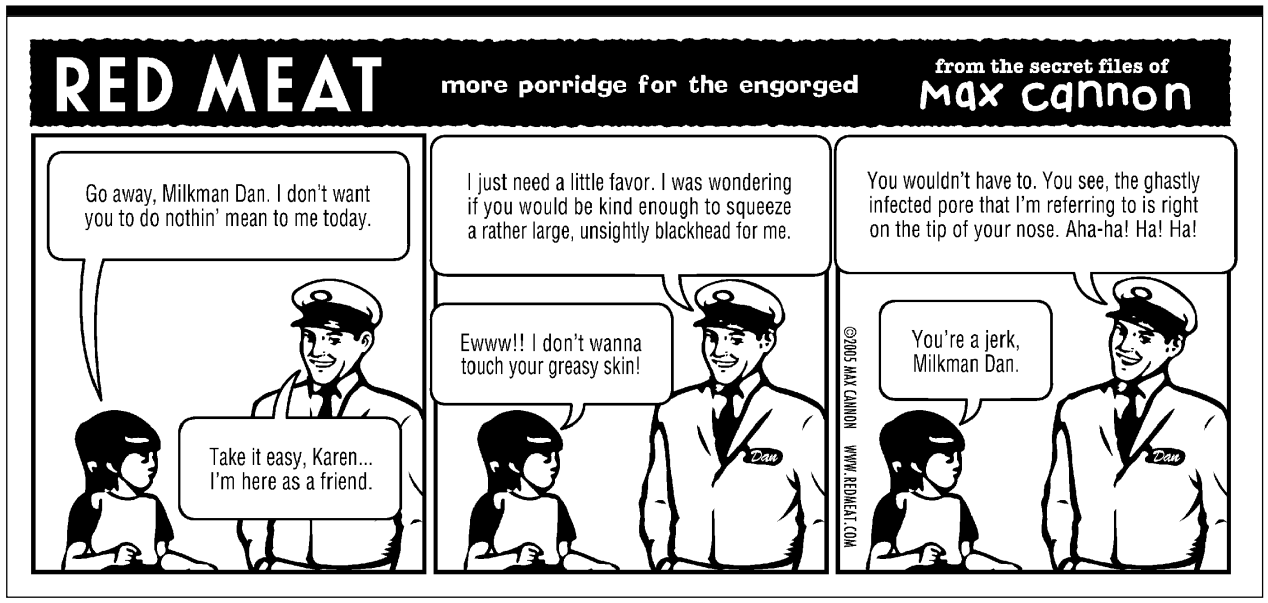

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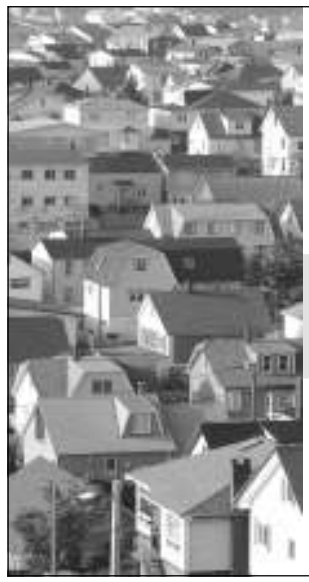

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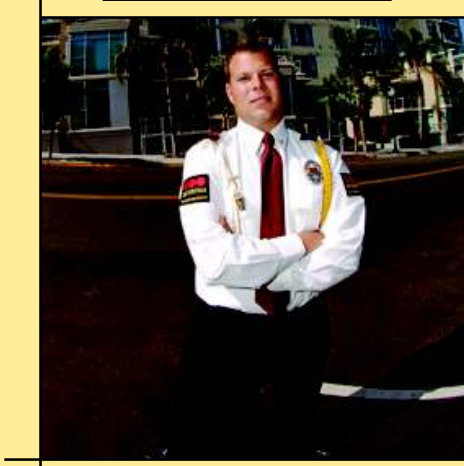

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Cain Oliver

Student

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No, not really. Maybe if I was in a big house all by myself at night. I'd want to be a ghost when I die. I wouldn't haunt anybody, though. I'd spend my time in the ocean; I don't think ghosts ever wipe out. If I could make money off ghosts, maybe I'd believe in them more.



Cindy Hennley

Receptionist

Point Loma

Yes. I've had many experiences with ghosts. I've lived in haunted houses; I didn't know they were haunted before I moved into them. In my last place, there were doors opening and [ghosts] going through cupboards. Things flew off counters. I once saw a water cooler shake, and there were people walking down the hall. It was mostly things that you could hear. I'd be in the bathroom and I'd hear people going through my kitchen cupboards. The presence wasn't like a bad presence. I wouldn't be able to tell a house is haunted before moving into it; it's more about the things you hear and the energy you feel in the house. All my roommates have experienced the same things, and we've all gotten used to it. You just feel them watching you, and maybe they don't think they're dead because they don't bother you. I've never thought about a ghost watching me while I'm in the shower.



Caitlin Feister

Waitress/Student

Pacific Beach

Yeah. I've seen ghosts several times. Back when I lived in Rhode Island, I've seen them in my house. I've seen my grandfather before. It's pretty normal in Rhode Island because the houses are really old, but I think there're ghosts everywhere. I've heard that Balboa Park is haunted. During Hurricane Bob back in '93, I remember it so perfectly; the lights were out and we lit some candles and all of a sudden we see this guy walking to our kitchen. We were kind of confused; we thought an old man might have been lost because of the hurricane. But when we went into the kitchen, no one was there. We contacted the people who sold us the house; the man we saw was the man who built the house because they showed us a picture. He died of a really bad heart attack; he wanted a nice family to live in the house. If I'm home, I always hear noises, but they're not going to hurt me.



Paul Schuete

Graduate Student

La Jolla

Absolutely. I definitely have that feeling of having them there and the fear that I have to hang my hand over the side of my bed. I still think there are ghosts out there who are going to chop my hand off. I guess I'm a little afraid of large windows because a ghost could come up and scare me. I would live next to a cemetery; I'm not as afraid of that kind of thing. I think my belief comes from stories that were ingrained in my head when I was a little kid.



Macary Avalos

Reserve Analyst

Pacific Beach

I believe that there's a spiritual world. If you want to give it the connotation of "ghosts," then sure, I believe in ghosts. I've been in houses that I could hear creaking, and I think it had to do more with my state of mind and certain illicit drugs that I was utilizing, which may have opened my mind to a different realm. I've heard of it, I've seen stories, and for myself, I've seen things periodically just out of the corner of my eye. It could be your mind playing tricks on you, or it could be some spiritual being.



Junior Balla

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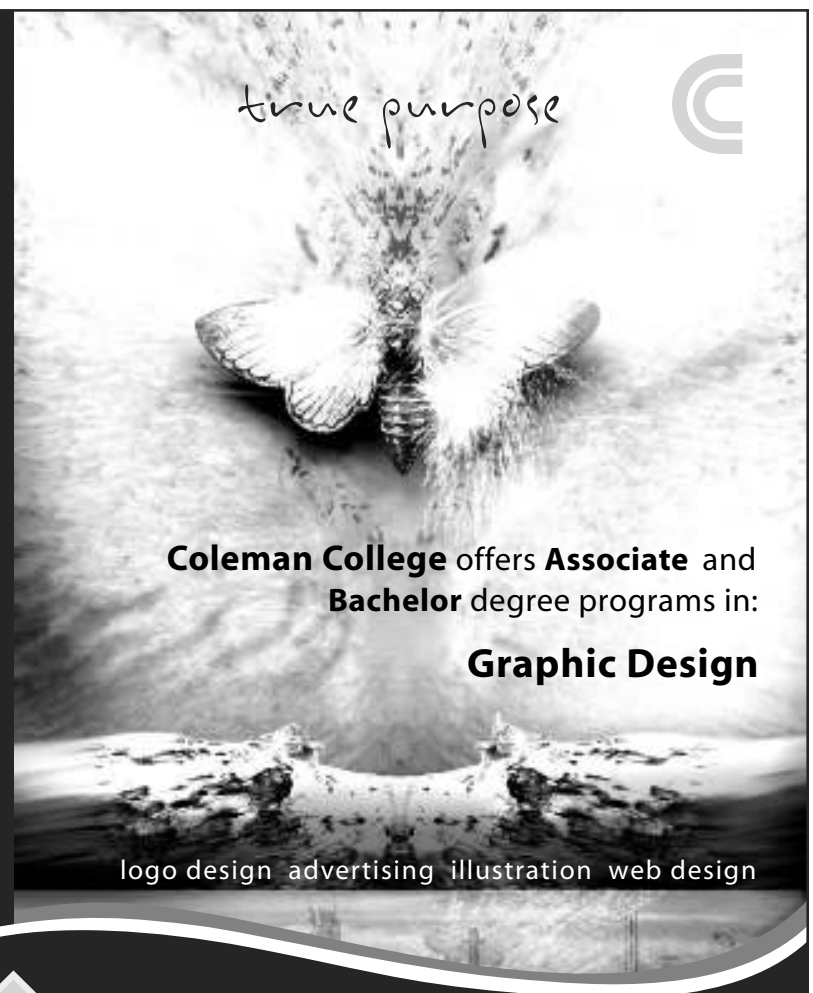

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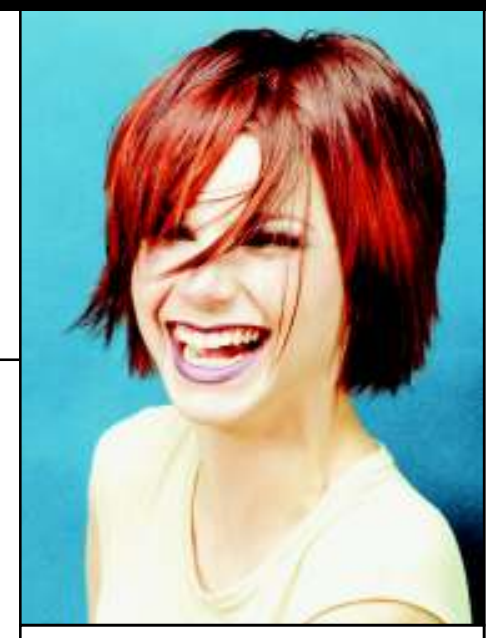

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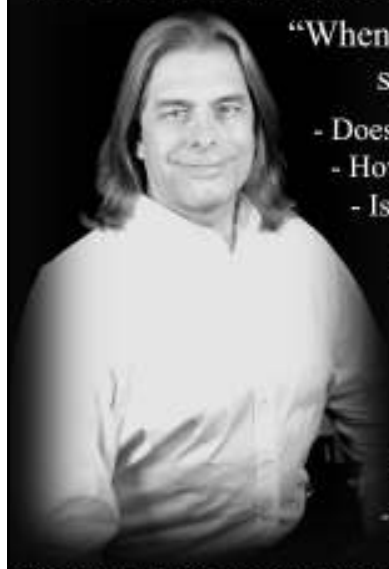

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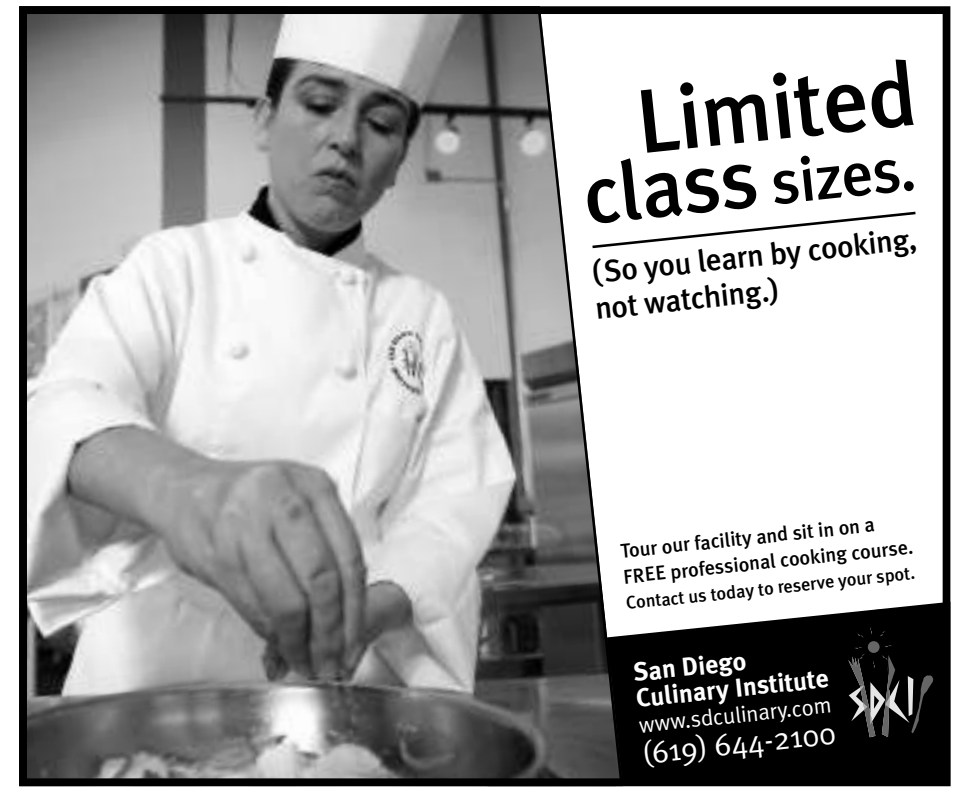

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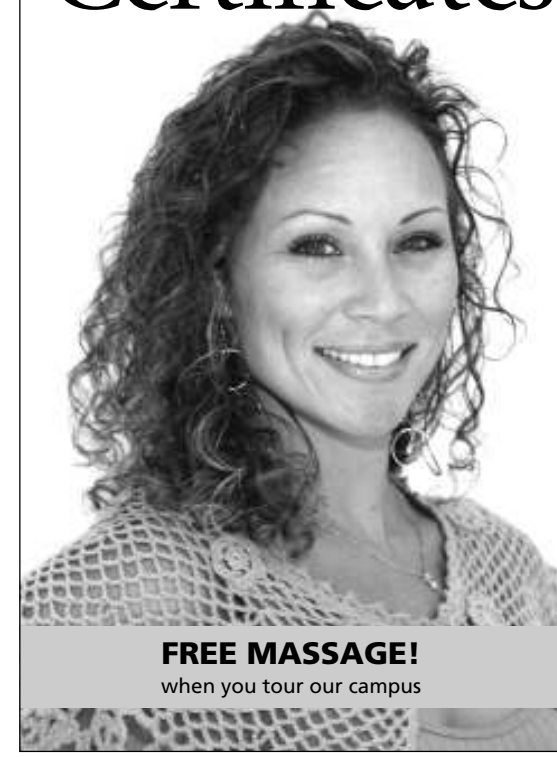

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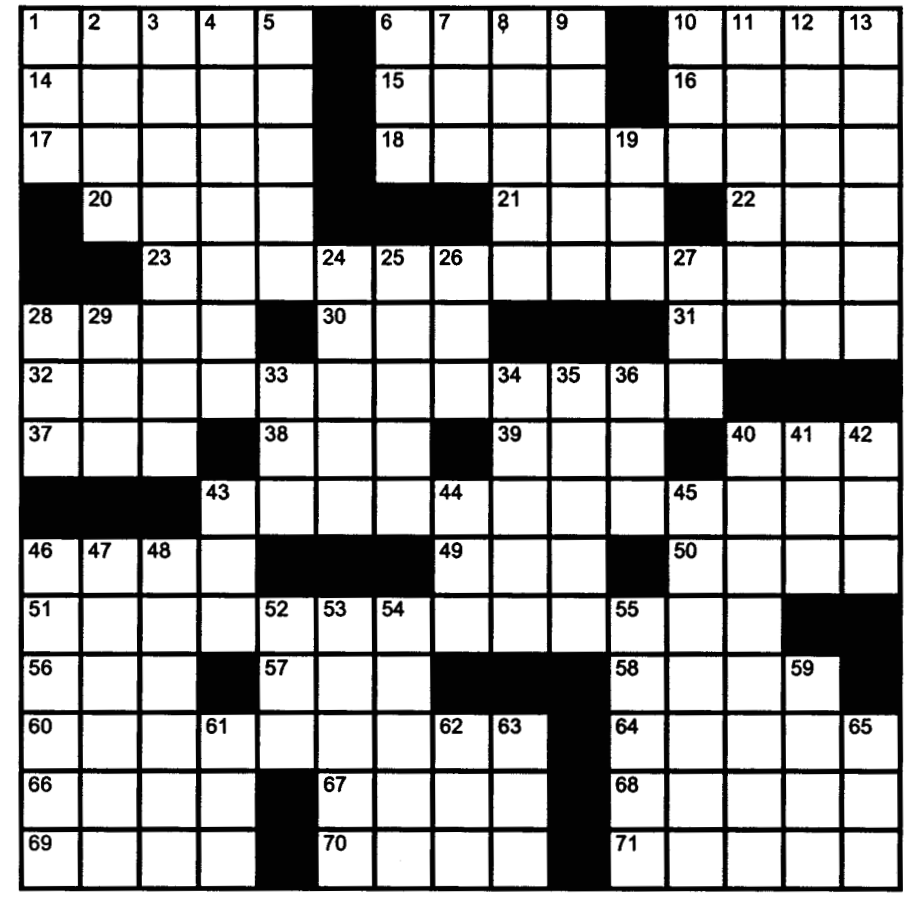
1. River rental
6. Ali of literature
10. Bridges in Hollywood
14. They're off-base
15. Mathematician Turing
16. Figure skater's jump
17. Drops
18. His 65-Down was poetry (and it's in his first name)
20. "... ____ can do this the hard way"
21. Lower, as lights
22. 401, to Nero
23. His 65-Down was philosophy (and it's in his last name)
28. "Famous" cookie maker
30. "... ____ thousand times ..."
31. They can make waves
32. Her 65-Down was dance (and it's in her first name)
37. Compaq products
38. Ocean State sch.
39. Puppy's sound
40. Air gun ammo
43. His 65-Down was acting (and it's in his last name)
46. Prepare for an ambush
49. Something not to say when taking a sobriety test
50. "An apple ____ ..."
51. Her 65-Down was flying (and it's in her last name)
56. NFL ball carriers
57. 11/11 marcher
58. "____ shocked as you are"
60. His 65-Down was music (and it's in his first name)
64. Baryshnikov's nickname
66. Demeanor
67. A while back
68. "When You Wish Upon ____"
69. "The Sweetest Taboo" singer
70. They're home on the range
71. On ____ (in secret)

Down

1. ____ in carrot
2. Seuss' "Horton Hears ____"
3. What a great fielding team has at the end of the game
4. Setting for many John Wayne films
5. Industrial city of Germany
6. "Rubbish!"
7. Part of a dish's name
8. Shakespeare and others
9. Bit of monkey business
10. Shake up
11. Betting option
12. It may be dinged
13. Hollywood madam Heidi
19. Shania Twain honor: Abbr.
24. Give guns to, old-style
25. Motherless calf
26. Oft-pierced body part
27. CD follower
28. Energize, with "up"
29. TV's Bernie
33. Mao successor
34. Sailor's "Yes!"
35. Original "Survivor" winner Richard
36. Goon
40. Kitsch
41. It goes under a top
42. It's an awful mess
43. Letters to the right of "H" on a keyboard
44. ____ Na Na
45. Like T-shirt weather
46. Team that lost Super Bowl XIV, for short
47. Assisi's region
48. Observed the Sabbath
52. "Now ____ seen everything!"
53. "The Fox and the Grapes" fabulist
54. Prefix with centric
55. Shoot toward
59. 1993 NBA Rookie of the Year, familiarly
61. Suffix with Benedict
62. Play one's part
63. Director Craven
65. This puzzle's subject



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1. The prize for solving the *Reader* Puzzle will be a *Reader* T-shirt.
2. All entries in the *Reader* Puzzle contest must be received by the *Reader* by 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, five days following the issue date (Fax to 619-231-0489 or U.S. Mail to *Reader* Puzzle, P.O. Box 85803, San Diego, CA 92186-5803).
3. All entries must be accompanied by your name and address.
4. Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.
5. In the event of disputes or ties, decisions of the judges will be final and arbitrary. We've only got five prizes each week to give away, so if there are more than five winners, we'll have a lottery.
6. All answers must be entered in the space allowed on the puzzle page. And please, no phone calls or trips to our office.
7. One entry per person.

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Solution to and winners of the *Reader* Puzzle for 11/3/05.

Of the 185 entrants, 178 were correct.
The winners are:

1. Mekinda Pugh, *San Diego*
2. Wally Chapman, *San Diego*
3. Tom Flanagan, *San Diego*
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CRAFT FAIR/BAKE SALE. Sunday, 11/13, 9am-3pm. Crafts, gifts, mandelas, affirmation blankets, massages, healing art practitioners. Pacific Church, 123 Camino de la Reina, Mission Valley.

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PATHWORK DISCUSSION. "A Process of Meditation," November 28, 2005 7-9 PM, 4716 32nd Street, San Diego, 92116. Open meeting, no fee, materials available, 619-280-9075 for information.

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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

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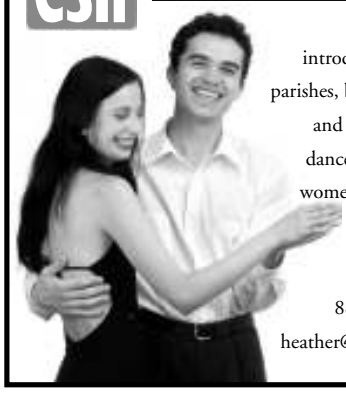
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ATTRACTIVE CAUCASIAN, single mom, 40, full-figured, size 18. Seeking someone to share a little life with. Enjoy all activities. Not looking for an occasional date. (11/16) ☎49205

SENSUOUS, INTELLIGENT, caring, 56, New York lady would like fun activities with witty, sense of humor gent, 50-60. Are you ready for friendship and romance? (11/23) ☎49236

MAN WANTED BY SEXY, attractive black lady who's fit, intelligent, adventurous. You're fit, social, confident, active, caring, affectionate, 30-40 years, race open. Ready for love? (11/23) ☎49238

WANTED: SOMEONE GOOD. White, attractive, 32 years, full of love, outgoing, play no game, serious minded. Seeking same in male, white or Mexican, 23-46 years. (11/23) ☎49231

SOUTHERN CHARM, sexy, white, 40s. Seeking honest, good-looking male, 30-50s, who's looking for love in all the right places, cooking, outdoor fun; Southern Belle charmed. (11/16) ☎49220

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ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN, young 52, 5'2", 120lbs., secretary college, union steward, sierra club hikes, code pink peace, orange vote. Romantic comedy, folk dance, beach, jazz, Clairemont. (11/23) ☎49229

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HAWAIIAN BEAUTY QUEEN with integrity, model, artist, author, dancer, love mountain cabins, animals. Never married. You: never married, handsome, quality, 40-59. (11/16) ☎49227

WOULD LIKE TO MEET an attractive Italian man, 6' or taller, between 40 and 50, for all the reasons a woman would want to have an Italian man in her life. (11/16) ☎49221

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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

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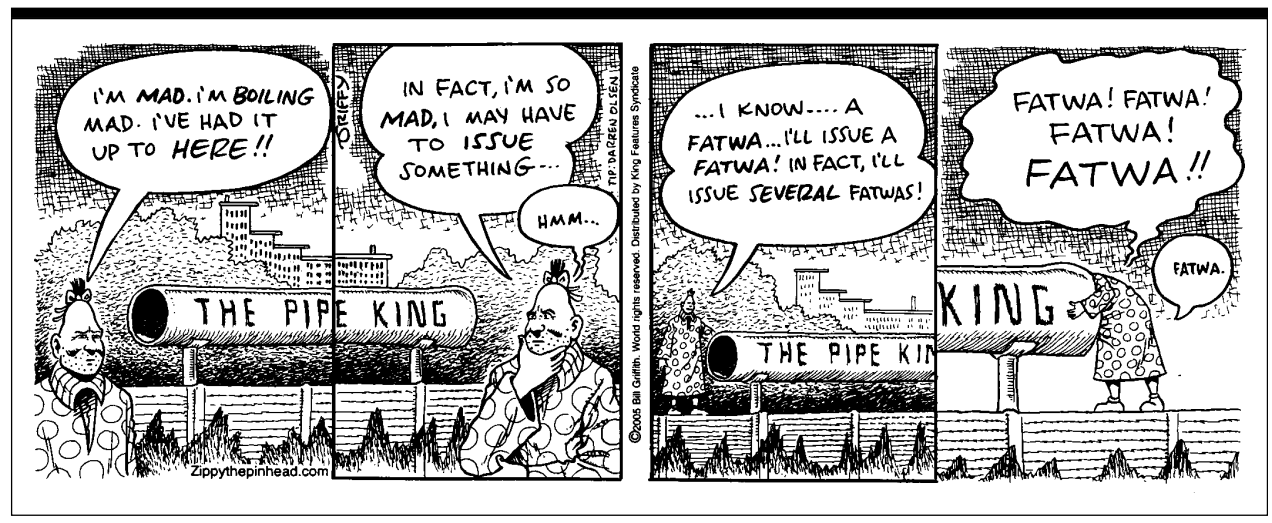

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59-YEAR-OLD MAN seeks nice woman, nonsmoker, who lives in North County, has good sense of humor, who would like nice man. (11/16) ☎49644

PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE, 54, 6'3". Interested in meeting down-to-earth, nonsmoking, good humored, honest female, 40-55 years, for friendship and possible relationship. Race unimportant. (11/16) ☎49634

HANDSOME, 39, 6', 265lbs. Seeking big, beautiful, voluptuous lady, 27-41, classy, fun, intelligent, sweet, kinky, affectionate. I'm charming, eclectic, intelligent, creative, musical, sentimental, great kisser. (11/23) ☎49677

PRO JAZZ MUSICIAN, 6'1", 165lbs., 53, red/blue, road bicyclist, swing dancer, Buddhist, child-free. Seeking someone with the right chemistry/connection. (11/16) ☎49639

EAST COAST, ROMANTIC, sense of humor and fun homeowner. Like to travel, dinner, concerts, hiking. I'm fit, youthful. Seeking 32-52, energetic, passionate, fit, available woman. (11/23) ☎49664

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) ☎49640

53, SLENDER, FIT, divorced father, degreed, fun, mannered, varied interests. Seeking 43-53 lady, bright, nonsmoker, feminine, trim, North County, for conversation, outings, laughs, sharing. (11/16) ☎49636

SPIRITUAL PATH, HUMOROUS, caring, kind, honest, intelligent, 51, 5'8", 170lbs., blue/grey. Enjoy coffeehouses, movies, rock music, nature, books. Seeking someone to share life with. (11/16) ☎49626

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) ☎49619

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) ☎49628

WESTERN WASHINGTON GUY seeks white female, 40-56, slim/medium build, to come share quiet times here in Puget Sound. I like trips, walks, nature, moonlit nights and cozy evenings cuddling. (11/23) ☎49665

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, BLUE eyes, 54, white male. Fun, fit, romantic, financially stable. Seeking slender to average woman for quality time together. Is that you? (11/23) ☎49667

RACE UNIMPORTANT, what is? An attractive lady who wants to be spoiled with love/romance, not material things. Be 35-45, proportionate, nondrinker/smoker, by attractive, 42, 6'3", 250lb. white male. (11/23) ☎49651

BLACK MALE, HANDSOME, tall, confident, 6'2", 195lbs., 47, nonsmoker with sense of humor. Seeking attractive lady, 30-45, sincere, romantic, friendly, white/Hispanic, for great relationship. (11/23) ☎49647

YES MA'AM. Strikingly handsome, 50, 6'1", 190lbs., emotionally/financially secure. Seeking mature, assertive, beautiful sublime, curvaceous woman to show her the respect she deserves. (11/16) ☎49632

SEEKING GIRLFRIEND. Petite, lovable, 30-45, sweet, passionate, healthy, independent, slender, curvy, Caucasian, nonflirty, honest. Gardening, hiking, dancing, movies, cooking, find enjoyment in simple things. (11/16) ☎49621

LA MESA AREA. Serious relationship wanted. Please be honest, caring, loyal. I like kids, family and outdoors. Seeking 21+, and ready to be together forever. (11/16) ☎49616

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) ☎49623

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

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SINCERELY SEEKING A QUALITY relationship. I'm 55, 5'3", 145lbs., good looking. I love music, walking, having fun at home, more. La Mesa area. (11/16) ☎49629

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) ☎49200

ROMANTIC, SINGLE, HONEST Italian, hard worker. Seeking lady, 35-50, to enjoy life, long-term relationship. Nonsmoker/nondrinker. Race open. Enjoy music, travel, dining and more. (11/23) ☎49675

ATTRACTIVE, CHARISMATIC Puerto-Rican black male, 30. Looking for fun, outgoing, Hispanic or white female for movies, dancing, dinner, possible long-term. Leave message if interested. (11/16) ☎49641

INTERNATIONAL MAN, 40, 6', 193lbs., educated, gentle. In search of foreign lady, 18-40, attractive, feminine, normal but hot for relationship. Must be drug-free, be sincere. (11/23) ☎49648

BLACK MALE, 47, professional, honest, sincere, financially secure. Seeking black, petite, cute female, 35-40, for conversation, movies, dinner and possible relationship, love, you. (11/23) ☎49655

WANTED: FEMALE, 45-59, white, nonsmoker, slender, active, smart, playful, caring. Love music, movies, animals, great food, for fun and more for attorney, 54. (11/23) ☎49669

MARRY ME! 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) ☎49638

EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP wanted, by successful, humorous, fit, communicative, healthy, road/tripping entrepreneur. Seeking similar, fit, healthy, flexible, childbearing aged, nonsmoking/excessive drinking woman. (11/23) ☎49680

FULL-BODIED WHITE FEMALE, 180+lbs., wanted by attractive black artist, property owner, building mountain home. Seeking to share it with large loving woman wanting permanent relationship. (11/16) ☎49630

GREAT LOOKING, POSITIVE lifestyle, witty personality, 6'1", 195lbs., 42. Looking to share my tropical paradise with you. Slim beauty, 30-45. Looking for quality relationship only. (11/16) ☎49631

OUTWARDLY MATURE, KID at heart, for friendship, romance. Movies, museums, art, dancing, hiking. Prefer white or Latina, open to age. I'm 49, white, articulate, honest. (11/16) ☎49635

MOVIE DATE. Let's see Sarah Silverman's concert film. White guy, mid-40s, seeks Caucasian woman, 30-45. Me: witty, kind, smart. You: happy, creative, brilliant. (11/23) ☎49673

VERY ATTRACTIVE WIDOWER. Great looking, tall, healthy, educated, virile. Retired, successful businessowner, homeowner, financially secure, genuine! Seeking attractive, affectionate lady, 48-65. Dates, fun, romance, dancing. (11/23) ☎49666

BOYISHLY HANDSOME, YOUNG 60, romantic, sexy, lover, 6'1", 185lbs., divorced father. Seeking classy, intelligent, slim lady for intimate, romantic evenings, kissing, cocktails, candles, music, me. (11/16) ☎49642

DIA DUIT! Caring, honest, humorous and well traveled male, youthful 51, been to Ireland (among other places). Would like to meet nice colleen from there. (11/23) ☎49656

NO FALSE PRETENSES. Neither of us has time for that. Let's get together, see if we connect, and take it from there. (11/23) ☎49659

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. (11/23) ☎49657

I WOULD LIKE TO MEET an Asian lady for a date. I enjoy boogie boarding, soccer, football, poker and anything to do with sports. (11/23) ☎49662

GOOD LOOKING WHITE MALE, 43, 6'2", 235lbs. Looking for vivacious, humorous, attractive lady for dating, dining out, walks, travel, best friends, romance. (11/23) ☎49649

STILL KID AT HEART, 45, 5'8", 165lbs., casual, healthy lifestyle. Outdoors, biking, hiking, new adventures. You: somewhat attractive, enjoy nature, ready for caring, sharing relationship. (11/16) ☎49627

HEARTS AND BUTTERFLIES, relationship with no lies, catch you if ya fall, but first you have to call. 54, white male, shy, fit, happy, ready! (11/23) ☎49658

LOVE TO LAUGH. 53 young heart/old soul. Love our language. Independent, curious, polite and well traveled. Need the outdoors and the arts. Smoker. (11/23) ☎49670

IF VERY ATTRACTIVE, 23-48, nonsmoker, 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, GQ dresser, successful, wanting committed companion for finer things of life. Paradise awaits. (11/23) ☎49681

GOOD TIMES ARE JUST AROUND the corner! Let me put a smile on your face. I'm attractive, 39, fit, educated, Hispanic, adventurous, romantic. Age unimportant. (11/23) ☎49661

NICE LOOKING, SLENDER, Irish Italian from mid-west. Enjoy good times like beach, dinner, movies. Want to meet attractive, slender or petite woman for friendship. (11/23) ☎49653

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) ☎49625

SINGLE DAD WITH LITTLE girl looking for a lasting relationship. Please be slender and nice. I am 48, 160lbs., blond, blue, my daughter is 8. (11/23) ☎49676

RECENTLY TURNED 40, white male. Seeking attractive, unencumbered, white female, 25-55; long-term committed relationship. Like sports, travel, movies, coffee houses. No games/players. Serious replies. (11/23) ☎49660

HOPELESS ROMANTIC, 5'6", white male, financially secure. Desire nice, honest, sincere lady who enjoys outdoors, travel. Looking for lasting relationship. Age/race open. (11/16) ☎49620

LOOKING FOR A LOVING, affectionate female, any age, for a quality relationship. I'm tall, attractive, 54, Caucasian, easygoing, loving, romantic, affectionate, financially/emotionally secure. (11/16) ☎49617

EAST COUNTY. Divorced white male, 60s, nonsmoker, healthy, sincere, intelligent, easy-going, financially and emotionally secure. Seeking divorced white female, attractive, fit, nonsmoker, to enjoy life. (11/23) ☎49672

MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN. Sometimes it takes a while to find someone special. Professional seeks Christian young lady for friendship, dining, dancing, romancing, possibly more. (11/16) ☎49624

SUCCESSFUL WHITE MALE, seeks happily ever after with intelligent, fit, attractive lady, 30s-40s. I'm positive, supportive, affectionate; blue eyes, muscular, well dressed, Catholic. (11/16) ☎49622

SPIRITUAL, ROMANTIC, sensual, 46. Looking to become whole with relationship of passion, intimacy and growth. You're petite, shapely, dark haired, spiritual girl with pretty smile. (11/23) ☎49654

LATINO MALE, fit, slim, 5'8", 50, college-educated, homeowner. Seeking companionship with slender woman, 5'3"+, any shoe size. (11/23) ☎49671

NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY nothing, is more important to this attractive, affectionate man, 49, than finding a reasonably attractive, supportive woman to cherish. All replies responded to. (11/23) ☎49678

SEEKING THOUGHTFUL LADY. Personable gentleman. Late 70s. Like music, bridge, theatre, dining out. You are kind, sincere, tall, full figured, good talker and listener. (11/23) ☎49650

NORTH COUNTY BACHELOR! Trim, great shape, educated, financially secure homeowner, 50ish, light brown, blue, 5'9", 150lbs. No kids! You: 40ish, attractive, not overweight and available! (11/23) ☎49679

HELP, GET ME OUT of this ad! This single white male, professional chef, mid-40s, seeks black female, 30-45, romantic evenings, candlelight dinners. Help, help! (11/23) ☎49668

GENTLEMANLY, NONSMOKING, retired senior widower, love music, theater, concerts, travel, cruising. Seeking unencumbered, uninhibited, compatible lady counterpart for friendship, companionship to enjoy our lives together. (11/16) ☎49633

Roommates

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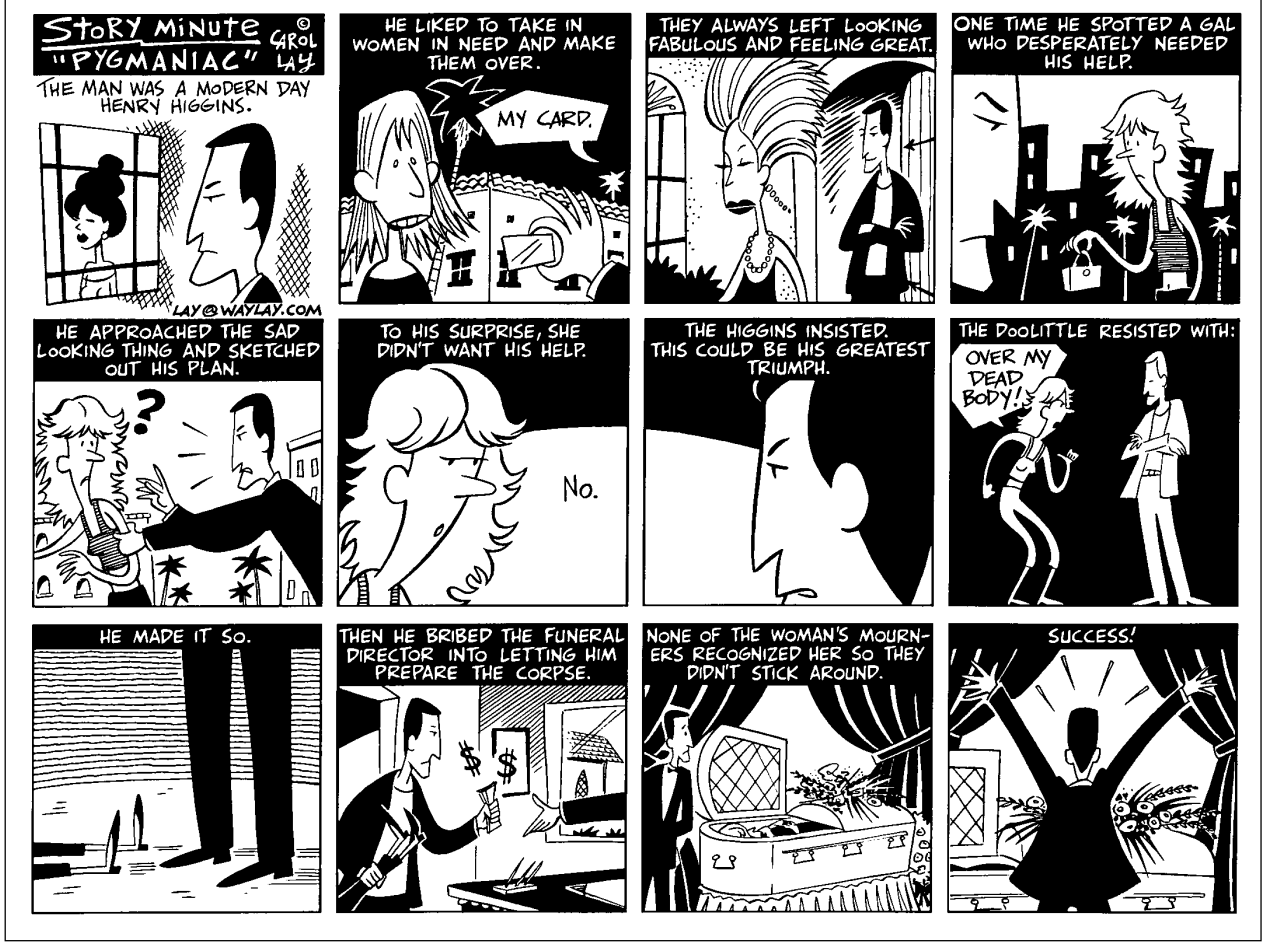

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CLAIREMONT. $1900. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Quiet. Large corner lot. Nice backyard. 2-car garage. Washer/dryer. No pets. Drive by first. 4101 Seri. 760-310-2305.

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COLLEGE. $1800. 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Kitchen newly remodeled. Hardwood floors throughout, except 2 bedrooms with carpet. Storage. Conveniently located. Washer/dryer hookups. 619-977-4851.

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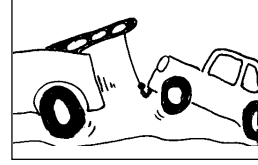
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ENCINITAS. $1625. Attached house. 2 bedroom. 1000 square feet. 1-car garage. Small yard/patio. Sorry, no pets. Available 11/14. 226 Gloxina. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

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HILLCREST. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Living/dining room. 1500 square feet. All appliances, new carpets/paint, off-street parking, laundry facilities, no pets. $1995. 619-885-9970.

HILLCREST. Classy 1930s Spanish. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1600 square feet. Hardwood floors, fireplace, garage, porch, fenced yard. Quiet area. $2200. 4175 5th/Arbor. 619-698-4915.

HILLCREST. $1295, 2 bedroom house. Laundry available. Available now. 4320 Campus Avenue #4. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

HILLCREST. $2000. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath house on a great property located on cul-de-sac. Water paid. Laundry room on property. Off-street parking. 3659 Seventh. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400.

HILLCREST. 1 bedroom back house. Hardwood floors, small fenced yard for pets. $750. 858-530-9962.

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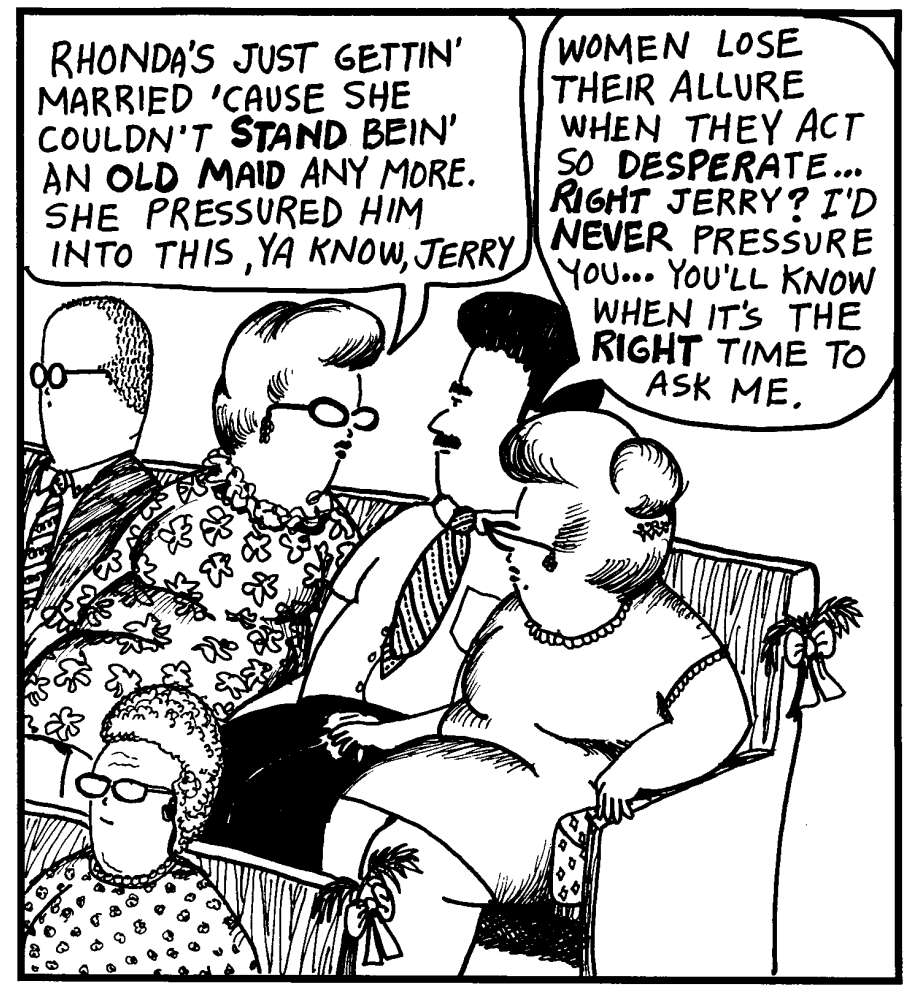

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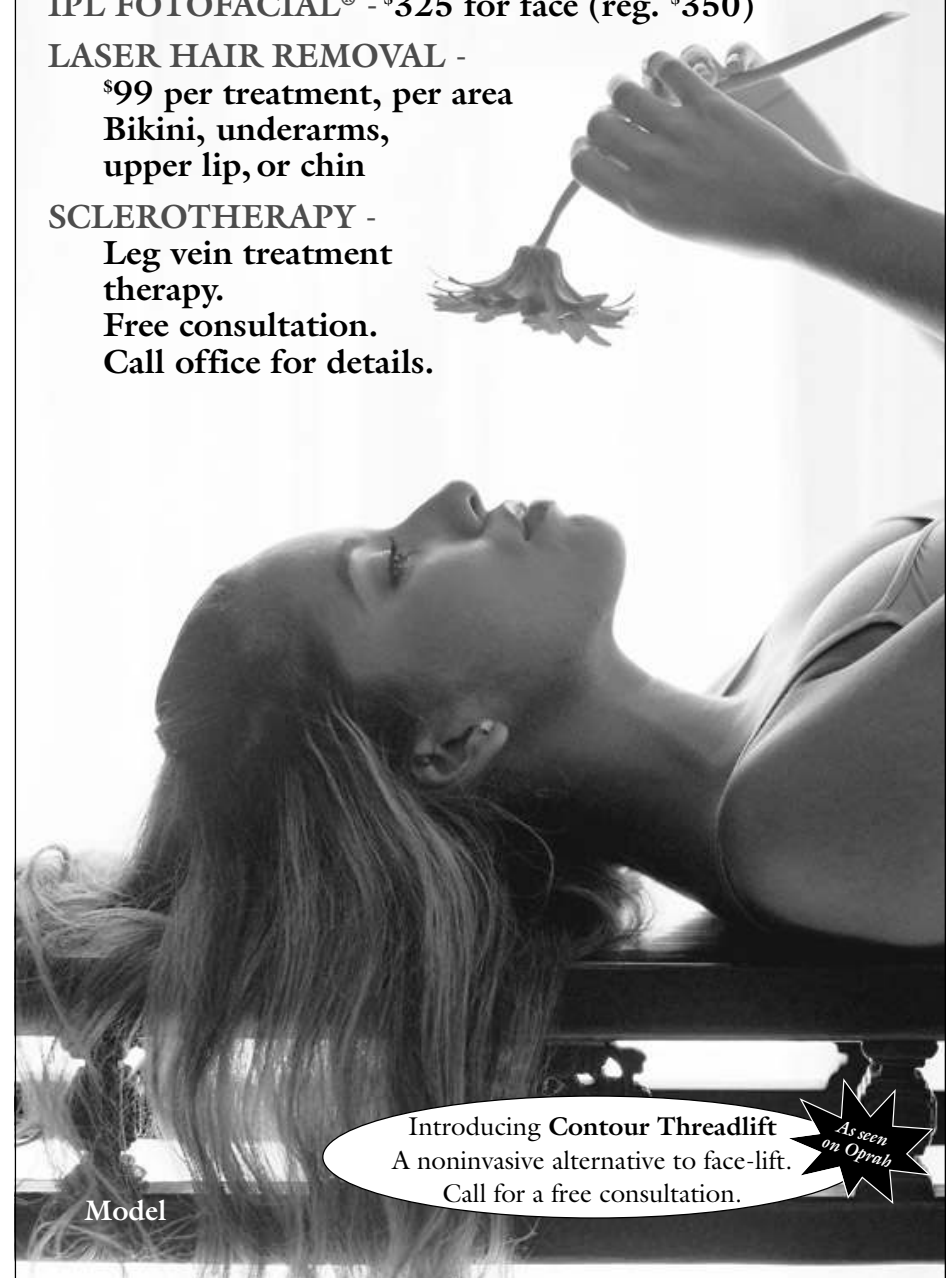

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LA JOLLA/UTC. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car, near UCSD, washer/dryer, pool/spa, tennis, security, immaculate. Pictures at www.tinyurl.com/8uyfb. $1895. 858-705-3444.

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LA JOLLA/WINDANSEA. $2250. 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Clean, large yard, garage, wood floors. No pets. 7019 La Jolla Boulevard. Agent, 858-270-7071.

LA MESA move-in special! Newly renovated 1 bedroom $875, 2 bedrooms $1200. 2 bedroom townhome $1500. Quiet, park-like, gardens, pool, laundry. No pets. 4700 Williamsburg. 619-464-7676.

LA MESA. $895. 1 bedroom. New carpet, new appliances, freshly painted. Laundry facilities. Garage available. Small pets OK. Available 10/22/05. Call Tony: 619-316-3473.

LA MESA. $1399. 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Carport. Laundry facilities. Totally remodeled. Everything new. Near park, trolley. No pets. 6199 Horton Drive. 619-216-6201.

LA MESA. $895, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, balcony; $1095, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, upper, balcony; $1150, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, downstairs, yard. 619-697-3285. For photo, floor plans, map and directions, see website: www.sdreader.com/ rent/1035.

LA MESA. $950, move-in special! Spacious 1 bedrooms. Newly renovated community. Air conditioning. Patio/balcony. New appliances. Large closets. Berber carpet. Wood flooring. Fitness center. Pool. Spa. Saunas. Laundry. Near trolley, Grossmont Mall, SDSU, 32nd Street, Miramar. Cat friendly. Villas at La Mesa, 8515 Chloe Avenue. 619-460-7955. www.sdreader.com/rent/2054.

LA MESA. $750, Studios. $350 deposit. Full kitchen. Carport space. Storage. Laundry. Pool. Gated. No pets. 5365 Marengo Avenue. 619-698-7926.

LA MESA. $1200. Huge 2 bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard, air conditioning, covered parking. Available now. 5426 Lake Murray Boulevard. Agent, 619-260-1368. View at www.Great-Rents.com.

LA MESA. $1195. Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment available early December. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac in one of La Mesa's best areas. Kitchen has new ceramic tile countertops, range, refrigerator, dishwasher, microhood. Hardwood flooring in kitchen and dining area. Master bedroom has walk-in closet. Private enclosed patio. On-site laundry and off-street parking. Cat OK. $850 deposit; year lease required. 5543 Shasta Lane at Lake Murray Boulevard. Call Scott, 619-846-6615 or 619-725-3648.

LA MESA. $1175. Fabulous 2 bedroom, 1 bath upstairs duplex. Complete remodel with new gas stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. Ceiling fans, imported floor tile, 2-tone paint and mirrored wardrobes. Must see! French doors and huge, private deck! Garage has washer/dryer hookups. Super location near Grossmont. 6142 Horton Drive. Call 619-209-4190, x114. www.sandiegoapartments.com.

LA MESA. $1150. 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, lower duplex, all remodeled, garage, laundry hook ups, yard, close to trolley, pet negotiable. 6101 Severin Drive. 619-698-6911.

LA MESA. $800-$975. $200 off first month! Spacious 1 and 2 bedrooms. On-site laundry, off-street parking, pool. $500 deposit. Se habla espanol. Maria, 619-589-6766.

LA MESA. $1100. Mint duplex, 1 bedroom, 1 bath with 1-car garage and private patio, laundry room. Great neighborhood. 619-997-8807.

LA MESA. $880. 1 bedroom apartments. Across Grossmont Center, trolley and Costco. Quiet, spacious units. Resort living pools. Mellmanor Apartments. 8750 Mellmanor Drive. Call 619-461-1940.

LA MESA. $865, 1 bedroom. $1170, 2 bedroom townhouse. $1365, 2 bedroom duplex. Near Grossmont center. Great neighborhood. Convenient to all! 5545 Morro Way. 619-985-3500.

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LA MESA. $995 rent. $800 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Large, upper unit with balcony, stove, refrigerator, off-street parking, new paint. 6006 Lake Murray #E. 619-804-3325.

LA MESA. $895. 1 bedroom apartment. A meticulously cared for community with lots of extras. No pets. Manager, 619-466-8444. www.villageaptslamesa.com.

LA MESA. 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo with new kitchen appliances. End unit with small, secluded yard. Pool, jacuzzi. Off-street parking. $950. 619-466-3746.

LA MESA. 4647 67th Street. $1350 rent. $1350 deposit. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Tile/carpet floors, multi-level, backyard. Patty/Kyle. 619-423-1290.

LA MESA. Free, free, free rent! 2 bedrooms, $999! Quaint community with large, airy rooms. Spectacular La Mesa views! Cat friendly. Ceiling fans. Dishwasher. Disposal. Pools. Laundry facilities. Courtyards. Parking. Close to shopping, parks and freeways. Parkway Plaza Apartments, 7576 Parkway Drive. 619-460-5241, www.sdreader.com/rent/2009.

LA MESA. Huge 2-story condo, 2 masters, 2.5 baths, 2 attached parking, in-unit laundry, pool. Near Lake Murray and SDSU. Available 12/1. $1400. Jennifer, 858-483-7025.

LA MESA. Move-in special! Good credit equals first 2 months at $725 each. $900 security deposit. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Water included. Pool, parking, laundry. 7629 Normal Avenue. 619-303-0895.

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POODLE MIX. Standard mix, neutered, 40 pounds, black, sweet, energetic, 1 year, partially housebroken, no small kids, shots, license, microchip $100, 619-466-0426.

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LAKESIDE. $895. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Parking, laundry on site. Available 11/14. 12718 Mapleview Avenue #11. 619-295-1100; www.cethron.com.

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LAKESIDE. $810. Deposit $810. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 1 parking space. On-site laundry. No pets. Available now. 12369 Lakeshore Drive. 619-249-5767.

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LINDA VISTA. $1100. Upper 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, recently remodeled with 2 balconies. Parking. 6756 Kelly Street. Agent 619-281-4698.

LINDA VISTA. Genesee Summit. Secluded, private. Starting at $1050, 2 bedroom apartments. Refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal and gas stove. Patio. Air conditioning. Laundry hookups. Central location, near all. No dogs. 2219 Judson Street. 858-576-0420. www.floit.com.

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MISSION BEACH. $825. Cozy studio in courtyard. Parking. Laundry. 1 block to beach/bay. No pets. Open 11/12, 12-2pm. 815 San Juan Place. Bart, 858-344-6949.

MISSION BEACH. $1150. 1 bedroom. Border of Mission and Pacific Beach, conveniently located. Near supermarkets and shops. Available after November 15. $1150/deposit. Jay 503-704-6473.

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MISSION BEACH. $975. Upgraded studio on the bay. Laundry on-site, dishwasher. Must see! 3550 Bayside Walk. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. $895. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 parking space, laundry on-site. Close to beach and bay. 3588 Mission Boulevard. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION BEACH. $900, studio. Fireplace. New carpet/paint/windows. Laundry room. Off-street parking space. 100 feet from bay. 3630 Bayside Lane. Available now. 619-888-6604.

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MISSION HILLS. $1095. 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, new carpet/paint. No pets. Near Downtown! Laundry. 3549 Reynard Way. 619-464-1652.

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MISSION HILLS. $850. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. 1 parking, laundry on-site. 6-month lease. 1767 Torrance. 858-483-3534, www.cal-prop.com.

MISSION HILLS. $1900. 2 bedroom, 2 bath townhouse with city views, hardwood floors, fireplace, storage unit, dishwasher, air conditioning. 2 parking spaces in underground, gated garage. No pets. 909 Sutter Street #304. CCPM, 619-296-6699.

MISSION HILLS. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet 3-unit building. Garage. Harbor view. Stove, refrigerator. Laundry hookups. Year lease. No pets. Available 12/1. $1525. 619-297-1270.

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MISSION VALLEY. Junior, $825/up. 1 bedrooms, $950/up. 2 bedrooms, $1095/up. Heated pool, spa, saunas, gym. Clubhouse with billiards and TV. Patio or balcony. Covered parking. Villa De Flores Apartments, 7707 Mission Gorge Road. 619-583-0821. www.sdreader.com/rent/1008, VillaDeFlores@att.net.

MISSION VALLEY. $1100. Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet complex. On-site laundry. Near USD and shopping. Close to beach. No pets. 619-683-7805.

MISSION VALLEY. $850. Large 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Quiet complex. Near USD. Close to beach and shopping. On-site laundry. No pets. 619-683-7805.

MISSION VALLEY. $1895. 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Granite countertops throughout, new bathroom vanities, refinished kitchen cabinetry, designer paint/carpet. Central to all. Jeremy, 619-807-8022.

MISSION VALLEY. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Union Square townhome. 1350 feet. Vaulted ceilings. Backyard. Washer/dryer. 2-car garage. Pool/jacuzzi. Pets OK. $2000. 619-933-6431.

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MISSION VALLEY. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. $1400. 1017 square feet. Parking, amenities. No pets. Available 11/10. 640 Camino de la Reina #1304. Agent, 858-755-1139. www.scuba-rentals.com.

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MISSION VALLEY. $1450. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in quiet community with club house, pool and spa. Near I-15. 2 parking spaces (tandem), water paid. 6296 Rancho Mission Road #104. People Helping Others Property Management, 619-282-5400; www.peoplehelpingothers.com.

MISSION VALLEY/MISSION PLACE. $1200. Newly refurbished 2 bedroom condo. Pergo flooring, tile, park-like view. 10699 San Diego Mission Road #113. www.palmtreerealty.com. 619-461-3546.

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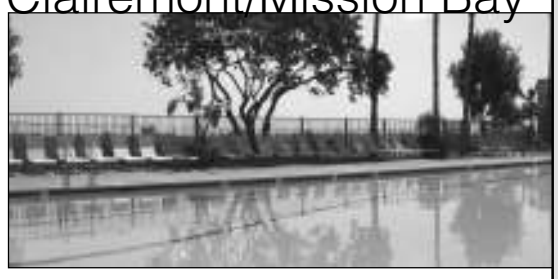

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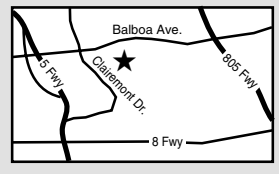

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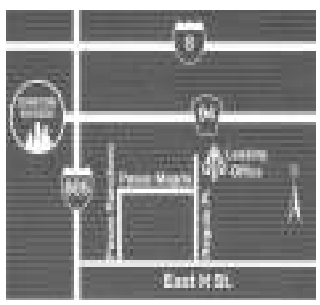

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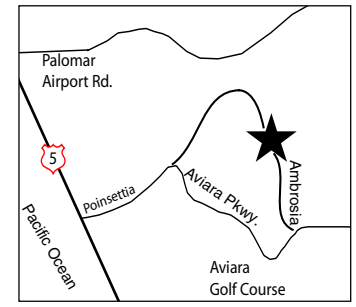

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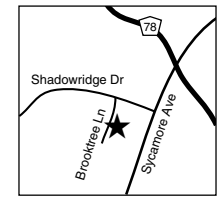

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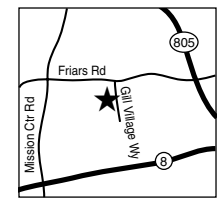

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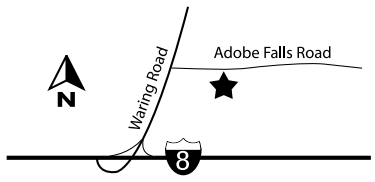

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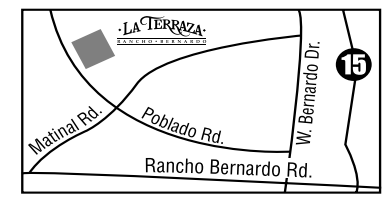

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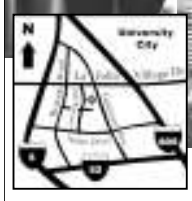

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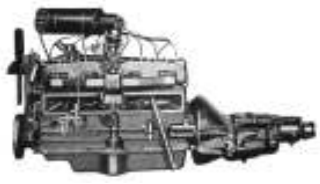

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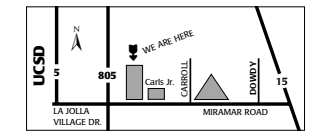

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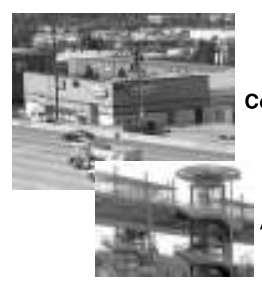

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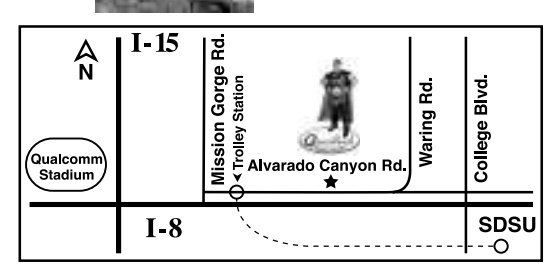

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LEAD STORY

— Student Sarah Sevick filed a formal complaint in September with the U.S. Department of Justice, accusing Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas, of violating the Americans With Disabilities Act by not letting her keep her "assistance animal," which is Lilly, her ferret. Sevick says that she suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, including panic attacks, and that Lilly "soothes" her, but the school said it was concerned with other students' safety. (In other ferret news, the British upscale clothing firm Burberry threatened to sue a pet-accessories shop in Dudley, England, in October, for selling outfits in the familiar Burberry "check" pattern, including a cap and cape designed for ferrets.)

Straight From the Police Blotter

— From the *Minneapolis Star Tribune:* "[Carver County] Aug. 24: Hostility. A door-to-door salesman complained about the attitude of the people in the neighborhood in the 100 block of W. Shasta Circle." And from the *Union Democrat* (Sonora, Calif.): "(Tuolumne County, Oct. 13) 1:13 p.m., Sonora, A man came to the sheriff's department to 'find out how to legally kill' a person who was harassing him."

— From the University of Utah Department of Public Safety report for October (2005): "Unwanted Guest. A security officer from Primary Children's Medical Center called to report a man in that hospital who had no legitimate business there and wouldn't leave. University Police responded and were told by the man that he comes to Primary because he can find longer cigarette butts there because the doctors and nurses at Primary don't smoke their cigarettes all the way down like everyone else does. The man left when ordered to do so by the police."

Inexplicable

— Adam Taylor, a quite-proper executive at Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, was charged with illegally (and apparently motivelessly) firing several shots from an air rifle in a city park, but swears that he has no recollection of the incident and is totally baffled by the apparently accurate witness-reports of his guilt. Said his lawyer in September, "There is absolutely no reason on Earth why a 38-year-old man with his background would suddenly take an air rifle and fire it in the park.…"

— Tyler Ing, 20, told the Ontario's *London Free Press* in October that his parents "looked at me real weird for a few minutes" but that now "they're proud. My mom shows the [*Guinness Book of World Records*] to all her friends." The entry that she shows is her son's honor, recently achieved, for having the world's longest nipple hair, certified at 8.89 cm (3.5 inches).

Clichés Come to Life

— In a September rape trial in New York City, witness Roberto Suarez testified that he saw two men in the room with a waitress just before she told him that she had been raped, and then when asked by the prosecutor to identify the two men, Suarez looked past the defendants and pointed to, respectively, Juror No. 8 and Alternate Juror No. 3. The *New York Daily News* reported that some jurors laughed so hard that they cried.

Well, Of Course!

— (1) Transsexual convicted prostitute Monica Renee Champion, 37, was finally picked up by police in Richmond, Va., in August; there had been arrest warrants for indecent exposure against her in the city's South Side as a male and in the city's North Side as a female. (2) Tyrone D. McMillian, 33, who was arrested after a high-speed chase through three New York towns in August, told the arresting officers: "I've been playing a lot of Grand Theft Auto and NASCAR on PlayStation. I thought I could get away."

— (1) Paris Satine, 46, the madame of a legal brothel in Maroochydore, Australia (north of Brisbane), who was a nominee at an awards banquet for Excellence in Business (which was being held at a local hotel), was arrested for soliciting clients during the event. (2) London's *Sunday Telegraph* reported in July that, because of the shortage of military supplies caused by troops deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, British Army soldiers on training exercises were ordered simply to shout "bang bang" rather than fire practice rounds.

The Poor Dears

— In August, convicted child murderer Mark Allen Harris was awarded $50,000 by a jury in his lawsuit against Kanawha County, W.Va., jail officials after he fell out of the back of a van transporting prisoners, breaking bones in his face and knocking out some teeth. … In Albuquerque, N.M., a filthy and disheveled John Hyde, 48, being arraigned in the murders of four people, including two policemen, complained to the judge about police behavior, "Your honor…I have been put in a red jump suit like Elvis Presley.… My hair looks ridiculous.… I was not allowed to groom myself."

People Different From Us

— In July, police in Lawrence, Kan., gave Ezekiel Rubottom's foot back to him, convinced that, contrary to a neighbor's inquiry, it wasn't evidence of a crime. Rubottom, 21, had tried to explain that he'd had his clubbed left foot amputated and merely wanted to keep it as a memento in a bucket of formaldehyde on his front porch. A spokesman for Lawrence Memorial Hospital told the *Journal-World* newspaper that there have been "women that want their uterus…people take [home] tonsils…they take [home\ appendixes." Rubottom added a porcelain horse and a can of beer to his bucket to make it what he called "a collage of myself."

Least Competent Criminals

— In September, Anthony R. Martin, 52, of Belleville, Ill., became the latest person to call the police and complain that someone had stolen his illegal drugs. But there was more: Martin told the investigating officer that a hostile neighbor had taken his marijuana plants, but when he showed the officer the room where he usually kept them, the plants were actually still there. Martin then said whoever took them must have returned them. He was charged with growing marijuana. (He also admitted that he had been drinking that night.)

The Classic Middle Name (all new)

— Arrested recently and charged with murder: Kenneth Wayne Keller, Denton, Texas (August); Ronald Wayne Lail, Burke County, N.C. (September); Timothy Wayne Condrey, Caroleen, N.C. (September). Sentenced for murder: Tyler Wayne Justice, Alice, Texas (September). Committed suicide while suspected of murder: Michael Wayne Baxter, Edgewater, Md. (October). And in February, convicted double-murderer Russell Wayne Wagner was found dead in his cell in Jessup, Md., of an apparent heroin overdose, but in July, at the request of a sister, he received an official military burial at Arlington National Cemetery because he had been honorably discharged after his Army service in Vietnam. (Current law blocks from national cemeteries only criminals with death sentences.)

Unclear on the Concept

— (1) Maria Julia Mantilla, recently crowned Miss World, denied a plastic surgeon's boast that he had given her buttock implants and trimmed her ears, protesting that "I'm not the creation of a surgeon. He just did my bust and my nose." (2) Wailing loudly and apparently incredulous at being ordered to jail, a scantily dressed Natalia McLennan, 25, was taken directly to a lockup from a New York City courtroom in September, after being charged with prostitution; McLennan had recently posed for the cover of *New York* magazine, proclaiming herself to be the city's top-grossing "escort" and acknowledging that she provided sex for clients.

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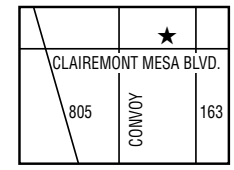

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Losing the ice-cream stands is tough. The scoops are luscious and creamy — they taste as if they're from Willy Wonka's private stash. Since the servings are oversized, your fingers and lips get coated during the messy transit from tongue to stomach. But it's worth the struggle. In the summer, the lines for ice cream stretch ten minutes deep.

Albanians dominate the ice-cream businesses here. It's funny how groups come to find a niche. Many years ago, when Slovenian immigrants arrived in the New World, they dominated the straw-hat industry — not exactly a business with long-term prospects, but they did it. In the case of Albanians and ice cream, their monopoly is deserved.

There's another noteworthy thing about Albanian ice-cream stands: the service is uncharacteristically cheerful. Anyone who's traveled to Europe has probably had an experience with the less-than-stellar service here. Slovenia is generally no different. You'd probably find happier faces in a prison labor camp than in most clothing stores. And waiters tend to see you as a rude interruption to what would otherwise be a glorious holiday.

You might think that Slovenes would be unhappy about rude or bad service. Some of them are. But many of them seem to prefer it. They consider it more "honest" and "natural" than the standard American "How are you today? Can I help you with anything?" spiel, which they consider superficial. And since the salaries in the service industry aren't stellar, consumers here are sympathetic to the frowns and sighs that accompany their purchases.

The exception to that last line of reasoning is that the Albanians, who work hard in stands across the country selling vegetables, fast food, and ice cream, manage to keep their spirits up. Let me give you an example of the difference — a personal experience that I think illustrates my point.

I frequently go to an Albanian-run hamburger place. I've been to this place enough times in four years that the staff recognizes me and greets me warmly. We chitchat about how things are going. On one occasion, I forgot my wallet and was unable to pay. The chef smiled and told me to leave it until next time. Ashamed, I brought the money the next day, and added a lavish tip as a token of my appreciation.

The same thing once happened to me at a popular Slovenian pizzeria. Same premise — the staff knew me; I knew them. When I realized I had no cash on me (I'm quite forgetful), I tried to pay with my credit card, which had just expired. We were at an impasse. The Slovenian staff debated what to do. After intense deliberations, their solution was to take a hostage. They asked me to leave my valuable



insurance card with them. They would hold onto it until I returned. As part of their demands, I agreed to return the same day with the money. All this hoopla over a $5 pizza.

I suppose it was decent of them to reveal their suspicions, though. Long live honesty and all that.

This behavior doesn't bother me anymore. I'm more bothered by the encroaching winter and its lack of ice cream. Although the chestnuts are a nice consolation.

Until I arrived in Slovenia, I had never tried a chestnut. The closest I ever came to a chestnut was hearing "The Christmas Song." But they're popular here. They're roasted in thick barrels, about a gallon at a time, and then sold in little brown paper bags. This week I tried some for the first time and was surprised by their dryness — they remove any saliva you have in your mouth.

I wonder if the roasted chestnuts aren't part of a plot to make people thirsty so they purchase Slovenia's other popular seasonal offering, *kuhano vino* — heated red wine, spiced with cinnamon, sugar, cloves, and lemon.

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ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Location: [9000] Mast Boulevard, Santee
Time/Date: 8:22 p.m. on 10/31/05

Incident: A white male adult was contacted at the intersection of Mast Boulevard and Maranda Drive. The subject was bleeding from apparent stab wounds to the hands and superficial cuts to the upper body. He was later identified as David W. W. stated he was involved in an altercation with his roommate, Donald F., and was stabbed with a knife. Donald F. was contacted by law enforcement in his apartment where the altercation occurred. A crime scene was located. F. was detained by Sheriff's Deputies and was later arrested for 245(a)(1)P.C. (assault with a deadly weapon). W. was transported to Sharp Memorial Hospital by paramedics, where he was treated for his non-life-threatening injuries. Santee Sheriff's Detectives were called out to the scene who took over the investigation. F. was later transported and booked into the San Diego Central Jail.



OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Location: Marran Valley Road and State Route 94, Dulzura
Time/Date: 8:10 a.m. on 10/26/05

Investigation: Sheriff's Department received a call of an accidental discharge by a Border Patrol Agent with a related injury. Sheriff's Rural Enforcement deputies responded to the call in a remote area. Paramedics also responded.

Detectives from the Sheriff's Homicide Detail began an investigation. Statements and evidence at the scene indicated Border Patrol Agents were on foot patrol and began chasing a group who had entered the United States illegally. As one of the Border Patrol Agents was chasing a suspect through rough and steep terrain, the agent drew his firearm. During the incident the firearm accidentally discharged. A fragment from that discharge possibly struck the suspect. Suspect was transported to the hospital where he was treated and released for a minor injury to his face. The suspect was arrested by the Border Patrol.

SHOOTING

Location: 35th Street and University Avenue, City Heights
Time/Date: 10:25 p.m. on 10/30/05



Report: The male victim, in his 20s, was leaving a Halloween party dressed as a pirate. As he went to catch Bus Route 7 to downtown San Diego to go to another party, an unknown model station wagon pulled alongside the victim. Several Hispanic males were in the station wagon and began to heckle the victim about his costume of choice. One of the Hispanic males said, "Where's your wooden leg?" Another said, "Where is your parrot?" The Hispanic males began to make parrot sounds at the victim. One of the Hispanic males then pointed a handgun at the victim and shot him in the leg. The suspect vehicle fled the scene. The victim called 911 on his cell phone. The victim was transported to the hospital and his injury does not appear to be life-threatening.

SERIOUS INJURY/ KIDNAPPING/RAPE

Location: [200] Avenida de la Plaza, Vista
Date/Time: between 10/20/05 - 10/25/05



Investigation: Sheriff's Communications Center received a call from Scripps Memorial Hospital…advised they were treating a seriously injured domestic violence victim.

Detectives learned the victim, a 26-year-old Vista woman, was physically assaulted, sexually assaulted, kidnapped, and held against her will by her boyfriend over a period of at least three days. The incident began at the suspect's residence…and eventually ended at the Vista Inn Motel on West Vista Way in Vista. It was apparently sparked by a jealous rage on the part of the suspect.

During the several-day assault, the victim suffered a broken neck and is now paralyzed from the chest down. The suspect reportedly agreed to call for help only after the victim promised not to tell the police what happened. The victim was transported to the hospital, where she is in the Intensive Care Unit.

SHOOTING

Location: [6800] West Lilac, Fallbrook
Time/Date: 12:32 a.m. on 10/23/05

Report: Deputies from the Fallbrook Substation responded to investigate reports of a shooting there. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a male juvenile had been shot two times, once in the leg and once in the hip. There was a large gathering (party) occurring at the location. Witnesses stated a vehicle had stopped on the street in front of the location and fired several shots into the crowd, striking the victim.

HOMICIDE

Location: [400] Osage Street, Spring Valley
Time/Date: 2:42 p.m. on 11/01/05



Report: Deputies from the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Station responded [to] reports of an assault with a gun and gunshots being heard. The deputies, along with paramedics, found a juvenile lying in the backyard, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his head. The paramedics provided emergency medical treatment for approximately twenty-five minutes, but unfortunately the juvenile was pronounced deceased at 3:10 p.m.

Detectives Randy Avila and Justin White conducted the investigation into this incident. While conducting surveillance on the suspect's residence, the detectives observed the suspect…and attempted to make contact. The suspect fled, but was captured after a brief foot pursuit.

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A Miata Love Story



- DRIVER: KOREN EMERSON
- VEHICLE: 1999 MAZDA MIATA MX-5 CONVERTIBLE
- BOUGHT: DECEMBER 1998 FROM JOHN HINE IN MISSION VALLEY
- PRICE: $23,500
- MILES: 52,000

Koren Emerson tells me, "The maneuverability and agility of this car is fantastic. It corners better than most any car, turns sharply, and has punchy acceleration. Curves and turns are a joy in it. So my license plate is N2CURVS. I'm into driving on curves.

"I belong to the San Diego Miata Club, and I have participated on several of their fun runs, where several dozen Miatas get together and drive the county roads or go on longer driving trips. In 2000 I went on the Puke-o-Rama. We drove some of the twistiest and curviest hairpin roads in the county. My boyfriend was riding shotgun. I, of course, had to drive — it's just too much fun not to.

"We drove several roads such as Highland Valley Road, Old Julian Highway, Wynola Road, Engineer's Road. At the start of the drive the club had handed out small plain white paper barf bags, sort of as a joke. Well, my boyfriend began to be queasy about halfway through.

"I couldn't pull over or I would've fallen behind, so he was forced to retch into the cheap white paper sack. And the bottom dropped out of it. Since we were in a tight group of cars twisting around the roads with no place to pull off, I handed him my extra ball cap which he also used as a receptacle. Once I found a place to pull off, a car behind us stopped to see what was wrong. I apprised him of the situation and he used his CB to contact the other drivers and gleefully explain that we actually had someone puke on the Puke-o-Rama and that the barf bags did not work.

"We sat in that spot for a long time while many cars passed us. I remember people waving, laughing and smiling as they drove by. It took us several hours to get home from the Julian area because I had to stop every few miles and drive very slowly.

"Soon afterward, the Miata Club e-mails were burning up the Internet with the story of the puking. And in my boyfriend's honor, the next year the run introduced new and improved heavy-duty commemorative barf bags.

"As long as you don't get sick, the Miata is wonderful. I bought the deluxe model with leather seats, wider wheels, Bose stereo, Italian Nardi leather steering wheel, plus chrome wheels.

"Downside is that large road-hogging SUVs and other trucks sometimes don't see small cars and tend to want to run them over. I've reacted by installing special loud air horns to notify vehicles that are about to hit me. Also, since the Miata can move quickly and efficiently, I can change lanes and avoid the road hogs rather easily. And just in case, I made sure mine had a roll bar.

"Some of my best times are in my car. I love to pray or listen to worship music while driving. Sometimes the presence of God is so strong in this little car. I actually decided to marry my husband while driving. I was listening to music and praying and started crying because of the love of God, and I felt very strongly at that moment that, yes, this was the man I was to marry. So I did. And we are happy."

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"IT'S A POLAR BEAR," a statuesque woman on the little black screen breathes huskily while posing for the camera.

"Wait," I blurt. The DVD is paused. "The plane supposedly crashed in the tropics. Why the hell is there a polar bear in the jungle."

"This is a good show," Grace reminds me and starts the DVD.

I ask, "Why is this a good show?"

"It just is. Actually, it's not that good until the later ones — the second season." On screen the woman is no longer in the jungle but sitting in a seat on the plane just before the crash.

"Why are we pretending it's a good show?"

"The last ones are great."

"The ones with the invisible things that bend the trees down and the glass portal in the middle of the jungle? Yeah, that sounds terrific," I say, holding a finger up. "Wait. How'd that woman just get out of those handcuffs?"

"SHHHHH!" the group hisses in unison. "You have to see Locke's story," I'm told in a hushed whisper.

"Wait, why the HELL was there a polar bear?"

Three fingers cover three pair of lips, all point at me and say, "SHHHHH!"

"Nobody knows why there's a goddamned polar bear on an island?"

"No," Grace answers. She leans in and whispers, "They're going to tell us in the next season."

"So, there are things," I continue, and the DVD is put back on pause. "Things in the jungle that are loud and bend the trees down, but we don't know what those are. There's a portal in the later episodes dug into the ground that we don't know what the hell that thing does," my arms are waving wildly as I launch into a full-bore rant, but I'm ignored and the show is started again. "And Pippen!" I yell. "Pippen is —"

"Wait," Grace interrupts me, grabbing my hands. "I don't really watch it for the mysteries. These little things that they use to keep us interested —"

It's my turn to interrupt. "Dinosaurs?!"

"NO!" she screams.

"Yes! Pippen the junky Hobbit mentioned dinosaurs two seconds ago. Have the writers introduced a dinosaur subplot? Are we to believe —"

Grace interrupts me. "They've already dropped that story line. I think they floated it out there and it didn't do well." The DVD player is again put on pause, and the crowd lets out a collective sigh in exasperation.

"Fine!" I shout. "Tell me where the DAMNED polar bear came from!"

"You have to watch."

"GYAAAAGH! GYAAAAHGH! GYAH! DAMN!"

WHAT I WILL AND WON'T WATCH THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

100 MOST SHOCKING MOMENTS IN ROCK & ROLL

VH1 7:00 P.M.

My theoretical band, the Foppish Dandies, is breaking up. Sure, we've said we'll stay together, but the front man, the founder, is moving to Pittsburgh. My theoretical solo project Petrol Bismol and the Gasoline Coffin Jockeys takes up a good portion of my theoretical band time, but to be honest I could start another theoretical group endeavor. I've come up with the name Unicycle Getaway Driver, but that's all I have. Which is, really, all a theoretical band is.

VAMPIRES AMONG US

TLC 7:00 P.M.

What a crock! What a crock! What a total contrivance. There are not enough people who practice vampirism to fill an hour. Sure there's that one middle-aged woman in a red velvet dress, but if she lived in any city other than New Orleans she'd spend all of her time making Ren-Faire outfits for her "friends," and if you're unlucky enough to walk past her cubicle you'd be wrangled into hearing stories about how her cats spent their weekend.



Lost

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (2003)

USA 8:00 P.M.

Step 1: Make him watch this movie with you.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

THE GODFATHER (1972)

WB 1:00 P.M.

Somebody at the WB gets a raise for finally figuring out "hangover programming." Two ibuprofen and a sausage McMuffin washed down with a Coke and you'll be feeling like a champ by the time Luca gets the piano wire.

UNDER SIEGE (1992)

WB 8:00 P.M.

Busey takes a beating from Steven Seagal, the likes of which haven't been seen since Gary mixed a bottle of scotch and a license to operate a vehicle in the state of California.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

BORN WITH TWO HEADS

DHC 8:00 P.M.

Somewhere a Discovery Health Channel employee is scouring the landscape for a bearded lady, the world's largest rat, and a man with a rubber face to round out Sunday evening's program listings.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SHADOWS IN THE SUN (2005)

FAM 8:00 P.M.

Way better than the reduced-budget sequel *Sock Puppets by TapLight.*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

BEVERLY HILLS, 90210: 10-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

BRAVO 8:00 P.M.

We should round up all the young celebrities and put them through a program like Scared Straight. Remember that documentary where they took those hoodlum kids to prison to show them what it was really like on the inside? I want to see Shannon Doherty yell, "Hold on to my belt loop! You're my bitch now," to Tara Reid. At the end I'll sit Paris down in an empty room and have her face Tori Spelling. I'll rub the Hilton's shoulder while they both cry and I'll say in a gentle voice, "Do you see now? Do you see what you'll become?"

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

I WALK THE LINE: A NIGHT FOR JOHNNY CASH

CBS 8:00 P.M.

Get your money-grubbing paws off that man's jock strap; he is *dead,* for the love of Pete!

LOST

ABC 9:00 P.M.

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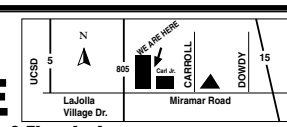

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T.G.I.F.

"Go ahead, write about your navel for all I care."

By John Brizzolara

Every writer of any creative stripe, good, bad or indifferent, will eventually be asked (and often) "Where do you get your ideas?" When I wrote science fiction, the question would at times be asked with the qualifier, "crazy ideas" or "wild" or "strange ideas." This phrasing would often come in the context of facing a room full of young adults — though not all of them — costumed as aliens, starship pilots, fairy queens, or barbarians. The question might be directed to the entire panel of, say, a half dozen writers and or illustrators and be delivered by a pubescent girl with a weight difficulty wearing Vulcan ears.

Sooner or later one has fun with the question and answers, as Roger Zelazny, I think, once did, by answering, "Schenectady" or "Gallup, New Mexico." One of my favorite responses (I read this somewhere and was not present) can't be attributed with any certainty on my part, but again, it might have been the late Roger Zelazny, and it went something like this.

"I can't say, really. All I can tell you is that every night before bed, I place a quart of chocolate milk out on the back porch and next to it I place a kosher salami, a box of chocolate chip cookies, and a quart of dill pickles. Every morning that stuff is gone but here's this stack of crazy ideas."

As for this column, I've always been the first to admit that the brain-trust half of what often becomes a team is my vice-columnist, the Specialist. This is, in part, one of the reasons for the appellation. In recent weeks she has developed an obsession with what she calls her solo project. This mysterious solo venture has to do with getting paid for certain activities involving tacos and margaritas in an area of town where this is considered exotic fare. My response to this pursuit of lucre and her suggestion, "Go ahead, write about your navel for all I care," was met with an even and dignified, "Fine. Just fine, Yoko." My nine-part series on body parts, my own, begins next week with "Stalking the Wiley Prostate" followed by "Your Urethra and You," etc. Ten weeks should bring her to her senses enough to grovel for her entry-level intern position once again and we'll have no more bickering over nonsense like who gets coffee for who. Oh, excuse me, Specialist, *whom*.

Speaking of body parts, I need look no farther than my nipples as I read the column on Thursdays. Just at mid-chest level every week I see ads for classic cars, RVs, vans, and parts for these vehicles. Any one of these ads might conceal drama and pith behind the sale of a timing chain or piston-ring expander. What's the human-interest angle on the forced sale of a distressed Winnbego? A Toronado? Could the sale of an '82 Mercedes Turbo spell a mid-life crisis for some wrinkled playboy? Each promises a gripping or heart-warming column on greed, jealousy, failure, love, or death. But instead, I may just turn the pages of the paper you are holding, backward to events listings. (By the way, did you know that it is considered an indicator of superior intellect to start reading newspapers and magazines from back to front? Oh, yes.)

In a current issue I see a listing beneath Outdoor events, a "Gaslamp Quarter Walking Tour." This tour is offered Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and noon under the guidance of Gino Lizardi and for 10 bucks. What should have immediately occurred to me did not — that though I am in the Gaslamp almost every day for one reason or another, I know very little historically about the place (other than some specious Wyatt Earp stories) and that this would be an interesting investment of time for tourists and locals alike who have a need to know this stuff. No. What occurred to me was a movie of my love life in the format of a walking tour around the area.

This could be a perfect structure for a very interesting vignette-type deal with drama, comedy, sex, drugs, romance, and revenge, all of it. It would have the added benefit of freedom from all those dusty (let's face it, who cares?) facts about Alonzo Horton or whoever, or who Keating was. Though it would involve no gunfights that the Wyatt Earp angle just might provide, it has the overall appeal of being about me. History has nothing to do with me or probably, be honest now, you either.

The tour would begin at Horton Plaza in what has to be a patch of the most hideous urban landscaping this side of Baghdad, the spot where street corner preachers and panhandlers hang out above what, at one time, were sunken, public restrooms. This would be the spot where I met Loretta, a cocktail waitress at a long-defunct joint called Frenchy Marseilles's that used to be where the ticket sales office is now. I was a bartender there for one day in 1976. A sordid nadir of my romantic history, I would treat it as bawdy, pre-AIDS erotica in an age of innocence but with the dark foreshadowing of a climactic public scene in the Old Spaghetti Factory. This was a scene of screaming embarrassment when



"Anything else, Mr. Brizzolara?"

my date, Cherwanda DuBonnett, revealed herself to be a man, a certain Cleon Watts. The waiter could not stop the screaming until he pointed out that it was coming from me. I was asked to leave.

After a dozen other episodes, I would close with a tender parting between myself and a law student I fell in love with during a matinee of *Booty Call*. We kissed on the food court and agreed to meet back at her car. Artichoke D3 Level 3, right next to Kumquat R4, where Level 3 begins at the bottom of the slope. After a visit to the restroom, I set out into parking lot, the memorized designation playing over and over in my head until it was meaningless. With the help of a parking attendant with a golf cart, we located what should have been the spot, but this was hours later and Tina MaCahil was gone from my life forever. I could impart the tip the attendant gave me regarding the locating of your space at Horton Plaza parking lot to my prospective tour members. The formula is easy, but unreliable after the first 48 hours when most missing cars are found. That is to take the number of letters in the fruit or vegetable designation, divide by your shoe size and subtract your I.Q. This will, of course, always provide the GPS number and, if in the northern hemisphere, the longitude marking, while latitude will always be the prime number closest to the page number of the Thomas Bros. Guide on which your vehicle was last parked. I didn't know that then, and Tina MaCahil is still among the missing.

As this is Friday morning, I think I'll call Gino Lizardi and ask where we meet for the walking Gaslamp Tour. He may have new information on the MaCahil case. That number is 619-239-7515.

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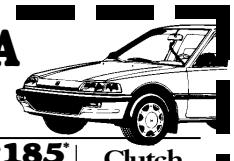

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Potty Princess

by Barbarella

The most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them.

— Frank A. Clark

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The phone was ringing again. "Your turn," I said to David. He dropped the sheet he'd been folding onto the closet floor and hurried through our bedroom to reach the phone on the bathroom counter. As he ran, I could hear him mutter, "Jesus, leave us alone," under his breath and then an annoyed, "Hello?" Up until now, the calls had been from telemarketers (despite the dozens of lists we've been "removed from").

"Hang on, Jane, here she is." When I heard my sister's name, I set the towel I'd just folded on the pile before me and took the receiver from David, who quickly disappeared back inside our closet. I put the phone to my ear and heard screaming.

"Jane? What's going on?"

"Barb, I need your help." Her voice was raspy, barely there. The screaming continued in the background, making it even more difficult for me to understand Jane as she tried to explain. "We're potty-training Bella. Simon's out with his employees and he's not answering his cell phone, and Dad's out of town and Jenny's still in school or else I wouldn't have called you. I've been trying to get it off myself but I just can't do it alone, and I know how busy you are on Mondays but I just, I just, I just..."

"Hey, it's all right," I said. "I'm fine. We're just cleaning. What do you need?" Silence for a moment, Bella even paused in her screaming as though aware of the importance of her mother's next words.

"Bella has a toilet seat stuck on her head." Before I could laugh, the screaming returned full force and I said, "I'm on my way, Jane. Don't do anything else until I get there."

I answered David's expectant look with, "I've gotta run. Bella's got a toilet seat on her head and Jane can't get it off."

"Don't forget your camera," David called when I was halfway down the stairs.

"I'm on it!" I yelled back before the door closed behind me.

On the way there, I called my father, who punctuated his giggle with, "It's only funny if she's not hurt." I also called Jane to further assess the situation. Things seemed to have calmed down, or at least there was no more screaming.

"She's fine. I gave her a Popsicle," said Jane. "She's not hurt, but I just need someone to hold her arms so I can get it off." Jane had been trying for 45 minutes to extricate her two-year-old daughter's head from the miniature seat, and the toddler was, understandably, fed up with the whole fiasco.

When I pulled up, Jane was standing in her doorway. As I approached, she began explaining again. "I couldn't take her to the hospital. Most of the doctors know me." Jane's a pharmaceutical rep. "I couldn't ask my neighbors. What would they think?" I nodded as she spoke and stepped into the house.

There she was, that tiny body sitting on the edge of the brown leather chaise, with Bert, Ernie, Cookie Monster, and Big Bird all smiling up blankly from the oval around her neck. Her curly blond hair was tied up in a little bun with one silky tendril hanging down the left side of her face, half of which was sticky and orange. She was laughing at the characters dancing on the television screen. I took out my camera and shot a few pictures.

Then I turned back to Jane, who looked like she'd been wrestling with a bear. The thick, dark curls that frame Jane's delicate face had become an unruly mane, a frizzy fire burning up and out in every direction. On her petite frame, she wore striped flannel pajama bottoms and a cropped black V-necked tee. She looked exasperated. Exhausted. Embarrassed. She looked adorable. Who was the little girl I had come to help rescue? It certainly wasn't the teensy blond queen sitting confidently on her throne with a crown around her neck.

"Maybe you can put her on your lap and then grab her arms, like a straitjacket, and then I'll get it off her head," said Jane.

"Right. Let's not scare her, though. There's no need to do some kind of sneak attack." I didn't know that she had already tried to plead, bribe, and threaten Bella. Distraction and action was the last resort of a frazzled woman. Jane had tied up Bella's hair because she couldn't see her ears, the real culprits in this situation, for the toilet seat kept

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